

**Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012–13; 17 October 2012
Answers to questions on notice from Department of Veterans' Affairs**

Question 1

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Staffing

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date?
 - a) What classification are these staff?
2. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date?
 - 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?

Answer

1. Table 1.1 below has the number of ongoing staff recruited 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 by classification.

Table 1.1 Numbers of Ongoing recruitments by classification

Ongoing Hires 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012	
APS3	6
APS5	1
APS6	2
Total	9

2. Table 1.2 below has the number of non-ongoing employees existing at 30 September 2012.

Table 1.2 Numbers of Non-Ongoing positions at 30 September 2012 by classification.

	Non-ongoing positions existing at 30 Sept 2012
APS2	11
APS3	65
APS4	14
APS5	12
APS6	7
EL1	3
EL2	1
PAO 1	1
SES 1	1
Total	115

3. 57 non-ongoing staff have been employed on contract for the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012. The total includes rehires. The average length of employment is 18 weeks.

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Question 2

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Staffing

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12?
What classification are these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12?
What classification are these staff?
3. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12?
What classification are these staff?

Answer

1. Table 2.1 below has the number of ongoing staff who ceased in the 2011-12 financial year by classification.

Table 2.1 Number of Ongoing Cessations by Classification

Ongoing Cessations 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	
APS1	4
APS2	6
APS3	30
APS4	15
APS5	24
APS6	23
Advocate	1
EL1	20
EL2	7
PAO2	1
PAO3	1
SPAO	1
SES1	2
SES2	1
Total	136

2. Table 2.2 below has the number of non-ongoing staff who ceased in the 2011-12 financial year by classification.

Table 2.2 Numbers of Non-ongoing Cessations by Classification

Non-ongoing Cessations 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	
APS1	2
APS2	20
APS3	112
APS4	24
APS5	10
APS6	22
EL1	3
EL2	4
PAO1	1
PAO2	1
PAO3	2
Total	201

3. All contract staff at Australian Public Service classifications are employed as non-ongoing employees and as such are included in table 2.2.

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Question 3

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Staffing

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. How many ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12?
What classification are these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12?
What classification are these staff?
3. How many contract staff were recruited in the year 2011-12?
What classification are these staff? What is the average length of their employment period?

Answer

1. Table 3.1 below has the number of ongoing staff who commenced in the 2011-12 financial year by classification.

Table 3.1 Numbers of Ongoing Commencements by Classification 2011-12

Ongoing Commencements 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	
APS1	10
APS2	8
APS3	51
APS4	12
APS5	16
APS6	18
Graduate	15
EL1	12
EL2	9
PAO2	1
PAO3	2
SES1	5
Total	159

2. Table 3.2 below has the number of non-ongoing staff who commenced in the 2011-12 financial year by classification.

Table 3.2 Numbers of Non-ongoing Commencements by Classification 2011-12

Non-ongoing Commencements 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	
APS1	1
APS2	14
APS3	103
APS4	24
APS5	4
APS6	24
EL1	4
EL2	4
PAO2	1
PAO3	1
SES1	1
Total	181

3. All contract staff at Australian Public Service classifications are employed as non-ongoing employees. 181 non-ongoing staff were employed on contract for the 2011-12 financial year. The average length of employment was 19 weeks.

Included in this total is one SES Band 1 officer on a five year ongoing fixed term contract.

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Question 4

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Staffing

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

1. The Department reduced staffing numbers by 67 positions at the commencement of this financial year to offset the increase in the efficiency dividend. The reductions in staffing had no impact on the delivery of services to veterans. There are no plans for any further staffing reductions.
2. Not applicable.

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Question 5

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Making the Public Service more Efficient

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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).

In addition, please provide the following detail:

- a) How will reductions in air travel spending be achieved? What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
- b) What restrictions will be implemented for business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
- c) 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?
- d) 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.
- e) 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.

Answer

The Department of Veterans' Affairs has implemented a range of savings strategies in relation to travel, external consultants and contractors, online advertising for recruitment and printing costs. Savings in air travel has largely been achieved through changed booking arrangements for flights (eg. reduced use of fully flexible fares) and less usage of business class airfares for flights on the eastern seaboard. Reduced usage and other similar arrangements have been put in place to achieve cost reductions across the other savings categories.

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Question 6

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Recruitment Costs

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. 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.
2. 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.

Answer

1. The Department spent \$93,044.82 on recruitment advertising in 2011-12. The Department is not able to provide a breakdown of costings or where the advertising was listed online and in the print media as the Department's financial management system does not have separate codes for online or print advertising. The time and effort to accurately provide this information would be too resource intensive.
2. The Department has spent \$4,655.75 on recruitment advertising for the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012. A total of \$1,781.89 was spent on print advertising and \$2,873.86 on online advertising. Due to the fact that in the financial year to date there has been less use of print media, the Department has been able to identify the positions advertised in the print media, as distinct from online advertising.

The following table outlines the costs associated with online/print recruitment advertising for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012:

Item	Online Cost	Print Cost	Total Cost
APS6 VVCS Applecross WA	\$811.80		\$811.80
APS6 VVCS Wodonga VIC	\$855.99	\$1000.78	\$1856.77
APS6 VVCS Southport QLD	\$307.79		\$307.79
APS6 VVCS Townsville QLD	\$697.00	\$781.11	\$1478.11
EL2 Legal Services ACT	\$201.28		\$201.28
Total			\$4655.75

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Question 7

Outcome All: Program: All

Topic: Printing Costs

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. How much was spent on printing in 2011-12? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?
2. How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online?
3. Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost?
4. How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?
5. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?

Answer

1. Please refer to page 260 of the Annual Report for this figure. Refer to Attachment A for the cost of printing documents.
2. and 3.
Please refer to Attachment A.
4. and 5.
For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, the Department spent \$341,537 on printing. Refer to Attachment B for the cost of printing documents.

Attachment A

Title	Qty	Printing Cost	Delivery Cost	Distribution	Published Online Yes/No
DVA Annual Report 2010-2011	730	\$13,257	Nil	Statutory Requirements plus ad hoc.	Yes
<i>Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986</i>	1,000	\$58,500	*	External Organisations, Other Government Departments, Overseas Veterans' Affairs Agencies and Australian Embassy in Washington.	Yes
Veterans' Review Board Annual Report 2010-11	600	\$4,210	\$336	Statutory Requirements plus ad hoc. Copies distributed to Parliament, ex-service organisation, and other Tribunals.	Yes
Data Matching Report 2010 – 2011	500	\$2,013	**	Statutory Requirements plus ad hoc.	Yes
Portfolio Budget Statements	150	\$1,364	Nil	Department of Veterans' Affairs officers.	Yes
Portfolio Budget Statements	400	\$2,893	Nil	House of Representatives, The Senate, Dept of Treasury, Dept of Finance and Deregulation, Minister, Parliamentary Library, Australian National Audit Office, Library Deposit Scheme Distribution Service, Department of Veterans' Affairs officers.	
Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements	400	\$1,760	Nil	House of Representatives, The Senate, Dept of Treasury, Dept of Finance and Deregulation, Minister, Parliamentary Library, Australian National Audit Office, Library Deposit Scheme Distribution Service, Department of Veterans' Affairs officers.	Yes
Review of Military Compensation Arrangements: Report to Minister for Veterans' Affairs Vol. 1	32	\$330	**	Distributed to staff and clients on request.	Yes
Government response to the Review of Military Compensation Arrangements	700	\$2,026	**	Tabled in Parliament, distributed to ex-service organisations, members of the veteran and defence communities, departmental staff and staff of other Commonwealth Government Departments and bodies.	Yes
Two Explanatory Memorandums, correction to one Explanatory Memorandum and three Bills	905	\$1,322	Nil	Parliament House	Yes
Total		\$87,675			

*Note: To ascertain costs associated with delivery of these items would be too resource intensive.

**Note: The distribution cost of individual copies was not kept (but was minimal).

Attachment B

Title	Qty	Printing Cost	Published Online Yes/No
Veterans' Review Board Annual report	502	\$4,813	Yes
DVA Annual Report 2011-12	692	\$10,572	Yes
Timor-Leste Family Study summary report	302	\$2,084	Yes
Timor-Leste Family Study technical report	102	\$2,448	Yes
One Explanatory Memorandum and one Bill	290	\$398	Yes
Total (to 30 September 2012)		\$20,315	

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Question 8

Outcome All: Program All
Topic: Graduate Recruitment
(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

1. The Department has spent \$51,260 on the 2013 Graduate Recruitment Program. The following table outlines the expenditure from 1 January – 30 September 2012 associated with recruiting generalist 2013 Graduates:

Item	Expenditure
Advertising	\$15,146.92
NGA E-Recruit – online application set up	\$2,625.00
Recruitment Provider - initial shortlisting of candidates, online testing, scribing services, drafting selection reports	\$20,193.75
Travel costs for the Selection Advisory Committee, interstate candidates and the scribe	\$12,917.85
Provisioning for the assessment centres	\$225.37
Pre-employment health checks	\$252.00
Total	\$51,360.89

2. Yes. The following table outlines the travel costs associated with recruiting generalist 2013 Graduates:

Item	Cost
Travel for shortlisted candidates	\$3,940.38
Travel for the Selection Advisory Committee	\$6,111.57
Travel for the Scribe	\$2,865.90
Total	\$12,917.85

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Question 9

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Staffing

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

The total cost of training for the 2013 graduates is estimated at \$140,000.

Eleven graduates have been engaged to participate in the Graduate Development Program delivered by the Australian Public Service Commission (ASPC). In addition, another 2 graduates have been engaged to participate in the 2013 Australian Government ICT Graduate Program. This is a new initiative being coordinated by Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO) and the APSC. On successful completion of their respective Program, graduates will receive a Diploma of Government.

In addition to the training involved with the Diploma of Government and on-the-job training, DVA graduates will participate in an internal orientation program and undertake a state location visit to a DVA office. The ICT graduates will also participate in orientation and state location visits.

All further training is determined on an individual needs-basis, through discussion between the graduate and their supervisor. All staff including graduates are required to have a current performance agreement in place. This includes an Individual Development Plan (IDP) which details the development needs and opportunities for the individual. Graduates will have access to a suite of elearning modules and other internal training opportunities if required.

The table below outlines what training is provided to the 2013 graduates, the purpose of the training and the estimated costs:

Training	Purpose	Estimated Cost
ICT Diploma of Government	Graduates participating in the Australian Government ICT Graduate Program will complete a Diploma of Government, delivered by the Australian Public Service Commission at a cost of \$9,500 per person. AGIMO recovers this cost from participating Agencies.	\$19,000 (total for 2 ICT graduates engaged)
Diploma of Government	The Program aims to provide graduates with a sound understanding of the legislative frameworks, operational environment and the issues and challenges facing the APS. The	\$99,000 (total for 11 generalist graduates)

	Program also provides graduates with a foundation for development as future APS managers and leaders including the 'soft' skills required. The cost is estimated at \$9,000 per graduate.	
Orientation	Orientation provides the graduates with an overview of a range of topics including an overview of the Department and Divisions, People Services topics (Enterprise Agreement, Pay and Conditions, CPSU etc), IT information. It also includes a guided tour of the Australian War Memorial and attending Question Time at Parliament House.	\$2,000 (Total covering 13 graduates)
State Location Visit	The objectives of the state location visits are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – To undertake a program which meets the interest, placement and development needs of the graduates; – To learn about operational service delivery – Gain a knowledge of the systems and procedures used; and – To experience a broad cross section of activities. 	\$20,000 (Total covering 13 graduates)
The 3 Acts	Training provides graduates with an overview and understanding of the Department 3 Acts - <i>Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986, Safety Rehabilitation & Compensation Act 1988 and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004.</i>	Nil – Delivered internally
Understanding Military Culture and Veteran Mental Health	The workshops objectives include increasing awareness of the veteran community and of the Department's mental health resources. Participants gain insights into military training and culture, as well as a broad range of veteran experiences and their potential impacts on mental health and wellbeing. Available to all staff, including graduates.	Nil – Delivered internally
elearning modules	All staff have access to a suite of elearning modules. These modules include: Managing Challenging Behaviours; Suicide Awareness; Building Resilience; Comcare Work Health and Safety; and Microsoft 2012 modules.	Nil
Total Estimated Cost		\$140,000

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Question 10

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Government Advertising

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?

Answers

1. Total cost for all advertising for the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 is \$48,540.29.
2. For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 the Department has only conducted non-campaign advertising through Adcorp. This was provided for the purpose of tender, public notices and recruitment advertising. The total cost of all non-campaign advertising for the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 is \$48,540.29.
3. Yes, the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) provided advice on the development of a range of communication strategies, which included low-level advertising. Finance provided advice on advertising for graduate recruitment, and they provided advice for all potential campaign advertising as to the requirements for review and certification. Finance also provided ongoing support and advice through the development of the communication strategy to support the Government's announcement of arrangements at Gallipoli, Turkey for the centenary commemorations, which included low-level non-campaign advertising. None of the Department's advertising required review or certification.

4. Advertising undertaken by the Department during these periods did not exceed the \$250,000 threshold which requires consultation with the Review Group and/or the Independent Communications Committee.
5. Yes, all advertising for the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 complied with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by the Australian Government Departments and Agencies.
6. For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 the amount spent on other communication programs (market research) is \$3,520 (ex GST). This is for a review and finalisation of Anzac Day 2015 questionnaire and was provided by Newspoll.

The information relating to other communication activities, such as direct mail, is not readily available. The time and effort to accurately provide a complete response would be too resource intensive.

7. The Department will continue to advertise the Defence Service Home Insurance Scheme for the 2012-13 financial year and tender, public notices and recruitment advertising will be conducted as required.

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Question 11

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Government Advertising

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answers

1 & 2.

Information about the total cost of advertising and the nature of advertising undertaken by the Department in 2011-12 (campaign and non-campaign) is publicly available in the Department's 2011-12 Annual Report – Appendix E, pages 410-411.

3. Yes, the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) provided advice on the development of a range of communication strategies which included low level advertising. Finance provided advice on advertising for graduate recruitment, and they provided advice for all potential campaign advertising as to the requirements for review and certification. Finance also advised on the development of a communication strategy to support Anzac Day commemorations in Gallipoli, Turkey and Villers-Bretonneux, France which included low-level campaign advertising. None of the Department's advertising required review or certification.
4. Advertising undertaken by the Department during these periods did not exceed the \$250,000 threshold which requires consultation with the Review Group and/or the Independent Communications Committee.

5. Yes, all advertising for the 2011-12 financial year complied with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by the Australian Government Departments and Agencies.
6. Information about the costs of other communications programs is publicly available in the Department's 2011-12 Annual Report – Appendix E, pages 410-411.

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Question 12

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?

Answer

1 and 3.

For the financial year 2012-13 to 30 September 2012, the Department spent \$3,585 on hospitality/entertainment. This amount is exclusive of GST and is predominantly for small purchases of refreshments for meetings and forums involving external parties, in particular ex-service organisations. Information relating to date, location, purpose and cost of all events is not readily available. The time and effort to accurately provide this information would be too resource intensive.

2 and 4.

Nil.

5 and 7.

The Department expects to spend approximately the same amount as in the 2011-12 financial year which was \$21,244 (ex GST) as a similar number of events and meetings where hospitality is provided are expected to occur.

6 and 8.

It is likely that, as in previous years, the Minister will brief representatives of key national ex-service organisations on veterans issues in the 2013-14 budget in his Parliament House office. It is expected that costs would not vary significantly from last year's event which was \$705.70.

9. No.

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Question 13

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

1 and 3.

For the financial year 2011-12, the Department spent \$21,244 on hospitality/entertainment. This amount is exclusive of GST and is predominantly for small purchases of refreshments for meetings and for involving external parties, in particular ex-service organisations. The information relating to date, location, purpose and cost of all events is not readily available. The time and effort to accurately provide a complete response would be too resource intensive.

2 and 4.

Cost	Date	Location	Purpose
\$705.70	8 May 2012	Minister's Office Parliament House	Minister briefed representatives of key national ex-service organisations on veterans issues in the 2012-13 Budget

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Question 14

Outcome All: Program All
Topic: Board Appointments
(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

1. A list of all boards within this portfolio for the financial year to date is available at Attachment A.
2. For the financial year to date, the gender composition of boards, including ex-officio members, across the portfolio was as follows:

Body	Female		Male	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Repatriation Commission	0	0%	3	100%
Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission	0	0%	5	100%
Veterans' Review Board	12	31%	27	69%
Repatriation Medical Authority	1	20%	4	80%
Specialist Medical Review Council	4	14%	24	86%
Australian War Memorial Council	3	23%	10	77%
Prime Ministerial Advisory Council	4	36%	7	64%
Anzac Centenary Advisory Board	5	24%	16	76%
National Advisory Council – VVCS	2	15%	11	85%
The Veterans' Children Education Boards/Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Boards	25	45%	30	55%

3. This information is provided as part of Senate Order on Government Appointments prior to each Estimates hearing.

Attachment A

Member Name	Position	Current Term		Date of first appointment	Gender
		Start Date	End Date		

Repatriation Commission

Mr Ian Campbell PSM	President	22-Sep-08	21-Sep-13	22-Sep-08	Male
Mr Shane Carmody	Deputy President	15-Jun-09	14-Jun-14	15-Jun-09	Male
Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC	Commissioner	1-Jul-10	30-Jun-15	1-Jul-10	Male

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission (1)

Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Chair	n/a ex-officio	n/a ex-officio	22-Sep-08	Male
Mr Shane Carmody	Member	n/a ex-officio	n/a ex-officio	15-Jun-09	Male
Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC	Member	1-Jul-10	30-Jun-15	1-Jul-10	Male
Mr Paul O'Connor	Member	25-Nov-09	15-Oct-12	25-Nov-09	Male
Major General Gerard Fogarty AM	Member	29-Sep-11	28-Sep-16	29-Sep-11	Male

Veterans' Review Board

Mr Douglas Humphreys	Principal Member	22-Mar-10	21-Mar-15	22-Mar-10	Male
Mr Gary Charles Barrow	Senior Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	1-Oct-07	Male
Mr Patrick Callioni	Senior Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-14	1-Jan-11	Male
Ms Alison Colvin	Senior Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	1-Jan-11	Female
Ms Jennifer D'Arcy	Senior Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	1-Jun-01	Female
Ms Jackie Fristacky	Senior Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	1-Oct-97	Female
Mr Edward Jolly	Senior Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	1-Oct-07	Male
Mr Christopher Keher	Senior Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	31-Mar-08	Male
Ms Hilary Kramer	Senior Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	30-Jul-98	Female
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Colonel Leslie Young (Ret'd)	Senior Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	1-Oct-97	Male
Mr Graham Quinlivan	Senior Member	7-Dec-11	30-Sep-15	7-Dec-11	Male
Mr Allan Anforth	Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-14	1-Jan-11	Male
Ms Zita Antonios	Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	1-Jun-01	Female
Ms Moira Brophy	Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-14	1-Jan-11	Female
Mr Scott Clark	Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-14	1-Jan-11	Male
Dr Rhonda Galbally	Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-14	1-Jan-11	Female
Mr Peter Gaughwin	Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-14	1-Jan-11	Male

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Mr Geoffrey Hourn	Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	1-Jan-11	Male
Ms Morag McColm	Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	1-Jan-98	Female
Ms Jillian Moir	Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-14	1-Jan-11	Female
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Air Commodore Bruce Robert Wood (Ret'd)	Services Member	1-Jan-11	30-Sep-15	1-Oct-06	Male
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Captain James Craig Bruce (Ret'd)	Services Member	7-Dec-11	30-Sep-15	7-Dec-11	Male
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Brigadier Christopher Hamilton	Services Member	7-Dec-11	30-Sep-15	7-Dec-11	Male

Repatriation Medical Authority (RMA)

Professor Nick Saunders AO	Chairperson	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-17	1-Jul-12	Male
Professor Andrew Wilson	Deputy Chair	1-Oct-10	30-Sep-15	1-Oct-02	Male
Professor Gerard Byrne	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-17	1-Jul-09	Male
Professor Flavia Cicuttini	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-17	1-Jul-09	Female
Professor John Kaldor	Member	2-Feb-11	1-Feb-16	1-Feb-00	Male

Specialist Medical Review Council (SMRC) [2]

Dr Charles Guest	Convenor	1-Jul-12	30-Jul-17	10-Aug-97	Male
Associate Professor Jonathan Phillips	Councillor	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-15	5-Mar-02	Male
Professor Richard Bryant	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Professor Rachelle Buchbinder	Councillor	1-Jul-11	30-Jun-16	1-Jul-11	Female
Professor Robert Cumming	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Professor Albert Frauman	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male

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Professor John Funder AO	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Professor Adele Green AC	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Female
Professor Andrew Grulich	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Professor David Handelsman	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Associate Professor John Hart	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	17-Nov-96	Male
Professor Helen Herrman	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Female
Professor Ken Ho	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	28-Oct-05	Male
Dr Michael Izard	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	3-Oct-02	Male
Dr David Joske	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	21-Dec-01	Male
Professor Geoffrey Littlejohn	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	17-Nov-96	Male
Mr Glenn McCulloch	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Professor Robyn McDermott	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Female
Professor Alexander (Sandy) McFarlane AO	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Professor Paul Mitchell	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Professor Eric Morand	Councillor	1-Jul-11	30-Jun-16	1-Jul-11	Male
Associate Professor Stephen Mulligan	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Associate Professor Peter Nash	Councillor	1-Jul-11	30-Jun-16	1-Jul-11	Male
Dr David Glen Newman	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	3-Mar-06	Male
Professor Justin O'Day	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Professor Derrick Silove	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Dr Constantine Tam	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Associate Professor Andrew Wirth	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male

Council of Australian War Memorial (AWM)

Rear Admiral Kenneth Allan Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Chair	12-Nov-09	11-Nov-12	12-Nov-09	Male
Mrs Wendy Sharpe	Member	30-Jun-11	29-Jun-13	25-May-05	Female
The Honourable Graham Edwards AM	Member	3-Jun-10	2-Jun-13	3-Jun-10	Male
Mr Kerry Stokes AC	Member	7-Apr-11	6-Apr-14	19-Aug-07	Male
Ms Jane McAloon	Member	7-Apr-11	6-Apr-14	7-Apr-11	Female
Air Vice-Marshal Julie Hammer	Member	7-Apr-11	6-Apr-14	7-Apr-11	Female
Mr Kevin Woods CSC OAM	Member	30-Jun-11	29-Jun-14	30-Jun-11	Male
Dr Allan Hawke AC	Member	21-Mar-12	20-Mar-15	21-Mar-12	Male
Major General Paul Stevens AO (Ret'd)	Member	21-Mar-12	20-Mar-15	21-Mar-12	Male
Mr Peter FitzSimons AM	Member	30-Apr-12	29-Apr-15	30-Apr-12	Male
Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AM CSC RAN	Ex-Officio Member	n/a - ex-officio		7-Jun-11	Male

Member Name	Position	Current Term		Date of first appointment	Gender
		Start Date	End Date		
Lieutenant General David Morrison AO	Ex-Officio Member	n/a - ex-officio		27-Jun-11	Male
Air Marshal Geoff Brown AM	Ex-Officio Member	n/a - ex-officio		4-Jul-11	Male

Prime Ministerial Advisory Council (PMAC)

The Honourable Graham Edwards AM	Chair	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-14	9-Oct-08	Male
Mrs Julie Blackburn	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-14	1-Dec-11	Female
Mr Michael Callan	Ex-officio Member	1-Dec-11	31-Jul-12	1-Dec-11	Male
Mr Ray Bromwich	Ex-officio Member	1-Aug-12	30-Nov-14	30-Aug-12	Male
Mr Andrew Condon CSC	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-14	1-Dec-11	Male
Commodore Nick Helyer MBE RANR	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-13	9-Oct-08	Male
Major Matina Jewell (Ret'd)	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-14	1-Dec-11	Female
Mr Ken Kipping AM	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-13	9-Oct-08	Male
Ms Dannielle Kitchen	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-14	1-Dec-11	Female
Ms Anne Pahl	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-13	9-Oct-08	Female
Mr Philip Pyke	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-13	9-Oct-08	Male

Anzac Centenary Advisory Board (ACAB) [3]

Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd)	Chair	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	6-Jul-11	Male
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO	Ex-Officio Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Ex-Officio Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Ex-Officio Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
His Excellency Major General (Ret'd) Martyn Dunne	Ex-Officio Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
Mr Luke Bowen	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
Professor Christine Charles	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Female
Mr Peter FitzSimons AM	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
Professor Margaret Gardner AO	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Female
Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Female
Mr Sandy Hollway AO	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
Professor David Horner AM	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Female
The Honourable Sandy Macdonald	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
Hi Honour Judge Rauf Soulio	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
Mr James Strong AO	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male

Member Name	Position	Current Term		Date of first appointment	Gender
		Start Date	End Date		
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	13-Oct-11	Male
The Hon Arch Bevis	Member	3-Aug-12	30-Jun-16	3-Aug-12	Male
Ms Deborah Thomas	Member	3-Aug-12	30-Jun-16	3-Aug-12	Female

National Advisory Council on the VVCS – Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (NAC)

Dr Tony Austin AM – Veteran	Chairman	14-Apr-09	13-Apr-15	14-Apr-09	Male
Professor Malcolm Battersby - Psychiatrist	Member	14-Apr-09	13-Apr-15	14-Apr-09	Male
Mr Martin Carr - Peacekeeper	Member	1-Aug-04	1-Dec-12	1-Aug-04	Male
Mrs Bronwyn Fullick – Partner and Families	Member	1-Jul-07	1-Dec-12	1-Jul-07	Female
Ms Tracey Negus - Daughter of Vietnam Veteran	Member	1-Jul-07	30-Jun-13	1-Jul-07	Female
Dr David Monash - General Practitioner	Member	1-Jul-07	30-Jun-13	1-Jul-07	Male
Dr David Cockram - Vietnam Veteran	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-12	1-Jul-12	Male
Mr Brenton Russell DSM - Contemporary Veteran	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-13	1-Jul-12	Male
WO David Ashley W01 - RSMA	Ex–Officio Member	n/a ex-officio			Male
Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC - Repatriation Commission	Ex–Officio Member	n/a ex-officio			Male
Professor David Forbes - Director ACPMH	Ex- Officio Member	n/a ex-officio			Male
Mr Ray Bromwich - Director General - Defence Community Organ	Ex- Officio Member	n/a ex-officio			Male
Mr Wayne Penniall - National Manager, VVCS	Ex- Officio Member	n/a ex-officio			Male

The Veterans' Children Education Boards/Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Boards[4]

Dr John Roulston	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	18-Apr-06	Male
Mr Cyril Gilbert OAM	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-93	Male
Ms Alison Armstrong	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-97	Female
Mr Alan Reece	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	15-Dec-03	Male
Reverend Samuel Seymour	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-90	Male
Mr Phillip Lilliebridge	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Male
Mr Tony Smith	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Male
Mr Peter Jones	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Male
Mr James Davies	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	21-Jul-93	Male
Ms Betty Fox	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-97	Female
Mr Graeme Gatley	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	22-Dec-89	Male
Ms Frances Conroy	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-02	Female
Mr Raymond Stanley	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	31-Jan-05	Male
Mr Lindsay Strong	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-94	Male
Ms Janine Harvey	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	29-Sep-06	Female

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Tracy Dancer	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	20-Oct-09	Female
Ms Denise Wilkowski	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	28-Oct-10	Female
Mr Robert Webster	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1999	Male
Ms Anne O'Kane	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	23-May-05	Female
Mr Geoffrey Brewer	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	23-Jul-01	Male
Mrs Judy Perlstein	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	18-Apr-06	Female
Mrs Evelyn Morgan-Brooker	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	23-Jul-01	Female
Professor Erica Frydenberg	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	26-Mar-03	Female
Mr John Vincent	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	29-Sep-06	Male
Mr Neil MacNeill	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	3-Feb-03	Male
Mr George Halleen	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-00	Male
Mr Malcolm Crosbie	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-00	Male
Ms Caroline Payne	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	20-Jan-09	Female
Ms Barbara Clinton	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	21-Dec-99	Female
Mr Frederic Betts	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Aug-03	Male
Mr Lloyd Page	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	3-Feb-03	Male
Dr Ian Fraser	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	25-Jun-07	Male
Ms Liz Sullivan	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	20-Oct-09	Female
Mr Leslie Vincent	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	29-Sep-06	Male
Dr Fred Orr	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-97	Male
Mr Sheldon Maher	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Feb-93	Male
Ms Marie Larkings	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	28-Oct-10	Female
Commodore Nick Helyer MBE RANR	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	2006	Male
Mr Maurice L Green APM	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	2006	Male
Mr George Moscos	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	28-Oct-10	Male
Ms Ruth Still	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	2006	Female
Dr Anthony McArthur	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Male
Ms Brie Backo	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Mrs Margaret Green	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Mr Byron Nicol	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-97	Male
Mrs Dianne Smith	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	4-Feb-03	Female
Mr Don Killion	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	4-Feb-03	Male
Ms Sandy Verrier	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	6-Feb-02	Female
Mrs Lynette Johnston	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	2006	Female
Ms Jan Hyde	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female

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Dr Marion Myhil	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Ms Judy Travers	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Ms Susan Diprose	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Ms Maryanne Ryan	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Mr Warwick Luttrell	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Male

[\(1\) On 1 January 2012, amendments to the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 \(SRCA\) came into effect and the functions and role of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission \(SRCC\) changed. As a consequence, the MRCC member nominated by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Mr O'Connor, no longer met the statutory definition allowing his office to be nominated to the MRCC.](#)

[\[2\] The SMRC does not have a fixed number of members: a separate panel or 'review council' is constituted for each review and overall member numbers are determined by the number of reviews being managed by the Council at any one time. Length of appointment varies between three and five years. The Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 \(VEA\) sets out the term of office for SMRC members, and, whilst a person may not be appointed to office for a period of more than five years, they are eligible for reappointment after that period.](#)

[\[3\] The appointment date for ACAB members was previously reported \(refer Supplementary Budget Estimates 19 October 2011, Question on Notice 5\) as 12 October 2011, however this was the date of announcement. The date of appointment was 13 October 2011. The end date for current contracts is 30 June 2012, however commitment is intended to be for the duration of the program until 2018.](#)

[\[4\] State based boards provided a one consolidated list. Note: The Boards previously reported on in October 2011 but not February 2012 as the current Boards were appointed in March 2012 and previous Boards ceased on 31 December 2011.](#)

**Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
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Answers to questions on notice from Department of Veterans' Affairs**

Question 15

Outcome All: Program All
Topic: Board Appointments
(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members for 2011-12.
2. What was the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio for 2011-12?

Answer

1. A list of all boards within this portfolio, for the financial year 2011-12, is available at Attachment A. This information is provided as part of Senate Order on Government Appointments prior to each Estimates hearing.
2. In 2011-12, the gender composition of boards, including ex-officio members, across the portfolio was as follows:

Body	Female		Male	
Repatriation Commission	0	0%	3	100%
Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission	0	0%	5	100%
Veterans' Review Board	14	33%	29	67%
Repatriation Medical Authority	1	20%	4	80%
Specialist Medical Review Council	4	14%	24	86%
Australian War Memorial Council	3	23%	10	77%
Prime Ministerial Advisory Council	4	40%	6	60%
Anzac Centenary Advisory Board	5	24%	16	76%
National Advisory Council – VVCS	2	15%	11	85%
The Veterans' Children Education Boards/Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Boards	25	45%	30	55%

Attachment A

Member Name	Position	Current Term		Date of first appointment	Gender
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Repatriation Commission

Mr Ian Campbell PSM	President	22-Sep-08	21-Sep-13	22-Sep-08	Male
Mr Shane Carmody	Deputy President	15-Jun-09	14-Jun-14	15-Jun-09	Male
Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC	Commissioner	1-Jul-10	30-Jun-15	1-Jul-10	Male

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission [1]

Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Chair	n/a ex-officio	n/a ex-officio	22-Sep-08	Male
Mr Shane Carmody	Member	n/a ex-officio	n/a ex-officio	15-Jun-09	Male
Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC	Member	1-Jul-10	30-Jun-15	1-Jul-10	Male
Mr Paul O'Connor	Member	25-Nov-09	15-Oct-12	25-Nov-09	Male
Major General Gerard Fogarty AM	Member	29-Sep-11	28-Sep-16	29-Sep-11	Male
Mr Douglas Humphreys	Principal Member	22-Mar-10	21-Mar-15	22-Mar-10	Male
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Brigadier Christopher Hamilton	Services Member	7-Dec-11	30-Sep-15	7-Dec-11	Male
Ms Ann Graham	Senior Member	31-Mar-08	30-Sep-11	31-Mar-08	Female
Mr Patrick Murray	Member	1-Jan-11	3-Sep-11	1-Jan-11	Male
Mr Francis Benfield	Services Member	28-May-99	27-Apr-12	28-May-99	Male
Ms Anne Pahl	Services Member	1-Jan-11	30-Jan-12	1-Jan-11	Female

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Professor Ken Donald AO	Chairperson	1-Jul-11	30-Jun-12	20-Jul-94	Male
Professor Andrew Wilson	Deputy Chair	1-Oct-10	30-Sep-15	1-Oct-02	Male
Professor Gerard Byrne	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-17	1-Jul-09	Male
Professor Flavia Cicuttini	Member	1-Jul-12	30-Jun-17	1-Jul-09	Female
Professor John Kaldor	Member	2-Feb-11	1-Feb-16	1-Feb-00	Male

Specialist Medical Review Council (SMRC) [2]

Associate Professor Jonathan Phillips	Convenor	1-Jul-10	30-Jun-12	5-Mar-02	Male
Professor Richard Bryant	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Professor Rachelle Buchbinder	Councillor	1-Jul-11	30-Jun-16	1-Jul-11	Female
Professor Robert Cumming	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male

Member Name	Position	Current Term		Date of first appointment	Gender
		Start Date	End Date		
Professor Albert Frauman	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Professor John Funder AO	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Professor Adele Green AC	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Female
Professor Andrew Grulich	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Dr Charles Guest	Councillor	1-Apr-10	31-Mar-15	10-Aug-97	Male
Professor David Handelsman	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Associate Professor John Hart	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	17-Nov-96	Male
Professor Helen Herrman	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Female
Professor Ken Ho	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	28-Oct-05	Male
Dr Michael Izard	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	3-Oct-02	Male
Dr David Joske	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	21-Dec-01	Male
Professor Geoffrey Littlejohn	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	17-Nov-96	Male
Mr Glenn McCulloch	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Professor Robyn McDermott	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Female
Professor Alexander (Sandy) McFarlane AO	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Professor Paul Mitchell	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Professor Eric Morand	Councillor	1-Jul-11	30-Jun-16	1-Jul-11	Male
Associate Professor Stephen Mulligan	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Associate Professor Peter Nash	Councillor	1-Jul-11	30-Jun-16	1-Jul-11	Male
Dr David Glen Newman	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	3-Mar-06	Male
Professor Justin O'Day	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Professor Derrick Silove	Councillor	1-Oct-10	30-Jun-14	1-Oct-10	Male
Dr Constantine Tam	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male
Associate Professor Andrew Wirth	Councillor	1-Mar-11	28-Feb-16	1-Feb-09	Male

Council of Australian War Memorial (AWM)

Rear Admiral Kenneth Allan Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Chair	12-Nov-09	11-Nov-12	12-Nov-09	Male
Mrs Wendy Sharpe	Member	30-Jun-11	29-Jun-13	25-May-05	Female
The Honourable Graham Edwards AM	Member	3-Jun-10	2-Jun-13	3-Jun-10	Male
Mr Kerry Stokes AC	Member	7-Apr-11	6-Apr-14	19-Aug-07	Male
Ms Jane McAloon	Member	7-Apr-11	6-Apr-14	7-Apr-11	Female
Air Vice-Marshal Julie Hammer	Member	7-Apr-11	6-Apr-14	7-Apr-11	Female
Mr Kevin Woods CSC OAM	Member	30-Jun-11	29-Jun-14	30-Jun-11	Male
Dr Allan Hawke AC	Member	21-Mar-12	20-Mar-15	21-Mar-12	Male
Major General Paul Stevens AO (Ret'd)	Member	21-Mar-12	20-Mar-15	21-Mar-12	Male

Member Name	Position	Current Term		Date of first appointment	Gender
		Start Date	End Date		
Mr Peter FitzSimons AM	Member	30-Apr-12	29-Apr-15	30-Apr-12	Male
Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AM CSC RAN	Ex-Officio Member	n/a - ex-officio		7-Jun-11	Male
Lieutenant General David Morrison AO	Ex-Officio Member	n/a - ex-officio		27-Jun-11	Male
Air Marshal Geoff Brown AM	Ex-Officio Member	n/a - ex-officio		4-Jul-11	Male

Prime Ministerial Advisory Council (PMAC)

The Honourable Graham Edwards AM	Chair	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-14	9-Sep-08	Male
Mrs Julie Blackburn	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-14	1-Dec-11	Female
Mr Michael Callan	Ex-officio Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-14	1-Dec-11	Male
Mr Andrew Condon CSC	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-14	1-Dec-11	Male
Commodore Nick Helyer MBE RANR	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-13	9-Oct-08	Male
Major Matina Jewell (Ret'd)	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-14	1-Dec-11	Female
Mr Ken Kipping AM	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-13	9-Oct-08	Male
Ms Dannielle Kitchen	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-14	1-Dec-11	Female
Ms Anne Pahl	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-13	9-Oct-08	Female
Mr Philip Pyke	Member	1-Dec-11	30-Nov-13	9-Oct-08	Male

Anzac Centenary Advisory Board (ACAB) [3]

Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd)	Chair	6-Jul-11	30-Jun-12	6-Jul-11	Male
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO	Ex-Officio Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Ex-Officio Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Ex-Officio Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
His Excellency Major General (Ret'd) Martyn Dunne	Ex-Officio Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
Mr Luke Bowen	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
Professor Christine Charles	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Female
Ms Liz Ellis AM	Member	13-Oct-11	27-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Female
Mr Peter FitzSimons AM	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
Professor Margaret Gardner AO	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Female
Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Female
Mr Sandy Hollway AO	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
Professor David Horner AM	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Female
The Honourable Sandy Macdonald	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male

Member Name	Position	Current Term		Date of first appointment	Gender
		Start Date	End Date		
The Honourable Con Sciacca AO	Member	13-Oct-11	5-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
Mr James Strong AO	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	Member	13-Oct-11	30-Jun-12	13-Oct-11	Male

National Advisory Council on the VVCS – Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (NAC)

Dr Tony Austin AM – Veteran	Chairman	14-Apr-09	13-Apr-15	14-Apr-09	Male
Mr Martin Carr - Peacekeeper	Member	1-Aug-04	1-Dec-12	1-Aug-04	Male
Mrs Bronwyn Fullick – Partner and Families	Member	1-Jul-07	1-Dec-12	1-Jul-07	Female
Professor Malcolm Battersby - Psychiatrist	Member	14-Apr-09	13-Apr-15	14-Apr-09	Male
Mr Tim McCombe OAM - Vietnam Veteran	Member	1-Jul-07	30-Jun-12	(1) 24 March 1986-1993 (2) 1 July 2007 30 June 2012	Male
Mr John Ryan OAM - Vietnam Veteran	Member	1-Jul-07	30-Jun-12	30-Jun-12	Male
Ms Tracey Negus - Daughter of Vietnam Veteran	Member	1-Jul-07	30-Jun-13	1-Jul-07	Female
Dr David Monash - General Practitioner	Member	1-Jul-07	30-Jun-13	1-Jul-07	Male
Mr Bob Elworthy - Vietnam Veteran	Member	1-Apr-09	1-Apr-12	1-Apr-09	Male
RSM-A Stephen Ward	Ex–Officio Member	n/a ex-officio			Male
Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC - Repatriation Commission	Ex–Officio Member	n/a ex-officio			Male
Assoc Professor David Forbes - Director ACPMH	Ex- Officio Member	n/a ex-officio			Male
Mr Michael Callan - Director General DCO	Ex- Officio Member	n/a ex-officio			Male
Mr Wayne Penniall - National Manager, VVCS	Ex- Officio Member	n/a ex-officio			Male

The Veterans' Children Education Boards/Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Boards[4]

Dr John Roulston	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	18-Apr-06	Male
Mr Cyril Gilbert OAM	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-93	Male
Ms Alison Armstrong	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-97	Female
Mr Alan Reece	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	15-Dec-03	Male
Reverend Samuel Seymour	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-90	Male
Mr Phillip Lilliebridge	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Male
Mr Tony Smith	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Male
Mr Peter Jones	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Male
Mr James Davies	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	21-Jul-93	Male
Ms Betty Fox	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-97	Female

Member Name	Position	Current Term		Date of first appointment	Gender
		Start Date	End Date		
Mr Graeme Gatley	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	22-Dec-89	Male
Ms Frances Conroy	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-02	Female
Mr Raymond Stanley	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	31-Jan-05	Male
Mr Lindsay Strong	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-94	Male
Ms Janine Harvey	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	29-Sep-06	Female
Tracy Dancer	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	20-Oct-09	Female
Ms Denise Wilkowski	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	28-Oct-10	Female
Mr Robert Webster	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1999	Male
Ms Anne O'Kane	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	23-May-05	Female
Mr Geoffrey Brewer	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	23-Jul-01	Male
Mrs Judy Perlstein	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	18-Apr-06	Female
Mrs Evelyn Morgan-Brooker	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	23-Jul-01	Female
Professor Erica Frydenberg	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	26-Mar-03	Female
Mr John Vincent	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	29-Sep-06	Male
Mr Neil MacNeill	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	3-Feb-03	Male
Mr George Halleen	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-00	Male
Mr Malcolm Crosbie	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-00	Male
Ms Caroline Payne	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	20-Jan-09	Female
Ms Barbara Clinton	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	21-Dec-99	Female
Mr Frederic Betts	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Aug-03	Male
Mr Lloyd Page	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	3-Feb-03	Male
Dr Ian Fraser	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	25-Jun-07	Male
Ms Liz Sullivan	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	20-Oct-09	Female
Mr Leslie Vincent	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	29-Sep-06	Male
Dr Fred Orr	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-97	Male
Mr Sheldon Maher	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Feb-93	Male
Ms Marie Larkings	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	28-Oct-10	Female
Commodore Nick Helyer MBE RANR	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	2006	Male
Mr Maurice L Green APM	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	2006	Male
Mr George Moscos	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	28-Oct-10	Male
Ms Ruth Still	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	2006	Female
Dr Anthony McArthur	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Male
Ms Brie Backo	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Mrs Margaret Green	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Mr Byron Nicol	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	1-Jan-97	Male

Member Name	Position	Current Term		Date of first appointment	Gender
		Start Date	End Date		
Mrs Dianne Smith	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	4-Feb-03	Female
Mr Don Killion	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	4-Feb-03	Male
Ms Sandy Verrier	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	6-Feb-02	Female
Mrs Lynette Johnston	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	2006	Female
Ms Jan Hyde	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Dr Marion Myhil	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Ms Judy Travers	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Ms Susan Diprose	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Ms Maryanne Ryan	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Female
Mr Warwick Luttrell	Member	7-Mar-12	31-Dec-14	7-Mar-12	Male

[\(1\) On 1 January 2012, amendments to the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 \(SRCA\) came into effect and the functions and role of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission \(SRCC\) changed. As a consequence, the MRCC member nominated by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Mr O'Connor, no longer met the statutory definition allowing his office to be nominated to the MRCC.](#)

[\[2\] The SMRC does not have a fixed number of members: a separate panel or 'review council' is constituted for each review and overall member numbers are determined by the number of reviews being managed by the Council at any one time. Length of appointment varies between three and five years. The Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 \(VEA\) sets out the term of office for SMRC members, and, whilst a person may not be appointed to office for a period of more than five years, they are eligible for reappointment after that period.](#)

[\[3\] The appointment date for ACAB members was previously reported \(refer Supplementary Budget Estimates 19 October 2011, Question on Notice 5\) as 12 October 2011, however this was the date of announcement. The date of appointment was 13 October 2011. The end date for current contracts is 30 June 2012, however commitment is intended to be for the duration of the program until 2018.](#)

[\[4\] State based boards provided a one consolidated list. Note: The Boards previously reported on in October 2011 but not February 2012 as the current Boards were appointed in March 2012 and previous Boards ceased on 31 December 2011.](#)

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Question 16

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Freedom of Information

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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 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 granted? Did the Department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any 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 of these requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?

Answer

1. The Department and the Australian War Memorial are informed by Guidelines issued by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC). These Guidelines are updated by the OAIC from time to time.
2. In the 2011-12 financial year, the total cost to the Department to process FOI requests was \$964,928.

FOI Requests	2011-12 Financial Year
Received	4,434
Finalised	4,566
Granted in full	3,908
Granted in part	50
Access Refused	44
Transferred	459
Withdrawn	105
Outstanding	228
Response-0 – 30 days	3,850
Response-31 – 60 days (consultation)	31
Response-31 – 60 days	105
Response-61 – 90 days	10
Response-over 90 days	6

The FOI Act requires requests to be processed within 30 days of receipt or within an extension of time approved by the OAIC or the applicant. For the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, 13 requests were not processed within the statutory timeframe or approved extended times. None of these requests remain outstanding.

3. For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, the total cost to the Department to process FOI requests is \$252,092.

FOI Requests	1 July – 30 Sept 2012
Received	1,164
Finalised	1,164
Granted in full	1,010
Granted in part	4
Access Refused	23
Transferred	110
Withdrawn	17
Outstanding	226
Response-0 – 30 days	995
Response-31 – 60 days (consultation)	4
Response-31 – 60 days	32
Response-61 – 90 days	5
Response-over 90 days	1

The FOI Act requires requests to be processed within 30 days of receipt or within an extension of time approved by the OAIC or the applicant. For the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012, 4 requests were not processed within the statutory timeframe or approved extended times. None of these requests remain outstanding.

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Question 17

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?

Answer

1. The Minister attended one Community Cabinet meeting this financial year to 30 September 2012. This was held at Orelia, Western Australia on 5 September 2012.

2 and 3.

Two departmental officers separately attended two Community Cabinet meetings, one in support of the Ministers for Defence and Defence Material, at Ipswich on 10-11 July 2012 and the other in support of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs at Orelia on 5 September 2012. The total cost for travel for departmental officers, including accommodation and other expenses, was \$1,849.20.

Travel costs for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and his staff for Community Cabinet meetings are paid through the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

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Question 18

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?

Answer

1. Nil.

2 and 3.

For the 2011-12 financial year, two departmental officers separately attended two Community Cabinet meetings, both in support of the Minister for Defence and Defence Material. One meeting was held at Yeronga on 1 September 2011 and the other at Werribee on 9 November 2011. The total cost of the travel for departmental officers, including accommodation and other expenses, was \$498.24.

Travel costs for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and his staff for Community Cabinet meetings are paid through the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

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Question 19

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Reviews

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

For this financial year to date:

- a) How many Reviews are being undertaken?
- b) What reviews have been 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?

Answer

- a) to h).
Nil.

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Question 20

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Reviews

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

For 2011-2012:

- 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?

Answer

a) to f).

There have been no changes to the answer provided to Question on Notice 27 from Budget Estimates 29 May 2012.

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Question 21

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Consultancies

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

1. The details requested are available under the **Reports** tab on AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au).
2. Consultancies planned for this calendar year are listed in the Department's Annual Procurement Plan, available under the **Reports** tab on AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au).

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Question 22

Outcome All: Program General

Topic: Consultancies

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

The details requested are available under the **Reports** tab on AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au).

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Question 23

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Media Monitoring

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?
 - 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?
 - 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?

Answer

1 and 2.

In the 2012-13 financial year, the same press clippings, electronic media transcripts et cetera are provided to the Minister's office and to the Department.

- a) Media Monitors provided these services.
- b) The estimated budget for the 2012-13 financial year is \$210,000 (ex GST).
- c) The total expenditure as at 30 September 2012 was \$54,768.97 (ex GST).

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Question 24

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Media Monitoring

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?
 - 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?
 - a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b) What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12?

Answer

1 and 2.

In the 2011-12 financial year, the same press clippings and electronic media transcripts were provided to the Minister's office and to the Department. The total cost for providing these services in 2011-12 was \$198,579.65.

- a) Media Monitors provided these services.
- b) The estimated budget for the 2011-12 financial year was \$181,852.

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Question 25

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Social Media

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?
 - 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).

Answer

1. No.
2. a) The Department does not monitor usage of social media sites, however, overall internet usage by staff is monitored regularly. Daily, weekly and monthly reports are produced.
The Department has blocked staff access to Facebook, YouTube and MySpace. A small number of staff have access for specific business reasons (e.g. senior executives, media & communications, and web services staff). Twitter access is not restricted in any way.
 - b) There are no current plans to specifically monitor social media usage given that access is blocked for the majority of staff.
3. There is no evidence suggesting that social media has impacted on employee productivity, as access is blocked for the majority of staff.

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Question 26

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Internet

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?

Answer

The Department has been experiencing the following internet problems that have affected staff access to the internet:

'Operation Aborted' error. In March 2012, a Microsoft Security Patch was deployed which introduced an Internet Explorer 'Operation Aborted' error to DVA's ICT environment. The error caused certain websites to shut down abruptly displaying the 'Operation Aborted' error. The ICT team implemented a fix for this problem on Friday 2 November 2012.

'Internet Explorer disappearing'. This issue occurs because Internet Explorer Version 7.0, when used within DVA's ICT environment, does not cope with memory hungry and rich content websites. This results in Internet Explorer shutting down abruptly and without any error message. DVA and the Department of Human Services (DHS) are working together to resolve this internet problem through modernisation of the DVA ICT environment.

These issues had minor impact on the Minister's Office. These issues have not impacted availability of the Department's websites to clients.

No other specific internet outages occurred.

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Question 27

Outcome: All: Program: All

Topic: Staff amenities

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.

Answer

A range of items are provided to staff that include electrical items, furniture and general appliances.

- Electrical items include refrigerators, microwave ovens and dishwashers.
- Furniture items include tables and chairs, stools, couches, counters and benches.
- General appliances include hot water units, chilled water dispensers, toasters and sandwich makers.
- Other items include plates, cups, bowls, cutlery and janitorial items for cleaning.

Note: this is a broad generalisation of the type of amenities provided and may not be evident in all locations due to size or other constraints.

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Question 28

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Coffee Machines

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?

Answer

1. No.
2. to 4.
Not applicable.

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Question 29

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Contractors

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

For this financial year to date:

- a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- b) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- c) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work 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).

Answer

- a) to i). The companies listed have not been employed by the Department for the financial year 2012-13 to 30 September 2012.
- j). All contracts over \$10,000 are published on AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au) with their services and contract value.

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Question 30

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Contractors

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

For 2011-12:

- 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).

Answer

- a) to i). For the 2011-12 financial year, the companies listed have not been employed by the Department.
- j). All contracts over \$10,000 are published on AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au) with their services and contract value.

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Questions 31

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Grants

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

1. All approved grants are published on the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) website. Lists of all approved DVA grants can be found at the following links:

http://www.dva.gov.au/ex-service_organisations/grants/Pages/ApprovedGrantsList.aspx

http://www.dva.gov.au/ex-service_organisations/grants/Pages/OPCMR.aspx

2. DVA endeavours to comply with the required reporting timeframe, however, there have been a small number of occasions where the required timeframe has not been met.

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Questions 32

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Grants

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.
2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.

Answer

1. All approved grants are published on the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) website. Lists of all approved DVA grants can be found at the following links:

http://www.dva.gov.au/ex-service_organisations/grants/Pages/ApprovedGrantsList.aspx

2. Grants are usually published on the DVA website within seven working days after the funding agreement is signed by both parties, noting that Phase 1 SDI Grants information was published between seven and 14 days after signing of the funding agreement. DVA endeavours to comply with the required reporting timeframe, however, there have been a small number of occasions where the required timeframe has not been met.

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Question 33

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Commissioned Reports

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. How many Reports have been 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.
 - 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?
 - 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?

Answer

1. Nil

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Question 34

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Commissioned Reports

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. 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.
 - 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?
 - b) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer

1. Nil.

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Question 35

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Government Payment of Accounts

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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)?

- 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).
- 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?
- c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer

- a) For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) paid 95.93% of its invoices within 30 days of receipt of a correctly rendered invoice, in accordance with Government policy. Where delays in claims processing have occurred, they can generally be attributed to issues involving the validation and handling of claims. Such issues continue to be successfully addressed through systems improvements and education which has resulted in incremental improvements in performance over the last three financial years.

1 July 2012 – 30 September 2012	Paid within 30 days	Paid within 31-44 days	Paid within 45- 60 days	Not paid within 60 days	TOTAL
	Paid on time	(up to 14 days late)	(up to 30 days late)	(30 or more days late)	
Number of Invoices	2,924	46	35	43	3,048
% of invoices	95.93	1.51	1.15	1.41	100

- b) No interest has been paid on overdue amounts in the current or previous financial years.
- c) Not applicable.

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Question 36

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Government Payment of Accounts

(Written question on notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

For 2011-12, did the department/agency pay its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)?

- 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).
- b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is/was 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?
- c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?
- d) Have all accounts from 2011-12 been paid? If not, why not?

Answer

- a) For the 2011-12 financial year the Department paid 94.28% of its invoices within 30 days of receipt of a correctly rendered invoice in accordance with Government policy. Where delays in claims processing have occurred, they can generally be attributed to issues involving the validation and handling of claims. Such issues continue to be successfully addressed through systems improvements and education which has resulted in incremental improvements in performance over the last three financial years.

1 July 2011 – 30 June 2012	Paid within 30 days	Paid within 31-44 days	Paid within 45-60 days	Not paid within 60 days	TOTAL
	Paid on-time	(up to 14 days late)	(up to 30 days late)	(30 or more days late)	
Number of Invoices	9,774	262	142	189	10,367
% of invoices by number	94.28	2.53	1.37	1.82	100

- b) No interest has been paid on overdue amounts in the current or previous financial years.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) All accounts received during 2011-12 have been paid.

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Question 37

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Stationery Requirements

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?
2. What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?

Answer

1. Expenditure on stationery is recorded for the whole Department under a single account code and it would be too resource intensive to identify what proportion was attributed to the Office of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
2. For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, the Department spent \$67,131 on stationery and office requisites. The Department's chart of accounts does not provide for a breakdown between stationery and office requisites.

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Question 38

Outcome All: Program: All
Topic: Stationery Requirements
(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?
2. What were the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12?

Answer

1. Expenditure on stationery is recorded for the whole Department under a single account code and it would be too resource intensive to identify what proportion was attributed to the Office of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
2. For the 2011-12 financial year, the Department spent \$618,500 on stationery and office requisites. The Department's chart of accounts does not provide a breakdown between stationery and office requisites.

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Question 39

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Media Subscriptions

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)?
 - 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)?
 - 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)?
 - 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:
 - 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.

Answer

1.
 - a) No.
 - b) For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 the cost was \$705.69 (ex GST).

2 and 3.

Expenditure on newspapers and magazines are recorded against two account codes – one for Newspapers, Subscriptions, Journals and Magazines and the other is for funding for the Library (includes subscriptions for Manuals/Magazines/Journals). To extract details of what proportion was attributed to just magazines and newspapers would be too resource intensive. The total expenditure against these account codes for the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 was \$7,676.

4 a).

\$2,720.45 (ex GST).

b) and c).

Expenditure on newspapers and magazines are recorded against two account codes – one for Newspapers, Subscriptions, Journals and Magazines and the other is for funding for the Library (includes subscriptions for Manuals/Magazines/Journals). To extract details of what proportion was attributed to just magazines and newspapers would be too resource intensive. The total expenditure against these account codes for the 2011-12 financial year was \$54,245.

5. The Department provides for a monthly pay TV subscription for the Minister. For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, the cost was \$209.85 (ex GST). For the 2011-12 financial year, the cost was \$839.40 (ex GST).

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Question 40

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Travel Costs

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

1. For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, no departmental officers travelled with the Minister.
2. For the 2012-2013 financial year to 30 September 2012, the Department spent \$1,396,312 on employee travel. This figure includes domestic and overseas travel. The expenditure breakup is shown in the table below.

Financial Year 2012-2013 to 30 September 2012

Travel type	Spend
Airfares and booking fees	\$748,523
Travel Allowances (meals and incidentals)/Accommodation/Parking/Tolls/Rail/Ferry	\$547,519
Car hire	\$100,270
Total	\$1,396,312

Note: figures are GST exclusive

Data on the breakdown of fares by type is provided in the following table. The data includes domestic and international travel.

Business class	Fully Flexible	Mid Range	Lowest Restricted
319	207	454	356

3. Yes. The booking systems used by DVA staff ensure that the Lowest Practical fare for Domestic Air Travel and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel guidelines are being followed. Choice of fares, and the reasons for choosing fares, are monitored by DVA's travel management company and through DVA's travel system.
4. Lounge memberships are provided to employees who qualify. To qualify the employee must travel at least 12 times per year and have the endorsement of their Assistant Secretary. As at 30 September 2012, 123 employees held QANTAS lounge memberships. Twenty four of these memberships are held by employees at the Senior Executive Service (SES) level. The remaining 99 memberships are held by non SES employees. Memberships are usually provided for periods of two years. The total cost of these memberships is \$57,315.

Eleven employees hold Virgin lounge memberships, ten of which have been provided free of charge by Virgin Australia and one has been paid for by the Department at a cost of \$468.75. Three of these employees belong to the Senior Executive Service (SES). The remaining eight are non SES employees.

5. Support or administrative staff do not usually travel with SES employees.

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Question 41

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Travel Costs

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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).
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).

Answer

1. In July 2011, the Secretary accompanied the Minister to France, Belgium, Germany and the United Kingdom to:
 - receive briefings on the Australian Remembrance Trail;
 - attend a rededication ceremony at Fromelles;
 - cover broader veterans issues in France and Belgium.
 - visit the Regional Medical Centre at Landstuhl in Germany; and
 - discuss World War One commemorations with key United Kingdom interlocutors.

Total costs incurred whilst accompanying the Minister were \$22,905.81.

2. For the 2011-2012 financial year, the Department spent \$7,861,582 on employee travel. This figure includes domestic and overseas travel. The expenditure breakdown is shown in the table below.

Financial Year 2011-2012

Travel type	Spend
Airfares (includes booking fees)	\$4,470,406
Travel Allowances (meals and incidentals)/Accommodation/Parking/Tolls/Rail/Ferry	\$2,991,518
Car hire	\$399,658
Total	\$7,861,582

Note: figures are GST exclusive

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Question 42

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Legal Costs

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
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.
3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
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.

Answer

The Department does not generally disclose the content of legal advice received. It is important for the Department to be able to make fully informed decisions based on comprehensive and confidential legal advice. As such only total figures for legal services expenditure are provided.

1. In the 2011-12 financial year, DVA spent \$2.8 million on legal services within the department.
2. In the 2011-12 financial year, DVA spent \$1.2 million on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor.
3. In the 2011-12 financial year, DVA spent \$3.7 million on legal services from private firms.
4. In the 2011-12 financial year, DVA spent \$1.1 million on legal services from other sources (barristers and disbursements).

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Question 43

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Legal Costs

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.
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.
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.
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.

Answer

The Department does not generally disclose the content of legal advice received. It is important for the Department to be able to make fully informed decisions based on comprehensive and confidential legal advice. As such only total figures for legal services expenditure are provided.

1. For 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, the Department has spent \$0.89 million on legal services within the department.
2. For 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, the Department has spent \$0.37 million on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor.
3. For 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, the Department has spent \$1.16 million on legal services from private firms.
4. For 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, the Department has spent \$0.36 million on legal services from other sources (barristers and disbursements).

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Question 44

Outcome All: Program All
Topic: Education Expenses
(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

1. No.
2. The Department's human resource management information system does not record full details of staff in receipt of education benefits (i.e. study assistance) nor a breakdown of the type of study assistance received.

Furthermore, in relation to training courses, there is no central recording of all departmental training. Individual business areas arrange training from time to time which is specific only to their area and needs. This training is not centrally recorded and the time and effort to accurately provide this information would be too resource intensive.

For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, the Department's financial management system has recorded expenditure of \$182,363 on learning and development activities. This figure is primarily for payments to training providers for the design and delivery of courses and associated administrative costs, but does not include staff salary costs.

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Question 45

Outcome: All: Program: All

Topic: Executive Coaching and Leadership Training

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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:
 - 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:
 - 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:
 - 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.

Answer

From time to time, individual business areas arrange coaching and leadership training which is specific only to their area and needs. This training is not centrally recorded and the time and effort to provide this information would be too resource intensive.

The Department runs two leadership development programs which are corporately administered. These are the Executive Leadership Program (ELP) for Executive Level staff and the Looking Forwards Program (LFP) for APS 4 to APS 6 level staff. For these leadership development programs, the answers are as follows:

1.
 - a) \$54,734 for both programs.
 - b) These programs are offered to DVA employees at the relevant classifications – i.e. all Executive level staff and all APS 4 to APS 6 level staff. APS 3 level staff are invited to attend LFP if the program is considered suitable for the individual.
 - c) For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012
 - 19 staff participated in one ELP Recall (Workshop was held last financial year); and
 - a total of 72 staff attended four LFP Workshops and two Recalls.
 These are internal training programs and therefore study leave is not required.
 - d) Yellow Edge (ELP) and ODS Management Consulting (LFP) were the service providers engaged.

2.
 - a) Leadership training.
 - b) Group based.
 - c) For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, 19 Executive Level staff participated in one ELP Recall and a total of 72 APS 3 to APS 6 level staff attended four LFP Workshops and two Recalls.
 - d) The total number of hours involved for the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 are outlined below:

Executive Leadership Program			
	Number of Participants	Number of hours	Sub-Total
Workshop	0	0	0 hours
Workshop and Recall	0	0	0 hours
Recall	19	5	95 hours
Total Hours			95 hours
Looking Forwards Program			
Workshop	40	13	520 hours
Workshop and Recall	13	17	221 hours
Recall	19	4	76 hours
Total Hours			817 hours

The hours indicated do not include preparatory and research work individuals undertake as part of the program. This would be difficult to determine and varies between individuals.

- e) \$54,734.
 - f) The cost noted above includes facilitation, course material and travel costs for facilitators. There is a standard cost for the facilitation; however, the total cost of each program varies depending on the number of participants, course material required and location of the program.
3.
 - a) There were no workshops held at any location other than the Department's own premises.
 - b) Not applicable.
 - c) Not applicable.
 - d) Not applicable.

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Question 46

Outcome: All: Program: All

Topic: Executive Coaching and Leadership Training

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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:
 - 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:
 - 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:
 - 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.

Answer

From time to time, individual business areas arrange coaching and leadership training which is specific only to their area and needs. This training is not centrally recorded and it would be resource intensive to accurately provide this information.

The Department runs two leadership development programs, which are corporately administered. These are the Executive Leadership Program (ELP) for Executive Level staff and the Looking Forwards Program (LFP) for APS 4 to APS 6 level staff. For these leadership development programs the answers are as follows:

1.
 - a) \$278,523 for both programs.
 - b) These programs are offered to DVA employees at the relevant classifications – i.e. all Executive level staff and all APS 4 to APS 6 level staff. APS 3 level staff are invited to attend LFP if the program is considered suitable for the individual.
 - c) For the 2011-12 financial year
 - 68 staff attended four ELP Workshops and three Recalls and
 - 131 staff attended seven LFP Workshops and eight Recalls.
 These are internal training programs and therefore study leave is not required.
 - d) Yellow Edge (ELP) and ODS Management Consulting (LFP) were the service providers engaged.

2.
 - a) Leadership training.
 - b) Group based.
 - c) For the 2011-12 financial year, 68 Executive Level staff attended four ELP Workshops and three Recalls and 131 APS 3 to APS 6 level staff attended seven LFP Workshops and eight Recalls.
 - d) The total number of hours involved for the 2011-12 financial year is outlined below:

Executive Leadership Program			
	Number of Participants	Number of hours	Sub-Total
Workshop	19	21	399 hours
Workshop and Recall	49	26	1,274 hours
Recall	0	0	0 hours
Total Hours			1,673 hours
Looking Forwards Program			
Workshop	19	13	247 hours
Workshop and Recall	87	17	1,479 hours
Recall	25	4	100 hours
Total Hours			1,826 hours

The hours indicated do not include preparatory and research work individuals undertake as part of the program. This would be difficult to determine and varies between individuals.

- e) \$278,523.
 - f) The cost noted above includes facilitation, course material, venue hire for ELP workshops only and travel costs for facilitators. There is a standard cost for the facilitation; however, the total cost of each program varies depending on the number of participants, course material required and location of the program.
3.
 - a) The ELP workshop is held at Yellow Edge’s premises in Barton, ACT.
 - b) For the 2011-12 financial year, 68 staff attended ELP across four programs.
 - c) 21 hours per person / 1,428 hours total.
Please note, this does not include approximately five hours for recall and associated preparation and debriefing which occurs at DVA’s premises.
 - d) There is no separate cost to use the location. This is covered in the total contract cost for Yellow Edge’s services.

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Question 47

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Media training

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:
 - 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:
 - 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).
3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - 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.

Answer

The Department has not purchased any media training services for the financial year 2012-13 to 30 September 2012.

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Question 48

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Media training

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12:
 - 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:
 - 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).
3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - 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.

Answer

The Department did not purchase any media training services for the 2011-12 financial year.

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Question 49

Outcome All: Program All
Topic: Paid Parental Leave
(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?
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.

Answer

1. All employees with more than 12 months service who earn less than \$150,000 per annum and are the primary carer of a child are eligible to receive payment under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. As eligibility is based on primary caring responsibility, the number of eligible staff cannot be identified.
2. For the financial year 2012-13 to 30 September 2012, 14 employees have received payment under the scheme. For details of the numbers of staff and their classification, please refer to the table below.

Paid Parental Leave Payments to DVA Employees

Classification	Number
APS2	1
APS3	3
APS4	2
APS5	4
APS6	2
EL1	1
Legal 1	1
Total	14

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Question 50

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Paid Parental Leave

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

The table below lists how many DVA employees received payments under the Paid Parental Leave scheme for the 2011-12 financial year.

Paid Parental Leave Payments to DVA Employees 2011-12.

Classification	2011-12
APS2	0
APS3	1
APS4	2
APS5	5
APS6	7
EL1	3
PAO1	1
Legal 1	2
Total	21

Note: Please refer to Question on Notice 49 for details of paid Parental Leave payments made to DVA employees for the 2012-13 financial year to date (as at 30 September 2012).

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Question 51

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.
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.
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.

Answer

- 1, 2 and 3.
Nil.

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Question 52

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.
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.
3. For 2011-12, 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.

Answer

- 1, 2 and 3.
Nil.

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Question 53

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Corporate Cars

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimate 2012-13 (May 2012):

- a) How many cars are owned by each department and agency?
- b) Where is the car/s located?
- c) What is the car/s used for?
- d) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?
- e) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?

Answer

a) The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) currently owns three cars including two commercial vehicles. There were previously four vehicles with one being disposed of in July 2012.

b) One car is located in Ankara, Turkey.

One commercial vehicle is located at Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

One commercial vehicle is located at Rabaul (Bitu Paka) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

c) The car located in Ankara, Turkey is used for official purposes by the DVA Section at the Australian Embassy and limited private use by the DVA Counsellor.

The commercial vehicles located in Papua New Guinea are used for the care and maintenance of Port Moresby (Bomana) and Rabaul (Bitu Paka) War Cemeteries and memorials.

d) For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 the running cost of the car in Ankara, Turkey was approximately \$2,100.

The running cost of the commercial vehicle located at Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea was approximately \$3,300.

The running cost of the commercial vehicle located at Rabaul (Bitu Paka) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea was approximately \$1,400.

e) For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012 the car located in Ankara, Turkey has travelled approximately 7,400km. The vehicle disposed of in July 2012 had travelled approximately 120km.

The commercial vehicle located at Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea has travelled approximately 4,500km.

The commercial vehicle located at Rabaul (Bitu Paka) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea has travelled approximately 3,000km.

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Question 54

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Corporate Cars

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

For 2011-12:

- a) How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio?
- b) Where is the car/s located?
- c) What is the car/s used for?
- d) What is the cost of each car?
- e) How far did each car travel?

Answer

- a) The Department owned four cars which included two commercial vehicles.
- b) Two cars were located in Ankara, Turkey.
Of the two commercial vehicles, one was located at Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea and the other vehicle was located at Rabaul (Bitia Paka) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.
- c) The two cars located in Ankara, Turkey are used for official purposes by the DVA section at the Australian Embassy and limited private use by the DVA Counsellor.
The commercial vehicles located in Papua New Guinea are used for the care and maintenance of Port Moresby (Bomana) and Rabaul (Bitia Paka) War Cemeteries and memorials.
- d) In the 2011-12 financial year, the running cost of the two cars in Ankara, Turkey was approximately \$10,600.
The running cost of the commercial vehicle located at Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea was approximately \$3,200.
The running cost of the commercial vehicle located at Rabaul (Bitia Paka) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea was approximately \$4,500.
- e) The two cars located in Ankara, Turkey travelled approximately 40,100km and 8,500km respectively.
The commercial vehicle located at Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea travelled approximately 15,500km.
The commercial vehicle located at Rabaul (Bitia Paka) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea travelled approximately 15,000km.

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Question 55

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Taxi Costs

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer

1. The spend on taxis for 2012-13 to 30 September 2012 was \$174,654. The figures provided are exclusive of GST and do not include expenditure on taxis for veterans under the repatriation transport program, or for health services to veterans.

The breakdown by business group was:

Business Group	Amount
Secretary, Commissioner and Deputy President	\$3,837
State Deputy Commissioners	\$15,354
Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service	\$7,339
Corporate Division and Legal Services	\$30,703
Client and Commemorations Division	\$22,836
Rehabilitation and Support Division	\$48,116
Health and Community Services Division	\$38,452
Repatriation Medical Authority	\$2,864
Veterans Review Board	\$5,153

2. Typically taxis are used in conjunction with official travel; for example, travelling from airport to office. Taxis are also used by staff to travel to external meetings and by veterans and accompanying staff members attending commemorative activities.

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Question 56

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Taxi Costs

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer

1. The spend on taxis for 2011-12 was \$766,612. The figures provided are exclusive of GST and do not include expenditure on taxis for veterans under the repatriation transport program, or for health services to veterans.

The breakdown by business group was:

Business Group	Amount
Secretary, Commissioner and Deputy President	\$11,734
State Deputy Commissioners	\$90,865
Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service	\$64,383
Corporate Division and Legal Services	\$107,238
Client and Commemorations Division	\$92,249
Rehabilitation and Support Division	\$198,973
Health and Community Services Division	\$163,345
Repatriation Medical Authority	\$9,447
Veterans Review Board	\$28,378

2. Typically taxis are used in conjunction with official travel; for example, travelling from airport to office. Taxis are also used by staff to travel to external meetings and by veterans and accompanying staff members attending commemorative activities.

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Question 57

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Credit Cards

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.
2. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012):
 - a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?
 - b) How is corporate credit card use monitored?
 - c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?
 - d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
 - e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?

Answer

1. The total number of cards issued to the Department's employees, as at 30 September 2012, was 251. The breakdown by employment classification was:

APS2	7
APS3	18
APS4	40
APS5	29
APS6	56
EL1	36
EL2	35
SES	24
Statutory Position Holders	4
Chair ANZAC Centenary Advisory Board	1
Principal Member VRB	1
Total	251

2. a), b), c) d) and e).
There have been no changes since Budget Estimates 29 May 2012.

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Question 58

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Credit Cards

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

Accidental use of cards for personal purchases or for purchases that are not sanctioned by the Chief Executive Instructions occur occasionally. In these cases cardholders have been required to reimburse the Department. During the 2011-12 financial year there were six such incidences reported in the Certificate of Compliance. They were:

1. An APS 5 level staff member mistakenly used their corporate card to pay for parking. The card holder realised the error and repaid the amount.
2. A Public Office holder purchased a street directory during travel to escort the President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission on his visit to Springvale. The purchase was originally considered to be work related but was subsequently deemed to be private and the amount was repaid.
3. A Public Office holder used an official card to pay for a taxi fare to attend a Young Professionals Network and Chief Executive Officer breakfast. Advice was subsequently received that attendees were responsible for their own travel and the amount was repaid.
4. An APS 6 level staff member inadvertently made a payment of \$43.77 when purchasing privately from a website which had retained the details of an official credit card. The card details were deleted from the website records, the card was cancelled and the amount was repaid.
5. A payment of \$14.21 for refreshments was charged by a hotel to an official credit card used to pay for accommodation. The Executive Level 2 cardholder was not advised of the transaction and had not approved it. The amount was repaid.
6. An Executive Level 2 staff member was charged personal items on a corporate credit card and corporate expenses on his personal credit card. The staff member refunded the difference of the transactions.

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Question 59 and 60

Outcome: All: Program: All
Topic: Provision of Equipment
(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

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 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 are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?

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 costs 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) 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.

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.
4. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012):
 - a) 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.

Answer

1. The Minister has a Nokia C5 mobile phone and a Blackberry 9700 and seven staff each received a Blackberry 9700.

Ongoing costs for phone and data plans and usage associated with mobile phones and blackberries are set in accordance with Whole-of-Government panel pricing arrangements.

Costs:

Device	Purchase Price	Usage Costs
Mobile Phone	\$237.00	\$5.00 per month, plus call and SMS costs
Blackberry	\$768.50	\$34.95 per month, plus call and SMS costs and excess data charges

Invoices from the Department's mobile phone provider, Telstra, cover all of the Department's services. Usage costs for the Minister and his staff are not separated. To provide a more

detailed breakdown of these costs for each individual device would involve considerable time and effort and be too resource intensive.

2. The following electronic equipment has been provided to the Minister and his offices:

Cost of ICT equipment provided to Minister and his offices is:

- Workstations - \$54,072 per annum (includes support);
- Printers - \$375 (for one small portable printer only);
- Video Conferencing units - \$47,259;
- Laptops - \$8,400;
- iPads - \$2,712; and
- Blackberries - \$5,243.

With the exception of the workstations, costs listed above are for the one-off purchase price of the equipment. Ongoing costs for usage of printers, mobile phone plans and data plans for blackberries, iPads and laptops are in addition to these costs and are set in accordance with Whole-of-Government panel pricing arrangements as per table in Question 3 below. To provide an accurate breakdown of ongoing costs for each device for 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years would involve considerable time and effort and be too resource intensive.

3. Yes. All DVA staff are provided with a standard workstation suite of products (PC or thin client, monitor, phone, keyboard, mouse and desktop software) and support of those products is at an average annual cost of \$4,506.00 per person. Support is provided as a managed service under a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Human Services. Equipment and support costs are bundled together into a single charge for services provided to end users and cannot be separately identified.

Other equipment required by staff is issued on a case by case basis following approval of the business requirements for the item. Provision of a detailed breakdown of equipment provided to staff by cost and staff level would involve considerable time and effort and be too resource intensive. However, the following additional electronic equipment is provided by the Department via Whole-of-Government panel arrangements:

- Mobile Phones – 351
- Blackberries – 77
- iPads – 30
- Wireless broadband cards – 257

Ongoing costs for phone and data plans and usage associated with mobile phones, blackberries, and wireless broadband services for iPads and Laptops are set in accordance with Whole-of-Government panel pricing arrangements. The current cost for each device type across the whole of the agency, including the Minister and his office, is as follows:

Device	Usage Costs	Total cost for Department – 2011-12	Total cost for Department – 2012-13 to Sept 2012
Mobile Phone	\$5.00 per month, plus call and SMS costs	\$133,078	\$16,416
Blackberry	\$34.95 per month, plus call and SMS costs and excess data charges	\$90,563	\$15,670
Wireless Broadband	\$35.00 per month, plus excess data charges	\$186,642	\$29,273

To provide a more detailed breakdown of these costs for each individual device and previous years running costs would involve considerable time and effort and be too resource intensive.

4. The only changes since Budget Estimates (May 2012), are the updated numbers and amounts in Question 3.

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Question 61

Outcome All: Program General

Topic: Electricity Purchasing

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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?

Answer

1. There has been no change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).
2. For the 2011-12 financial year, DVA's electricity costs were \$928,502.
3. For the 2012-13 financial year to 31 July 2012, DVA's electricity costs were \$87,999.

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Question 62

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. Have any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:
 - 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:
 - 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.

Answer

1. and 2.
Nil in financial year to 30 September 2012.

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Question 63

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. Were any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens in 2011-12? If yes, please include:
 - 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. Were any briefings been provided to Independents in 2011-12? If yes, please include:
 - 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.

Answer

1. and 2.

There has been no change to the answer provided to Question on Notice 50 from Budget Estimates 29 May 2012.

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Question 64

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Shredders

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.
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.

Answer

1. Yes. The Office of Australian War Graves in Hobart and Launceston purchased a shredder in each location. The total cost for both locations was \$200. The machines were required to shred confidential client information as neither site has a security bin.
2. The Department has purchased two shredders since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012). One was purchased at the cost of \$713.52 for the purpose of destroying hard copies of tenders at the completion of procurement processes, in accordance with the Probity Plan. The shredder has also been used for destroying draft copies of cabinet-in-confidence documents (e.g. New Policy Proposals). The second was purchased at the cost of \$1243.23 for the Darwin Ministerial Office and replaced an existing shredder that had stopped working.

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Question 65

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Protective Security Policy Framework

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

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.

Answer

The above question contains four parts which are answered individually below.

1. What is your current compliance?

The Department is fully compliant with 32 of the 33 Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) Compliance Framework mandatory requirements and partially compliant with the remaining directive.

The outstanding directive – 16 PERSEC 3 – states “Agencies must maintain a Designated Security Assessment Position (DSAP) register”. The Protective Security Team has developed a DSAP register and is currently in the process of implementing the system on the electronic Human Resource system (HRMS). This will allow for live updates and reporting and ensure ongoing compliance with directive 16. Completion of the DSAP register is expected by March 2013, this falls well inside the required timeframe for compliance of 1 August 2013.

2. What are you doing to manage risk?

The Department has implemented the Security Risk Management framework and practices which have been developed in accordance with:

- The Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework;
- The Australian Standard AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management – Principles and Guidelines; and
- The Australian Standards HB 167:2006 Security risk management.

The Protective Security Team consists of a number of trained risk management professionals who are not only responsible for the development and maintenance of the security policies and protocols, but also provide a number of risk management products including:

- Agency Security Plan;
- International travel assessments and briefings;
- Site security inspections;
- Incident response and assessment;
- Security awareness training for staff and contractors;
- Management of personnel security clearances;
- Information security compliance checks; and
- Risk management register.

3. What is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements?

Please refer to the answer provided in Part 1.

4. Details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures?

The Department has a current Agency Security Plan, a departmental specific Risk Management Plan (including a current Risk Register), and a current Departmental Security Policy document. These documents are supported by eight security protocols covering the following topics:

1. Bomb Threat Protocol and Checklist;
2. Critical Security Incident Protocol;
3. ICT Security Protocol;
4. Information Security Protocol;
5. Managing Critical Incident Protocol;
6. Personnel Security and Aftercare Protocol;
7. Physical Security Protocol;
8. Management of Heightened Risk to DVA Staff and Assets.

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Question 66

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Office Locations

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:

- a) Department/Agency;
- b) Location;
- c) Leased or Owned;
- d) Size;
- e) Number of Staff at each location and classification;
- f) If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre;
- g) If owned, the value of the building;
- h) Depreciation of buildings that are owned;
- i) Type of functions and work undertaken.

Answer

a) to d). Please refer to Attachment A.

e) The table reflects staff (head count) by classification and location as at 30 September 2012.

Classification	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA	Total
APS1	5	2		6			1		14
APS2	9	25	2	21	4	1	3	7	72
APS3	14	55	2	89	36	25	55	26	302
APS4	59	42	2	44	11	8	43	16	225
APS5	58	93	4	114	45	14	69	32	429
APS6	168	62	2	73	27	15	67	19	433
EL1	173	30		42	19	1	29	10	304
EL2	71	11	2	21	4	2	7	4	122
Advocate		2		2	1		2	1	8
Graduate	15								15
Legal 1	6	1					2		9
Legal 2	2						1		3
MO				3					3
PAO1	4								4
PAO2	4								4
PAO3	8			1					9
SPAO	1								1
SES 1	18	1			1		1	1	22
SES 2	5	1		1			1		8
Statutory	4	1							5
Total	624	326	14	417	148	66	281	116	1992

Please note that the Human Resource Management System (HRMS) records staff by State or Territory location and not by office location across DVA. Therefore, the time and effort to accurately provide the detail requested would be too resource intensive.

f) to i). Please refer to Attachment A.

Attachment A

Department	State	Location	Leased or Owned	Size (sqm)	Rent per sqm (\$)	Value	Depreciation	Type of functions and work
DVA	ACT	Lvls Mezzanine - lvl 9 ,13 Keltie St Woden 2606	Leased	11352		393	NA	DVA
DVA	ACT	Lvls 10-22 Lovett Tower 13, Woden 2606	Leased	8922		393	NA	DVA
DVA	ACT	6-8 Champion St, Deakin ACT	Leased	255		353	NA	VVCS
DVA	ACT	30 Corinna St Woden	Leased	312		475	NA	VAN
DVA	NSW	Centennial Plaza B, lvls 1 to 5 280 Elizabeth St, Surry	Leased	6639		405	NA	DVA
DVA	NSW	Ground Floor, 250 Mann Street, Gosford 2250	Leased	160		292	NA	VAN
DVA	NSW	Suite 6, Conway Court, 17 Conway St, Lismore 2480	Leased	396		320	NA	VAN/VVCS
DVA	NSW	Suite 1 & 2 Grd flr 6 Auckland Street, Newcastle 2300	Leased	433		262	NA	VAN/VVCS
DVA	NSW	110 George St, Parramatta 2150	Leased	133		398	NA	VAN
DVA	NSW	Suite 1 & 2 88 Phillip St, Parramatta 2150	Leased	597		379	NA	VVCS
DVA	NSW	Corporate Square, 43 Burelli Street, Wollongong 2500	Leased	142		409	NA	VAN
DVA	NT	Grnd Flr, 2 Chung Wah Terraces Palmerston 0830	Leased	539		417	NA	VAN/VVCS
DVA	NT	Cnr Hickman st & Winnellie Road, Winnellie	Leased	685		249	NA	VAN/VVCS
DVA	QLD	259 Queen Street, Brisbane 4000	Leased	7527		678	NA	DVA/VRB
DVA	QLD	Suit G2/340 Ross River Rd Aitkenvale 4817	Leased	421		509	NA	VVCS
DVA	QLD	15 Astor Terrace Spring Hill 4000	Leased	481		475	NA	VVCS
DVA	QLD	520 Flinders st, Townsville 4810	Leased	522		363	NA	VAN
DVA	QLD	12 Short Street, Southport 4215	Leased	332		332	NA	VAN/VVCS
DVA	QLD	Shop 2/129 Horton Parade Maroochydore 4558	Leased	333		413	NA	VAN/VVCS
DVA	QLD	99 Russell Street, Toowoomba 4350	Leased	144		346	NA	VAN
DVA	QLD	Shop 45 Tweed Mall, Tweed Heads 2485	Leased	145		900	NA	VAN
DVA	SA	199 Grenfell Street Adelaide 5000	Leased	3041		354	NA	DVA
DVA	SA	Ground Floor, 99 Frome Street, Adelaide 5000	Leased	437		337	NA	VVCS
DVA	TAS	Barrack Place 254-256 Liverpool St	Leased	1850		390	NA	DVA/VVCS
DVA	TAS	29 Elphin Road, Launceston 7250	Leased	221		155	NA	VVCS
DVA	TAS	8 Boland Street, Launceston 7250 (ASA Willis St)	Leased	0	License (19,200 pa)	NA	NA	RSC
DVA	TAS	Loyd Lane, Glenorchy 7010	Leased	513	MOU from Defence (4,515 pa)	NA	NA	VVCS
DVA	VIC	Lvls 11-13, 300 La Trobe Street, Melbourne 3000	Leased	4749		307	NA	DVA
DVA	VIC	68a McLeod Street, Bairnsdale 3875	Leased	17		451	NA	VAN
DVA	VIC	12 Dawson Street South, Ballarat 3350	Leased	172		201	NA	VAN
DVA	VIC	Shop 6 54-58 Wells St Frankston	Leased	140		194	NA	VAN
DVA	VIC	U3 200 Malop Street, Geelong 3220	Leased	130		276	NA	VAN
DVA	VIC	10 George Street, Morwell 3840	Leased	79		143	NA	VAN
DVA	VIC	715 Raglan Parade, Warrnambool 3280	Leased	15		572	NA	VAN
DVA	VIC	81 Hume Street, Wodonga 3690	Leased	289		234	NA	VAN/VVCS
DVA	VIC	Level 4 / 440 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne 3000	Leased	691		305	NA	VVCS
DVA	WA	140 St Georges Terrace Perth 6000	Leased	2110		580	NA	DVA
DVA	WA	7 Kintail Road Applecross 6153	Leased	502		365	NA	VVCS

* Levels M-6 of Lovett Tower are sub-leased to The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPac)

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Question 67

Outcome All: Program All
Topic: Communication staff
(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: (By Department or Agency)

- 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.

Answer

The following details are provided for all public relations, communications and media staff in the Department of Veterans' Affairs as at 30 September 2012:

- a) There are 18 ongoing staff:
 - (i) 4 are Public Affairs Officer Grade 1
4 are Public Affairs Officer Grade 2
9 are Public Affairs Officer Grade 3
1 is a Senior Public Affairs Officer
 - (ii) the work undertaken by Public Affairs Officers is outlined in the Department's 2011-12 Annual Report – see page 84
 - (iii) 16 are located in Canberra; 1 is located in Sydney; 1 is located in Brisbane.
- b) There are no non-ongoing staff.
- c) There are no contracted Public Affairs Officers.

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Question 68

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Grants Pause

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator Eggleston asked:

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?
 - 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?
 - a) When did it do so?
10. Has your department been provided with information regarding when the grants pause would end?
 - 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
 - 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?
15. How many staff are employed to administer grant programs within the department?

16. During the Grants Pause what activities are these staff involved with?
 - a) Have staff been moved to other divisions during the grants pause?
17. During the Grants Pause are decisions on grants being made, but applicants not being alerted?

Answer

1. Appropriation information is reported in the 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements of individual agencies. Appropriation information will be updated in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements.
2. Information on grants awarded by individual agencies (including grant programs) is published on agencies' websites. Guidelines and information on rounds of grant programs are also generally published on agencies' websites.

Information on agency funding including grants can be found in the 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements.

3. On 27 August 2012, the Government decided to pause all grant rounds for 2012-13 which were not advertised, and advertised rounds which were not finalised. Providing the list of grant programs that were not paused could disclose the Expenditure Review Committee of Cabinet's deliberations and therefore is not publicly available.

However, information on grant programs, in general, can be found on agencies' websites.

Information on the outcome of the grants pause is reported in the 2012-13 MYEFO, and in the Finance Minister's media release of 22 October 2012.

4. Refer answer 3.

Information on the outcome of the grants pause is reported in the 2012-13 MYEFO, and in the Finance Minister's media release of 22 October 2012.

5. Refer answer 3.

Information on the grant programs that had uncommitted grants funding reduced can be found in the Finance Minister's media release of 22 October 2012.

6. Refer answer 3.

7. On 28 August 2012, the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) released an Estimate Memorandum informing portfolio departments of the grants pause and sought information on grant rounds and programs in 2012-13 which were not advertised, and advertised rounds which were not finalised.

8. The Minister of Finance and Deregulation did not meet with senior departmental officials at the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Minister Snowden's office was notified immediately of the requirements of the Estimates Memorandum and the Minister was formally briefed on 14 September 2012.
9. On 28 August 2012, the Department of Finance and Deregulation released an Estimate Memorandum informing agencies of the decision by the Government to pause grant rounds. The grant pause was implemented as per the decision of the Government.
10. The pause on grant programs ended with the release of the 2012-13 MYEFO. The outcome of the Government's decision was reported in the 2012-13 MYEFO and the Finance Minister's media release of 22 October 2012.

Agencies were advised on 22 October 2012 they could communicate the end of the grants pause.
11. The information Departments/agencies provided to Finance included grant rounds, committed funds, purpose of the grant and recipients of the grants. This information informed the briefing to the Cabinet's Expenditure Review Committee and therefore is not publicly available.
12. Finance provided standard talking points to all Portfolios Departments to use as necessary. Refer to Attachment A.
13. Nil, business as usual continued for administering existing grants rounds.
14. a) to e) No. Not applicable.
15. Ten.
16. Business as usual for administering the existing grants rounds.
a) No.
17. Processing of existing grants rounds continued.

Suggested Talking Points in relation to Grants

For conversations external to Government

Has the Government paused or abolished grants funding?

The Government is collecting information on how grants programs are being rolled out.

Analysing the levels of existing program expenditure and the extent to which this is either committed or uncommitted is a normal part of the Budget process.

There is a brief pause in some grant programs while this information is being collected. But at this stage all the background work – preparation of guidelines, assessment of applications, etc – is continuing in the normal way.

Why has the Government made this decision?

Analysing the levels of existing program expenditure and the extent to which this is either committed or uncommitted is a normal part of the Budget process.

I was expecting to see the release expressions for interest/grant guidelines for [name of grants round] in the near future will this still be going ahead?

The Government is collecting information on how grants programs are being rolled out.

There is a brief pause in some grant programs while this information is being collected. But at this stage all the background work – preparation of guidelines, assessment of applications, etc – is continuing in the normal way.

A decision relating to the release of guidelines/expressions of interest will be made once the current process is completed.

I recently submitted an application for [insert the name of the grants rounds here – are we affected by this decision and what happens if we are?

The Government is collecting information on how grants programs are being rolled out.

There is a brief pause in some grant programs while this information is being collected. But at this stage all the background work – preparation of guidelines, assessment of applications, etc – is continuing in the normal way.

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For conversations internal to Government agencies and departments

What has the Government decided in relation to 2012-13 grants rounds?

The Government has decided that all upcoming grants rounds for 2012-13 which have not been advertised, and advertised rounds which have not been finalised, are to be paused with effect from 27 August 2012.

Which grants are affected and how are they affected ?

Grants rounds and processes affected are those covered by the Commonwealth Grants Guidelines, competitive processes pertaining to research and other grants, and competitive grant rounds or expressions of interest for capital projects.

Processes under Commonwealth Procurement Rules will not be affected.

Grants rounds where the process of advising success/unsuccessful applicants has commenced (including where there has been a media release announcing successful recipients/projects) are not affected.

For affected grants rounds:

- For those rounds where guidelines/expressions have not been released agencies should continue to undertake development and approval processes but cannot advertise.
- For those rounds where guidelines/expressions of interest have been released and applications are being/have been received, agencies should undertake assessment and approval work but should not contact applicants (either to advise of the outcome or to seek further information).

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Question 69

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Boards

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator Ronaldson asked:

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.

Answer

A breakdown of remuneration for all Boards and Councils including the 2011-12 financial year and the year to date is at Attachment A.

For date of first appointment, please refer to the answer provided in Questions on Notice 14 and 15 from Supplementary Budget Estimates on 17 October 2012.

Repatriation Commission

The President is remunerated for his role as the Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and does not receive any additional remuneration for his role as President. Remuneration for the Deputy President and the Commissioner is determined by the employing body in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal Determination: *Principal Executive Office - Classification Structure and Terms and Conditions* and is available via the Tribunal's website, www.remtribunal.gov.au.

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	President	Nil	Nil
Mr Shane Carmody (1)	Deputy President	\$382,115.32	\$105,885.00
Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC	Commissioner	\$256,297.51	\$ 70,914.00

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission

All current Commission Members hold a Commonwealth Office or are employed by the Commonwealth on a full-time basis. Under the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, they are not entitled to remuneration for their membership on the Commission.

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Chair	Nil	Nil
Mr Shane Carmody	Member	Nil	Nil
Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Paul O'Connor	Member	Nil	Nil
Major General Gerard Fogarty AM	Member	Nil	Nil

Veterans' Review Board

Remuneration for the Principal Member is paid in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination: *Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Full-Time Public Office* and remuneration for members is paid in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination: *Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office*. These determinations are available via the Tribunal's website, www.remtribunal.gov.au.

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Mr Douglas Humphreys	Principal Member	\$269,703.98	\$76,211.40
Mr Gary Charles Barrow	Senior Member	\$33,826.05	\$13,041.36
Mr Patrick Callioni	Senior Member	\$38,041.61	\$14,870.44
Ms Alison Colvin	Senior Member	\$69,839.68	\$9,529.85
Ms Jennifer D'Arcy	Senior Member	\$72,602.84	\$19,459.18
Ms Jackie Fristacky	Senior Member	\$66,554.30	\$21,294.53
Mr Edward Jolly	Senior Member	\$48,245.28	\$15,745.17
Mr Christopher Keher	Senior Member	\$90,419.14	\$7,772.63
Ms Hilary Kramer	Senior Member	\$53,779.12	\$31,686.33
Ms Sylvia Winters	Senior Member	\$87,058.92	\$24,067.82
Mr Christopher Charles Hamilton Wray	Senior Member	\$94,022.15	\$26,056.16
Colonel Leslie Young (Ret'd)	Senior Member	\$125,261.05	\$41,397.49
Mr Graham Quinlivan	Senior Member	\$28,838.46	\$15,745.18
Mr Allan Anforth	Member	\$7,477.92	Nil
Ms Zita Antonios	Member	\$104,652.80	\$32,383.68
Ms Moira Brophy	Member	\$63,497.70	\$30,031.70

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Mr Scott Clark	Member	\$62,006.74	\$14,729.66
Dr Rhonda Galbally	Member	\$33,309.06	Nil
Mr Peter Gaughwin	Member	\$31,702.69	Nil
Commodore Simon Hart (Ret'd)	Member	\$67,282.81	\$19,479.51
Mr Geoffrey Hourn	Member	\$41,567.07	\$17,873.15
Ms Ann Graham	Member	\$18,219.35	Nil
Ms Morag McColm	Member	\$69,187.89	\$22,917.20
Ms Jillian Moir	Member	\$55,072.19	\$20,534.30
Mrs Carmel Morfuni	Member	\$40,076.12	\$14,729.66
Mr Patrick Murray	Member	\$733.94	Nil
Mr Francis Benfield	Services Member	\$55,852.45	Nil
Lieutenant Colonel Francis Brown (Ret'd)	Services Member	\$21,196.68	\$17,942.39
Group Captain Dr Robert Black AM RFD	Services Member	\$43,815.07	\$12,481.66
Brigadier Mark Bornholt AM (Ret'd)	Services Member	\$2,935.78	Nil
Captain James Craig Bruce (Ret'd)	Services Member	\$24,224.78	\$15,509.76
Wing Commander Stuart Bryce (Ret'd)	Services Member	\$55,910.74	\$33,405.99
Air Commodore Frank Burt OBE (Ret'd)	Services Member	\$105,319.27	\$19,147.43
Ms Anne Pahl	Services Member	\$30,853.35	Nil
Ms Janet Hartmann	Services Member	\$85,984.31	\$41,021.60

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Main (Ret'd)	Services Member	\$107,699.36	\$42,841.08
Major Gregory Mawkes MBE	Services Member	\$41,381.57	\$13,617.60
Colonel Robin Regan CSC (Ret'd)	Services Member	\$127,751.24	\$37,237.27
Colonel Roger Tiller AM CSC (Ret'd)	Services Member	\$69,553.90	\$23,195.40
Air Commodore Bruce Robert Wood (Ret'd)	Services Member	\$86,941.19	\$19,271.80
Major Warwick Anthony Young	Services Member	\$80,361.71	\$26,315.82
Commander Iain Alexander Whitehouse (Ret'd)	Services Member	\$26,495.85	\$27,737.55
Brigadier Christopher Hamilton	Services Member	\$14,383.46	\$8,558.07

Repatriation Medical Authority (RMA)

Remuneration for members is paid in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination: *Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office* and is available via the Tribunal's website, www.remtribunal.gov.au

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Emer Professor Ken Donald AO (3)	Chairperson	\$100,051.90	\$18,274.20
Emer Professor Nick Saunders AO	Chairperson	Nil	\$43,970.00
Professor Andrew Wilson	Deputy Chair	\$46,628.75	\$13,641.00
Professor Gerard Byrne	Member	\$47,548.49	\$14,562.00
Professor Flavia Cicuttini	Member	\$48,415.15	\$13,669.00
Professor John Kaldor	Member	\$47,521.96	\$14,562.00

Specialist Medical Review Council (SMRC)

Remuneration for Councillors is paid in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination: *Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office* and is available via the Tribunal's website, www.remtribunal.gov.au.

Member Name	Position	Remuneration* (2)	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Associate Professor Jonathan Phillips	Convener and Presiding Councillor	\$53,571.63	\$14,661.29
Dr Charles Guest	Councillor Convener	\$8,422.01	\$10,718.76
Professor Richard Bryant	Councillor	\$11,115.33	Nil
Professor Rachelle Buchbinder	Councillor	\$1,611.91	\$3,500.08
Professor Robert Cumming	Councillor	\$15,436.59	\$1,038.60
Professor Albert Frauman	Councillor	\$2,962.32	Nil
Professor John Funder AO	Presiding Councillor	\$33,410.85	\$8,919.98
Professor Adele Green AC	Councillor	\$2,216.37	\$2,077.20
Professor Andrew Grulich	Councillor	\$977.44	Nil
Professor David Handelsman	Councillor	\$7,365.05	Nil
Associate Professor John Hart	Councillor	\$28,942.32	\$6,649.12
Professor Helen Herrman	Councillor	\$5,238.69	Nil
Professor Ken Ho	Presiding Councillor	\$26,368.25	\$11,381.46
Dr Michael Izard	Councillor	\$4,231.26	Nil
Dr David Joske	Presiding Councillor	\$22,556.66	\$5,388.74
Professor Geoffrey Littlejohn	Councillor	\$5,623.67	\$4,777.56

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Mr Glenn McCulloch	Councillor	\$6,649.11	\$4,569.84
Professor Robyn McDermott	Councillor	Nil	Nil
Professor Alexander (Sandy) McFarlane AO	Councillor	\$7,022.09	\$3,022.33
Professor Paul Mitchell	Councillor	Nil	Nil
Professor Eric Morand	Councillor	\$2,619.35	Nil
Associate Professor Stephen Mulligan	Councillor	Nil	Nil
Associate Professor Peter Nash	Councillor	Nil	Nil
Dr David Glen Newman	Presiding Councillor	\$67,901.01	\$34,095.65
Professor Justin O'Day	Councillor	\$1,007.44	Nil
Professor Derrick Silove	Councillor	Nil	Nil
Dr Constantine Tam	Councillor	Nil	Nil
Associate Professor Andrew Wirth	Councillor	\$8,059.54	Nil

Australian War Memorial Council

Remuneration for members is paid in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination: *Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office* and is available via the Tribunal's website, www.remtribunal.gov.au.

The three Service Chiefs are ex-officio members of the Council.

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
General Peter Cosgrove MC (Ret'd)	Chair	\$19,424.40	Nil
Rear Admiral Kenneth Allan Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Chair and Member	\$18,808.02	\$7,342.50
Mr Les Carlyon	Member	\$10,702.50	Nil

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Mrs Wendy Sharpe	Member	\$14,270.00	\$3,675.00
The Honourable Graham Edwards AM	Member	\$14,270.00	\$3,675.00
Mr Kerry Stokes AC	Member	\$14,270.00	\$3,675.00
Ms Jane McAloon	Member	\$14,270.00	\$3,675.00
Air Vice-Marshal Julie Hammer	Member	\$14,270.00	\$3,675.00
Mr Kevin Woods CSC OAM	Member	\$14,308.05	\$3,675.00
Dr Allan Hawke AC	Member	\$3,567.50	\$3,675.00
Major General Paul Stevens AO (Ret'd)	Member	\$3,567.50	\$3,675.00
Mr Peter FitzSimons AM	Member	\$3,567.50	\$3,675.00
Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AM CSC RAN	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Lieutenant General David Morrison AO	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Air Marshal Geoff Brown AM	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO (4)	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil

Prime Ministerial Advisory Council (PMAC)

Members do not receive remuneration in the form of a per diem payment. They are entitled to travel allowance in accordance with non-SES government rates.

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
The Honourable Graham Edwards AM	Chair	Nil	Nil
Mrs Julie Blackburn	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Andrew Condon CSC	Member	Nil	Nil
Commodore Nick Helyer MBE RANR	Member	Nil	Nil

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Major Matina Jewell (Ret'd)	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Ken Kipping AM	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Dannielle Kitchen	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Anne Pahl	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Philip Pyke	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Michael Callan	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Ray Bromwich	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil

Anzac Centenary Advisory Board (ACAB)

The remuneration for members is in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2011/09: *Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office*. This equates to sitting fee payments of \$880 (GST inclusive) per diem for the Chair and \$588 (GST inclusive) per diem for Members. These rates are in accordance with contracts currently in place.

Air Marshal Mark Binskin, His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Martyn Dunne, His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio and Mr Ian Campbell do not receive sitting fees.

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd)	Chair	\$93,673.60	\$8,272.00
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Ex-Officio Member	\$1,764.00	\$588.00
His Excellency Major General (Ret'd) Martyn Dunne	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Luke Bowen	Member	\$2,940.00	\$588.00
Professor Christine Charles	Member	\$3,528.00	\$588.00

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Ms Liz Ellis AM	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Peter FitzSimons AM	Member	\$1,176.00	Nil
Professor Margaret Gardner AO	Member	\$1,176.00	\$588.00
Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO	Member	\$2,940.00	\$588.00
Mr Sandy Hollway AO	Member	\$2,352.00	\$1,176.00
Professor David Horner AM	Member	\$3,528.00	\$1,176.00
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	Member	\$4,116.00	\$1,176.00
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	Member	\$3,528.00	\$588.00
The Honourable Sandy Macdonald	Member	\$3,528.00	\$1,176.00
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	Member	\$2,940.00	\$588.00
The Honourable Con Sciacca AO	Member	\$2,352.00	Nil
His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr James Strong AO	Member	\$2,352.00	Nil
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	Member	\$4,116.00	\$1,176.00
The Hon Arch Bevis	Member	Nil	\$588.00
Ms Deborah Thomas	Member	Nil	Nil

National Advisory Council on the VVCS – Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (NAC)

Members are paid in accordance with the category 2 daily fees in the Remuneration Tribunal Determination: *Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office* available via the Tribunal's website, www.remtribunal.gov.au.

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Dr Tony Austin AM	Chairman	\$4,474.00	\$1,094.00
Professor Malcolm Battersby	Member	\$3,216.00	\$810.00
Mr Martin Carr	Member	\$2,430.00	\$810.00
Mrs Bronwyn Fullick	Member	\$3,216.00	\$810.00
Ms Tracey Negus	Member	\$3,216.00	\$810.00
Dr David Monash	Member	\$5,430.00	\$1,810.00
Dr David Cockram	Member	Nil	\$810.00
Mr Brenton Russell DSM	Member	Nil	\$810.00
Mr Tim McCombe OAM	Member	\$3,216.00	Nil
Mr John Ryan OAM	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Bob Elworthy	Member	\$1,596.00	Nil
WO David Ashley W01	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil
RSM-A Stephen Ward	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Michael Callan	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC	Ex-Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Professor David Forbes	Ex- Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Ray Bromwich	Ex- Officio Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Wayne Penniall	Ex- Officio Member	Nil	Nil

The Veterans' Children Education Boards/Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Boards

Members serve in an honorary capacity but may be reimbursed for their expenses.

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Dr John Roulston	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Cyril Gilbert OAM	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Alison Armstrong	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Alan Reece	Member	Nil	Nil
Reverend Samuel Seymour	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Phillip Lilliebridge	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Tony Smith	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Peter Jones	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr James Davies	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Betty Fox	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Graeme Gatley	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Frances Conroy	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Raymond Stanley	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Lindsay Strong	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Janine Harvey	Member	Nil	Nil
Tracy Dancer	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Denise Wilkowski	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Robert Webster	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Anne O'Kane	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Geoffrey Brewer	Member	Nil	Nil

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Mrs Judy Perlstein	Member	Nil	Nil
Mrs Evelyn Morgan-Brooker	Member	Nil	Nil
Professor Erica Frydenberg	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr John Vincent	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Neil MacNeill	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr George Halleen	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Malcolm Crosbie	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Caroline Payne	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Barbara Clinton	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Frederic Betts	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Lloyd Page	Member	Nil	Nil
Dr Ian Fraser	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Liz Sullivan	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Leslie Vincent	Member	Nil	Nil
Dr Fred Orr	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Sheldon Maher	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Marie Larkings	Member	Nil	Nil
Commodore Nick Helyer MBE RANR	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Maurice L Green APM	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr George Moscos	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Ruth Still	Member	Nil	Nil
Dr Anthony McArthur	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Brie Backo	Member	Nil	Nil

Member Name	Position	Remuneration*	
		2011-12	2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)
Mrs Margaret Green	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Byron Nicol	Member	Nil	Nil
Mrs Dianne Smith	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Don Killion	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Sandy Verrier	Member	Nil	Nil
Mrs Lynette Johnston	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Jan Hyde	Member	Nil	Nil
Dr Marion Myhil	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Judy Travers	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Susan Diprose	Member	Nil	Nil
Ms Maryanne Ryan	Member	Nil	Nil
Mr Warwick Luttrell	Member	Nil	Nil

*includes salary / sitting fees and employer superannuation, where applicable.

(1) This figure includes payments made to the Deputy President for periods where he performed the duties of Acting Secretary.

(2) Some Councillors are involved in more than one review, some are no longer actively involved in any review. Not all members submit claims for fees within the financial year in which the meeting/s were held. Some do not claim at all.

(3) A payment was made to outgoing Chair, Emer Prof Donald, in July 2012, relating to work undertaken in 2011-12 before the end of his term.

(4) Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO, the former was the Chief of Air Force, term on the Council ended on 4 July 2011.

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Question 70

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Staffing

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

Please provide a breakdown of staff (by classification and location) in the Department including total value of wages paid to staff in 2011-12 and proposed for 2012-13.

Answer

The table below is a breakdown of actual staff numbers, (not FTE), by classification and location as at 30 September 2012.

Classification	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA	Total
APS1	5	2		6			1		14
APS2	9	25	2	21	4	1	3	7	72
APS3	14	55	2	89	36	25	55	26	302
APS4	59	42	2	44	11	8	43	16	225
APS5	58	93	4	114	45	14	69	32	429
APS6	168	62	2	73	27	15	67	19	433
EL1	173	30		42	19	1	29	10	304
EL2	71	11	2	21	4	2	7	4	122
Advocate		2		2	1		2	1	8
Graduate	15								15
Legal 1	6	1					2		9
Legal 2	2						1		3
MO				3					3
PAO1	4								4
PAO2	4								4
PAO3	8			1					9
SPAO	1								1
SES 1	18	1			1		1	1	22
SES 2	5	1		1			1		8
Statutory	4	1							5
Total	624	326	14	417	148	66	281	116	1992

The total value of wages and salaries paid to staff for the 2011-12 financial year was \$158.6 million (excluding superannuation, leave entitlements and separation costs). The comparable expenditure for wages and salaries to be paid to staff for 2012-13 financial year is estimated at \$155 million.

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Question 71

Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Carbon Tax

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator MCKENZIE asked:

1. For the financial year 2011-12, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume? What was the total cost?
2. What does this cost work out to per employee?
3. What increases in electricity costs has the Department experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax?
4. How has this changed the Department's spending pattern? What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs?
5. What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had?

Answer

1. For the 2011-12 financial year, the Department consumed 4,244,354 kilowatt hours of electricity, at a cost of \$928,502.
2. Based on an actual staffing number of 2,040 at 30 June 2012, the cost per employee is \$455.15. This excludes contractors, consultants and part-time statutory office holders.
3. At this stage of the year, not enough data is available to calculate the impact of the carbon tax.
4. No there has been no negative impact on programs or services.
5. During office fit outs, the Department replaces appliances and lighting in line with the Australian Government and Industry Energy Star standard of 4-stars or greater. Departmental publications and the intranet encourages staff to undertake energy efficient practices, and energy usage is monitored and reported to the National Consultative Forum.

Additionally, the use of thin client computers within the Department assists in power reduction both through device design and system policies. Thin clients use less power as the devices do not require hard drives and fans. This reduction in power is further enhanced by departmental system policies; the first forcing the device to shut itself down after the user logs off, the second forcing the device to shut itself down every morning at 3.00 am in the event that the user has not logged off.

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Question 72

Outcome 1: Program 1.6

Topic: Ceased Effects Correspondence

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p 125)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Senator RONALDSON: Yes, I can talk to him.

Mr Campbell: Then, if needs be, we can come back to the next hearing.

Answer

DVA will identify claimants who may have been issued with a 'ceased effects' notification and will contact them if possible. The ESO Roundtable was briefed on this approach on 9 November 2012.

DVA is developing a communication strategy to ensure that the veteran community is aware of the removal of the 'ceased effects' policy and invite veterans to contact the Department if they require any support for their previously accepted conditions such as medical treatment.

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Question 73

Outcome 1: Program 1.4

Topic: BEST funding

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

Can the Department give an explanation for the inaccuracies to QoN 11 from Additional Budget Estimates in February 2012? What steps has the Department taken to ensure the accuracy of answers provided to QoN through the Estimates process?

Answer

The inaccuracies to Question on Notice 11 from Additional Budget Estimates in February 2012 were due to administrative errors after all clearances had been obtained, when a departmental officer was tabling the detailed grants listing.

DVA has reviewed its Question on Notice processes, which has resulted in additional resources being added to the team, plus the introduction of a more rigorous Quality Assurance process, to ensure such errors are not repeated.

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Question 74

Outcome 1: Program 1.4

Topic: Best Funding

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

No.

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Question 75

Outcome 1: Program 1.4

Topic: Best Funding

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

Why were successful BEST grant applications not notified until 27 July 2012 of the success or otherwise of their application? Why were those details not released before the start of the financial year in which the grants apply?

Answer

The Department conducted consultation with its ex-service organisation round table (ESORT). During these meetings it was agreed that applying a funding formula to claims workload statistics supplied on application forms was the most equitable way of granting funds. These consultations delayed the opening of BEST Round 14.

An initial brief with funding recommendations was sent to the Minister's office on 13 July 2012. A subsequent brief including additional organisations was sent to the Minister's office on 25 July 2012. This was agreed by the Minister on 26 July 2012 and grant agreements were sent to successful applicants on 1 August 2012.

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Question 76

Outcome 1: Program 1.4

Topic: BEST Funding

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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 grant funding?

Answer

The Minister was formally advised of the total value of requests for BEST funding for the financial year 2012-13 on 13 July 2012, as part of the first brief recommending eligible organisations for the Minister's consideration. The Minister signed the brief on 17 July 2012.

A subsequent brief, sent to the Minister's office on 25 July 2012 and signed by the Minister on 26 July 2012, recommended additional organisations receive BEST funding.

The decision on whether to include welfare hours in the funding formula to be applied to workload statistics of eligible applicants was not made until after the final consultation meeting with the ex-service organisation round table held on 26 June 2012. The Minister agreed to this approach when he was presented with the brief on 13 July 2012, which he signed on 17 July 2012.

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Question 77

Outcome 1: Program 1.4

Topic: BEST Funding

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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.

Answer

- a) A list of approved applicants, including amount of funding sought and amount granted, is at Attachment A.
- b) 194 total applications received.
- c) 155 successful applicants and 39 unsuccessful applicants.
- d) \$6,572,881 total funds requested.
- e) Total funds granted: \$2,920,950 (GST inc) (\$2,673,000 GST exc).

Attachment A

FUNDED APPLICANTS ROUND 14 2012-13 FY	STATE	Amount Requested (GST incl) \$	Amount Approved (GST Incl) \$
Vietnam Veterans' Federation - ACT Branch Inc	ACT	108,468.09	49,055.12
The Legacy Club of Canberra Inc	ACT	90,813.73	11,526.61
Cardiff RSL Sub-branch Inc	NSW	1,747.00	1,922.00
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Hunter & Central Coast Sub-	NSW	10,836.00	2,012.00
Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans and Associated Forces	NSW	52,944.00	10,698.72
Forster Tuncurry RSL Sub-branch	NSW	2,273.00	2,500.00
Wallsend RSL Sub-branch	NSW	1,304.00	494.00
Moruya RSL Sub-branch	NSW	1,872.00	1,142.00
Ashfield RSL Sub-branch	NSW	22,285.00	15,057.00
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia - St Marys Outpost	NSW	20,423.00	2,389.00
Maclean RSL Sub-branch	NSW	1,227.00	561.00
Taree Vietnam Veterans Association Inc	NSW	1,099.00	1,209.00
Armidale RSL Sub-branch	NSW	54,221.00	2,350.00
Woolgoolga RSL Sub-branch	NSW	7,209.00	4,061.00
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia - Far North Coast (NSW) Sub-branch	NSW	39,653.00	6,158.00
Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay RSL Sub-branch	NSW	14,395.00	9,764.00
Vietnam Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia (NSW Branch)	NSW	298,271.00	216,954.00
Tamworth RSL Sub-branch	NSW	58,459.00	20,859.00
Vietnam Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia Gosford City Sub-branch	NSW	17,753.00	3,980.00
Karuah RSL Sub-branch	NSW	1,686.00	457.00
Huskisson RSL Sub-branch	NSW	6,432.00	2,451.00
Medowie RSL Sub-branch	NSW	517.00	569.00
Tweed Heads and Coolangatta RSL Sub-branch	NSW	41,500.00	15,689.00
Coffs Harbour Legacy Welfare Fund	NSW	123,817.00	29,471.00
Integrated Servicepeople's Association of Australia (Inc)	NSW	17,359.00	15,755.00
Windsor and District RSL Sub-branch	NSW	6,732.00	1,610.00
Dorrigo RSL Sub-branch	NSW	1,280.00	183.00
Avalon Beach RSL Sub-branch	NSW	2,033.00	1,250.00
Newcastle Legacy Fund	NSW	190,116.00	11,668.00
Association of Far North Coast Ex-service Organisations	NSW	118,178.00	43,589.00
Dungog RSL Sub-branch	NSW	5,145.00	754.00
Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Veterans Association NSW	NSW	122,207.00	99,312.00
Returned and Services League of Australia NSW Branch	NSW	319,684.00	136,510.00
Lachlan Legacy Club	NSW	30,438.00	12,458.00
ESO Advocacy NSW Inc	NSW	39,160.00	24,025.00
Sydney Legacy Appeals Fund	NSW	170,000.00	160,588.00
Newcastle and Hunter Region Vietnam Veterans' Inc	NSW	17,095.00	18,805.00
Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia (NSW Branch) Inc Hastings Manning Macleay Branch	NSW	10,545.00	2,445.00
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Macarther Sub-branch	NSW	24,534.00	5,049.00
Naval Association of Australia Inc Rooty Hill Sub-branch	NSW	4,622.00	866.00
Kyogle RSL Sub-branch	NSW	15,232.00	1,402.00
Maitland RSL Sub-branch	NSW	10,325.00	3,091.00
Brunswick Heads/Billinudgel RSL Sub-branch	NSW	9,166.00	7,274.00
Coffs Harbour RSL Sub-branch	NSW	3,784.00	3,784.00
Newcastle Legacy Fund (Port Stephens Group)	NSW	47,291.00	11,214.00
Manly Warringah Pittwater District Council RSL Sub-branch	NSW	29,378.00	3,853.00
Nowra Greenwell Point RSL Sub-branch	NSW	2,081.00	2,081.00
Waratah Mayfield RSL Sub-branch	NSW	4,741.00	1,957.00
Legacy Melbourne	VIC	51,980.00	27,692.00
East Gippsland Legacy	VIC	16,425.00	3,898.00
Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Veterans Association Victoria	VIC	66,545.00	5,556.00
Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club Inc	VIC	23,913.00	6,740.00
Wimmera Veterans Centre	VIC	41,200.00	45,320.00
Western Suburbs Veterans' & Services Centre	VIC	28,314.00	20,054.00
West Gippsland Veterans' Welfare Centre	VIC	1,809.00	1,646.00
VVAA Advocate Program	VIC	72,243.00	13,876.00

FUNDED APPLICANTS ROUND 14 2012-13 FY	STATE	Amount Requested (GST incl) \$	Amount Approved (GST Incl) \$
Swan Hill VVAA/Legacy and RSL Pension Group Swan Hill	VIC	19,082.00	9,317.00
Geelong-Surf Coast Regional Veterans Centre	VIC	67,749.00	44,767.00
Sunraysia Regional Veterans' Centre	VIC	39,954.00	8,458.00
South West Veterans' Centre	VIC	5,655.00	1,161.00
Southern Peninsula Veterans' Centre	VIC	59,873.00	33,170.00
South Eastern Regional Veterans' Centre	VIC	50,216.00	3,766.00
Mitchell Veterans' Centre	VIC	4,116.00	2,450.00
Melbourne Veterans and Services Support Centre	VIC	109,323.00	84,589.00
Leongatha Veterans and Dependants Welfare Centre	VIC	44,586.00	44,454.00
Hume Veterans' Information Centre	VIC	67,556.00	44,733.00
Goulburn Valley Veterans Service	VIC	10,943.00	5,632.00
Eucha Moama Regional Veterans Support Centre	VIC	7,270.00	424.00
Gippsland Veterans Welfare Centre	VIC	92,995.00	36,494.00
Central Victorian Veterans' Support Centre	VIC	74,996.00	68,224.00
Casey Regional Veterans Welfare Centre	VIC	3,720.00	860.00
Bayside Regional Veterans' Centre	VIC	4,591.00	1,855.00
Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans Association National Executive and sponsoring	VIC		
- Heidelberg Repatriation Veterans Centre	VIC		
Total for Group	VIC	272,768.00	73,774.00
Naval Association of Australia Capricornia Sub-section	QLD	1,510.00	268.00
Australian Army Aviation Association Inc	QLD	1,805.00	798.00
Manly-Lota RSL Sub-branch	QLD	16,977.00	13,594.00
Cooroy Pomona RSL Sub-branch and sponsoring -	QLD		
- Sunshine Coast (North) Veterans and Ex-services Support Centre	QLD		
- Coolooloa Cove RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
- Gympie RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
- Tewantin Noosa RSL sub-branch	QLD		
- Tin Can Bay RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
Total for Group	QLD	63,673.00	21,465.00
Redlands RSL Sub-branch	QLD	19,767.00	18,435.00
Gaythorne RSL Sub-branch	QLD	35,455.00	8,425.00
Samford RSL Sub-branch	QLD	13,458.00	10,627.00
Defence Force Welfare Association - QLD Branch	QLD	11,105.00	605.00
Beaudesert RSL Sub-branch	QLD	5,796.00	920.00
Wondai RSL Sub-branch	QLD	6,800.00	1,654.00
Gatton RSL Sub-branch	QLD	5,875.00	234.00
Beenleigh and District RSL Sub-branch	QLD	12,327.00	3,789.00
Sandgate RSL Sub-branch	QLD	30,258.00	20,113.00
Armed Services Assistance Centre Inc and sponsoring -	QLD		
- HMAS Hobart Association	QLD		
- RAN Communication Branch Association	QLD		
- South Easts Districts RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
- Bribie Island & District VVAA Sub-branch	QLD		
Total for Group	QLD	134,245.00	48,131.00
Currumbin Palm Beach RSL Sub-branch	QLD	71,459.00	20,829.00
Vietnam Veterans Federation QLD Branch Inc	QLD	71,828.00	45,500.00
Ipswich RSL sponsoring Ipswich and District Veterans Support Centre	QLD	69,923.00	31,906.00
Lowood RSL Sub-branch and sponsoring -	QLD		
- Blackbutt RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
- Boonah RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
- Laidley RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
- Redbank Plains RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
- Redbank RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
- Rosewood RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
- Toogoolawah RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
- Yarraman RSL Sub-branch	QLD		
Total for Group	QLD	36,963.00	6,382.00
Vietnam Veterans' Federation Townsville Sub-branch Inc	QLD	25,000.00	19,648.00

FUNDED APPLICANTS ROUND 14 2012-13 FY	STATE	Amount Requested (GST incl) \$	Amount Approved (GST Incl) \$
Sherwood/Indooroopilly RSL Sub-branch	QLD	81,746.00	18,232.00
Surfers Paradise RSL Sub-branch	QLD	80,780.00	42,134.00
Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Association Inc	QLD	34,700.00	11,804.00
The Legacy Fund of Brisbane	QLD	345,816.00	63,226.00
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Hervey Bay City Sub-branch	QLD	57,042.00	31,356.00
Gold Coast Legacy Club Inc	QLD	13,500.00	2,527.00
Townsville RSL Sub-branch	QLD	37,636.00	23,187.00
Returned and Services League of Australia (QLD Branch)	QLD	115,958.00	127,554.00
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Townsville Sub-branch	QLD	5,090.00	4,075.00
Runaway Bay RSL Sub-branch	QLD	9,820.00	1,650.00
Legacy Club of Fraser Coast and Country Burnett Inc	QLD	189,361.00	30,899.00
RSL (QLD Branch) Pine Rivers District Sub-branch	QLD	9,812.00	10,793.00
Nth Queensland District RSL Sub-branch Inc	QLD	3,855.00	2,094.00
VSAS Aust Inc Ipswich Branch	QLD	9,414.00	7,551.00
Sunnybank RSL Sub-branch	QLD	20,243.00	8,082.00
VSAS Australia Inc Toowong Branch	QLD	9,000.00	8,187.00
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Bundaberg Sub-branch	QLD	11,674.00	2,021.00
Beachvale Sub-section of the Naval Association of Australia (SA) Inc (sponsoring Ex-service Persons Pension Office)	SA	15,282.00	2,365.00
RSL Australia (SA Branch)	SA	188,210.00	123,962.00
Plympton Glenelg RSL Pensions Office Inc	SA	4,409.00	4,206.00
Royal Australian Airforce Association (Mitcham Branch) Inc	SA	4,300.00	187.00
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Inc SA Branch	SA	21,005.45	21,377.00
Legacy Club of Adelaide	SA	215,178.00	137,149.00
Vietnam Veterans Federation South Australian Branch	SA	10,088.00	4,073.00
Mount Gambier RSL Sub-branch and Memorial Club	SA	6,606.00	1,273.00
Bicton/Palmyra RSL Sub-branch	WA	9,900.00	9,900.00
Defence Force Welfare Association WA Branch	WA	11,414.00	2,430.00
Legacy Fund of Perth	WA	225,106.00	83,766.00
Australian Navy in Vietnam Veterans' Welfare Association of West Australian Inc	WA	8,439.00	8,439.00
Australian Flying Corps and Royal Australian Air Force Assoc. (WA Division)	WA	2,055.00	1,441.00
Mandurah RSL Sub-branch	WA	12,164.00	4,985.00
Vietnam Logistic Support Veterans' Association WA Inc	WA	11,145.00	1,659.00
Returned and Services League of Australia WA Branch	WA	182,961.00	170,279.00
Totally and Partially Disabled Veterans' of West Australia Inc	WA	5,295.00	5,825.00
Busselton RSL Sub-branch	WA	2,975.00	484.00
Quinns Rock RSL sub-branch	WA	5,234.00	1,405.00
Rockingham RSL Sub-branch	WA	2,680.00	834.00
The Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex Servicemen and Women (Tasmanian Branch) Inc	TAS	17,601.00	10,077.00
Hobart Legacy Inc	TAS	23,955.00	11,353.00
Launceston Legacy Inc	TAS	12,759.00	14,035.00
BEST Joint Venture - Tasmania	TAS	57,185.00	45,509.00
Naval Association of Australia Tasmanian State Section	TAS	15,097.00	4,229.00
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia NT Branch	NT	8,700.00	783.00
RSL (South Australia Branch) Darwin Sub-branch	NT	7,291.00	1,422.00
RSL South Australian State Branch	NT	41,365.00	9,046.00
Total Number of funded applicants - 155		6,216,223.27	2,920,950.45
Total Number of Not Recommended applicants - 39		356,658.09	
Total amount requested - 194		6,572,881.36	

Note: The naming conventions of the listed organisations reflect the preference indicated on the BEST application form.

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Question 78

Outcome 1: Program 1.4

Topic: BEST Funding

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

Consultation with ESOs about Round 15 BEST grants is currently underway.

Requests for written submissions were sent to 35 organisations consisting of the Department's ex-service organisation round table (ESORT) members, organisations who noted large amounts of salaried and/or volunteer welfare hours on their application for BEST Round 14 grants and the Training and Information Program (TIP).

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Question 79

Outcome 1: Program 1.4

Topic: BEST Funding

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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 \$1.5m for SDI grants fully allocated? If not, where was this money spent?

Answer

1. In Phase One - 34 SDI applications were received in 2011-12. Of these, 23 were approved for funding and 11 did not request monetary grants, but committed to undertake feasibility studies.

In Phase Two – 28 SDI applications were received in 2011-12.

Of these, 21 organisations were approved for funding. A further six applicants were not recommended for funding and one applicant requested nil funding.

For successful organisations and the value of each grant - see tables in Attachment A.

Note: Although Coffs Harbour Legacy (sponsoring the Coffs Harbour Legacy Group) received approval for a grant of \$45,545.55 (GST excl) in Phase 2, the group declined the grant due to the organisations' inability to implement the program.

2. Of the \$1.5m, \$800,000 was provided to 66 ESOs in BEST Round 13 (2011-12) as a one-off transition payment. In addition, \$665,963 (GST excl) was provided to ESOs in the form of Phase 1 and Phase 2 SDI grants. A total of \$34,037 (GST excl) has not been allocated.

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Grants 2011-12
Phase 1 - To fund a feasibility study

ESO	Amount Requested	Amount Approved (GST Exclusive)	Amount Approved (GST Inclusive)
Newcastle & Hunter Region Vietnam Veterans Inc	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00
Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers & Peacemakers Association	\$4,730.00	\$4,300.00	\$4,730.00
Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans & Associated Forces Inc Group	\$11,572.00	\$10,520.00	\$11,572.00
Port Stephens Legacy Group (sponsored by Newcastle Legacy Fund)	\$8,360.00	\$7,600.00	\$8,360.00
Far North Coast Legacy Group	\$8,272.00	\$7,520.00	\$8,272.00
Taree Veterans Centre (sponsored by Taree Vietnam Veterans Association)	\$4,455.00	\$4,050.00	\$4,455.00
Armed Services Assistance Centre Inc	\$12,650.00	\$12,650.00	\$12,650.00
RSL Cooroy Pomona Sub Branch Group	\$12,955.80	\$12,955.80	\$12,955.80
Hervey Bay RSL Sub Branch Inc Group	\$3,300.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,300.00
Beachvale Sub Section Naval Association	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
RSL (Tasmania Branch) Inc Group	\$56,237.50	\$51,125.00	\$56,237.50
Geelong Veterans Welfare Centre Group (sponsored by RSL Victoria Inc)	\$19,948.50	\$18,135.00	\$19,948.50
Tweed Heads & Coolangatta RSL Sub Branch	\$7,000.00	\$6,363.64	\$7,000.00
Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers & Peacemakers Association NSW Branch	\$44,220.00	\$37,200.00	\$40,920.00
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Bundaberg & District Inc	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00
Legacy Australia Council Inc	\$33,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$33,000.00
Toowoomba RSL Sub Branch Group	\$8,250.00	\$7,500.00	\$8,250.00
RSL (Queensland Branch) Moreton District Group	\$16,170.00	\$14,700.00	\$16,170.00
Defence Force Welfare Association Victoria Inc Group	\$30,855.00	\$30,855.00	\$30,855.00

ESO	Amount Requested	Amount Approved (GST Exclusive)	Amount Approved (GST Inclusive)
Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans Association National Inc	\$8,000.00	\$7,272.73	\$8,000.00
Manly Warringah Pittwater District Council of RSL Group (sponsored by Returned and Services League of Australia – NSW Branch)	\$6,193.00	\$14,700.00	\$6,193.00
Newcastle Legacy Fund	\$28,077.50	\$25,525.00	\$28,077.50
Coffs Harbour Legacy Welfare Fund Group (*)	\$15,300.00	\$13,909.09	\$15,300.00
TOTALS	23	\$350,346.30	\$347,046.30

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Grants 2011-12***

Phase 2 - To fund the implementation of the SDI Plan

ESO	Amount Requested	Amount Approved (GST Exclusive)	Amount Approved (GST Inclusive)
Newcastle & Hunter Region Vietnam Veterans Inc	\$13,232.00	\$13,232.00	\$13,232.00
Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans and Associated Forces Inc (sponsoring the Legacy and Veteran Advisory Service)	\$16,600	\$8,727.27	\$9,600.00
Surfers Paradise RSL Sub Branch Inc Group	\$15,845.57	\$14,405.77	\$15,845.57
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Bundaberg & District Inc	\$7,921.00	\$7,921.00	\$7,921.00
RSL (Victorian Branch) Inc (sponsoring the Geelong Surf Coast Regional Veterans Centre)	\$25,577.00	\$20,943.64	\$23,038.00
Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association Hastings Manning Macleay Branch	\$17,500.00	\$15,909.09	\$17,500.00
RSL (New South Wales) Inc sponsoring the Moruya RSL	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00

ESO	Amount Requested	Amount Approved (GST Exclusive)	Amount Approved (GST Inclusive)
RSL (New South Wales) Inc sponsoring the Forster Tuncurry RSL Sub Branch	\$3,288.00	\$2,989.09	\$3,288.00
Armed Services Assistance Centre Inc	\$20,533.59	\$20,533.59	\$20,533.59
RSL (New South Wales) Inc (sponsoring the RSL Manly Warringah Pittwater District Council)	\$77,149.00	\$37,862.73	\$41,649.00
Taree Vietnam Veterans Association Inc trading as the Taree Veterans Centre	\$12,150.00	\$11,045.44	\$12,150.00
Beaudesert RSL Sub Branch	\$2,790.00	\$2,536.36	\$2,790.00
Fraser Coast & Country Burnett Legacy (sponsoring the Fraser Coast & Country Burnett BEST Joint Venture)	\$6,909.10	\$6,281.00	\$6,909.10
RSL (Queensland Branch) Lowood Sub Branch sponsoring the RSL Lowood Sub Branch Group	\$33,760.00	\$15,360.00	\$15,360.00
Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeeper and Peacemakers' Association of Australia new South Wales Branch Inc	\$13,055.78	\$13,055.78	\$13,055.78
Sunshine Coast (North) Veterans' and Ex-services support Centre (sponsored by RSL QLD Cooroy Pomona Sub-branch)	\$79,116.00	\$16,101.00	\$16,101.00
Newcastle Legacy Fund (sponsoring the Port Stephens Group)	\$6,814.00	\$6,194.55	\$6,814.00
Far North Coast Legacy (sponsoring the Far North Coast Legacy Group)	\$14,510.00	\$13,190.92	\$14,510.00
RSL Tasmania (sponsoring the Tasmanian Advocacy, Welfare and Pensions Association)	\$345,505.51	\$92,015.57	\$101,217.29
Defence Force Welfare Association VIC Inc (sponsoring the Defence Force Welfare Association Victoria Group)	\$52,093.00	\$15,027.00	\$15,027.00
TOTALS	20	\$766,299.55	\$335,281.80

Note: Excludes Coffs Harbour Legacy which declined. See (*) on page 2 of table.

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Question 80

Outcome 1: Program 1.4

Topic: BEST Funding

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

In Round 14, how many organisations which were successful in receiving an SDI grant received increased funding under BEST?

Answer

Of the 21 Phase 2 SDI Grant recipients, 14 received more funds in BEST Round 14 than they did in BEST Round 13. This excludes transition funding.

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Question 81

Outcome 1: Program 1.4

Topic: BEST Funding

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

The total value of BEST grants provided to ex-service organisations from Tasmania for BEST Round 14 (2012-13) was \$85,203.38 (GST Inc).

The table below shows BEST funded applicants in Tasmania in the 2005-06 financial year to the 2012-13 financial year.

The amount allocated to Tasmania has reduced in line with the overall BEST funding reduction of \$1 million per year commencing in 2011-12. As in previous years, funding was notionally allocated on the basis of each State and Territory's percentage share of the total veteran beneficiary population.

The amount received by the BEST Joint Venture has reduced. Prior to Round 14, the BEST Joint Venture received funding assistance for rent. The Service Delivery Integration Grant of \$101,217.29 (GST Inc) to the RSL Tasmania in 2012, sponsoring the BEST Joint Venture, provided funding to implement avenues for eliminating rental costs. The BEST grant to the Joint Venture in Round 14 reflected the removal of funding assistance for rent.

Grants to Organisations in Tasmania – 2005-2012

All figures are GST Inclusive.

Organisation	2005-06 R7 \$	2006-07 R8 \$	2007-08 R9 \$	2008-09 R10 \$	2008-09 R10 – CE ¹ \$	2009-10 R11 \$	2010-11 R12 \$	2011-12 R13 ² \$	2012-13 R14 \$
Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women (TAS Branch) Inc - Base - One off transition	Did not apply	Did not apply	5,225.00	5,100.00	Did not apply	5,610.00	5,773.00	5,772.80 Nil	10,077.17
Hobart Legacy - Base - One off transition	\$23,900.00	24,800.00	26,586.00	22,500.00	4,938.00	24,750.00	27,635.20	20,936.00 15,265.25 5,670.75	11,352.75
Launceston Legacy - Base - One off transition	13,135.00	13,135.00	7,719.00	8,253.00	3,585.00	8,253.00	8,489.90	8,459.90 8,459.90 Nil	14,035.00
BEST Joint Venture - Base - One off transition	78,020.00	97,430.00	102,120.00	110,563.00	45,630.00	110,563.00	115,689.00	86,633.00 64,143.75 22,489.25	45,509.48
Naval Association of Australia-Tasmanian State Section	Did not apply	Did not apply	Did not apply	Did not apply	4,859.00	Did not apply	Did not apply	Did not apply	4,228.98
Polish Ex-servicemen's Association of Tasmania	4,500.00	Did not apply	Did not apply	Did not apply	Did not apply	Did not apply	Did not apply	Did not apply	Did not apply
Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia Tasmanian Branch	Did not apply	Did not apply	Did not apply	327.00	2,800.00	327.00	327.00	Application withdrawn – part of Joint Venture	Did not apply
TOTALS	119,555	135,365	141,650	146,743	61,812	149,503	157,914.10	121,801.70	85,203.38

¹ CE means Capital Equipment. This was a one off additional allocation of BEST funds for ESOs to apply for additional Capital Equipment such as computers, desks etc.

² The allocation for BEST Round 13 includes the one off transition funding, but excludes SDI funding.

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Question 82

Outcome 1: Program 1.4

Topic: BEST Funding

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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.

Answer

In BEST Round 14 (2012-13), Perth Legacy sought a BEST grant of \$225,106 and received \$83,766.45 (GST Inc). This compares to \$218,550 requested and \$145,108 received (including a one-off supplement of \$35,359.27 to assist with the transition to lower levels of BEST funding) in BEST Round 13 (2011-12).

The priority for funding in Round 14 funding was to support the claims and pension work of ESOs. The ESO Round Table consensus was that the claims and appeals workload formula should be used in Round 14. Perth Legacy indicated on its application form that the majority of its workload hours is spent on welfare activities and they received a 'grandfathered' welfare salary payment for BEST Round 14.

Perth Legacy	Round 13 (GST Incl)	Round 14 (GST Incl)
Amount sought	\$218,550	\$225,106
Amount funded, comprising:	\$145,108	\$83,766
- Welfare	\$34,513	\$34,512
- Claims	\$75,236	\$49,254
- One off Transition payment	\$35,359	\$0

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Question 83

Outcome 1: Program 1.5

Topic: VCES

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

The review has been finalised and Government is considering it in the context of Budget 2013-14. It cannot be provided at this time.

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Question 84

Outcome 1: Program 1.6

Topic: Compensation for Impairment under MRCA for Warlike and Non-warlike Service
(Written Question on Notice)

Senator WRIGHT asked:

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?

Answer

No, there is no difference in the permanent impairment compensation amounts arising from warlike service compared to non-warlike service, as they are both classified as *operational service*.

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Question 85

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Booked Car With Driver - Complaints

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p 124)

Senator RONALDSON:

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.

Dr McPaul: We can do it on notice. I have those details.

Answer

As at 30 September 2012, DVA arranged 530,223 trips nationally since commencing new service arrangements on 1 March 2012. There were 268 complaints received nationally in the period 1 March 2012 to 30 June 2012. In the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 the total number of complaints nationally was 114.

The tables below show the number of Booked Car With Driver (BCWD) complaints is trending downwards over the past few months, primarily as a result of the Department's liaison with transport providers, ex-service organisations and veterans. The number of complaints received in the July to September 2012 period has reduced by 50 per cent on from the number of complaints received in the first three months after implementation (March to May 2012).

2011-12 BCWD Complaints	
July 2011	11
Aug 2011	20
Sept 2011	7
Oct 2011	21
Nov 2011	26
Dec 2011	14
Jan 2012	13
Feb 2012	48
Mar 2012	76
Apr 2012	76
May 2012	76
June 2012	40
Total Complaints	428
Completed Journeys	877,504

2012-13 BCWD Complaints	
July 2012	44
Aug 2012	45
Sept 2012	25
Total Complaints	114
Completed journeys	230,035

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Question 86

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Booked Car With Driver Service

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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 the situation?

Answer

During the 2011-12 financial year the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) received 56 complaints for Victoria in relation to 198,332 completed trips for that state. Table 1 below shows the number of complaints over the 2011-12 financial year.

The small number of complaints, including the months of February to May 2012, does not lead to any meaningful analysis.

Table 1: Number of Complaints Received in Victoria in 2011-12

Month	VIC
July	3
August	4
September	2
October	3
November	5
December	2
January	1
February	6
March	12
April	7
May	9
June	2
Total Complaints	56
Completed journeys	198,332

In order to improve service to the veteran community and therefore reduce the number of complaints, DVA has been actively liaising with a number of transport providers and state Taxi Councils. DVA has also provided input into the 13 Cabs and Geelong Cabs driver training program.

DVA arranged for senior executives from the taxi industry to provide an information session at the Victorian Deputy Commissioner's ESO Consultative Forum which was well received.

DVA has also met with a number of veteran groups and transport providers in country Victoria and provided presentations on client service expectations to members of the Country Victoria Taxi

Operators Association. There has been regular liaison and follow up meetings with veterans attending the Older Veterans PTSD Program at Heidelberg Hospital.

In association with the VIC Taxi Council, DVA has been involved in publishing a number of industry magazine/journal articles specifically aimed at driver performance standards.

DVA is currently working with major providers in Victoria to design and deliver professional development training for driver trainers. It is anticipated that key personnel from major health facilities and ex-service organisations will participate.

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Question 87

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Booked Car With Driver Service

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

Table 1 summarises the Booked Car with Driver (BCWD) complaints received by month and state for the 2011-12 financial year.

Table 2 summarises the number of completed DVA arranged BCWD trips by state for 2011-12 financial year.

Table 3 summarises the BCWD complaints received by month and state in the 2012-13 financial year as at 30 September 2012.

Table 4 summarises the number of completed DVA arranged BCWD trips state in the 2012-13 financial year as at 30 September 2012.

Table 1: 2011-12 Complaints by Month and State

Month	State/Territory								Total
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
July		3		3	1		3	1	11
August	1	1		10	1		4	3	20
September	1	1		2			2	1	7
October	1	8		8			3	1	21
November		9		5	2	1	5	4	26
December		5		5	1		2	1	14
January		4		4	2		1	2	13
February	1	15		8	3	4	6	11	48
March	2	27		12	3	7	12	13	76
April	3	35		22	1	3	7	5	76
May	1	26		31	3	3	9	3	76
June		20		12	2	2	2	2	40
Total	10	154	0	122	19	20	56	47	428

Table 2: 2011-12 Completed DVA Arranged BCWD Trips by State

State/Territory*						
NSW/ACT	QLD	SA/NT	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
202,553	312,172	53,068	23,714	198,332	87,665	877,504

***Note: The Transport Booking and Invoicing System (TBIS) includes completed ACT and NT trips as part of the NSW and SA trips respectively.**

Table 3: 2012-13 Complaints by Month and State (as at 30 September 2012)

Month	State/Territory								Total
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
July		16		18	1	3	6	0	44
August	1	17		10	4	2	10	1	45
September	1	8		6	1	2	5	2	25
Total	2	41	0	34	6	7	21	3	114

Table 4: 2012-13 Completed DVA Arranged BCWD Trips by State (as at 30 September 2012)

State/Territory*						
NSW/ACT	QLD	SA/NT	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
48,884	84,208	17,135	5,851	51,955	22,002	230,035

*Note: The Transport Booking and Invoicing System (TBIS) includes completed ACT and NT trips as part of the NSW and SA trips respectively.

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Question 88

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Booked Car With Driver Service

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

Does the Department categorise the reasons for complaints? If so, what have been the reasons for complaints since March 2012?

Answer

The Department has categorised complaints in relation to the Booked Car With Driver (BCWD) service in the period 1 March to 30 September 2012 as follows:

BCWD Service summary of complaints by category 1 March 2012 to 30 September 2012	
Category	Number of Complaints
Driver Behaviour	44
DVA Service Quality	65
Tender Outcome	44
Transport Provider and Timeliness	207
No information provided to identify nature of complaint	22
Total	382

Since the new service arrangements commenced on 1 March 2012, 530,232 DVA arranged trips were undertaken (as at 30 September). The total annual DVA arranged trips in 2011-12 was 877,000.

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Question 89

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Booked Car With Driver Service

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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.

- a) Where have these complaints come from?
- b) What has been the main reason for these complaints?
- c) What steps has the Department taken to resolve the issues associated with these complaints?

Answer

Question on Notice 11 from Budget Estimates May 2012 refers to the Discussion of the Replacement Chair of the War Memorial Council. It is assumed the Senator refers to the response to Question on Notice 69.

- a) The complaints are mostly received from veterans, war widows and health providers.
- b) In NSW, there were 202,553* completed DVA arranged journeys for the 2011-12 financial year. During this period the Department received 154 complaints. Table 1 shows the type of complaints received in 2011-12.

Note: *This figure includes NSW and ACT completed DVA arranged trips, as the Transport Booking and Invoicing System (TBIS) includes completed ACT trips as part of the NSW trips.

Table 1: Type of Complaints Received in NSW in 2011-12

	Driver Behaviour	DVA Service Quality	Tender Outcome	Transport Provider & Timeliness	No information provided to identify nature of complaint	Total
NSW	16	28	21	84	5	154

- c) DVA maintains a good relationship with the General Managers of the Sydney contracted transport providers, and as a result has provided input into a number of their driver training programs. DVA regularly attends meetings with the contracted transport providers, the NSW Taxi Council, the NSW Country Taxi Operators Association and the NSW state government regulatory body.

DVA has provided input into driver training programs prepared by;

- Premier Cabs;
- Taxis Combined Services;
- RSL Cabs;

- Manly Warringah Cabs and
- St George Cabs.

In association with the NSW Taxi Council, DVA has been involved in publishing a number of industry magazine/journal articles specifically aimed at driver performance standards.

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Question 90

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Booked Car with Driver Service

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

The Department has been working with transport providers and state Taxi Councils in order to ensure ongoing service quality. Driver training is conducted by the transport provider, with the Department providing input for the following transport providers (see table below) who have developed modules in their driver training program which are specifically aimed at transporting members of the veteran community. In some cases part of the training modules involve drivers watching a pre-recorded DVD with commentary provided by a Department representative and some Ex-Service Organisations (ESOs).

State/Territory	Transport Providers
ACT	Canberra Elite Taxis
NSW	Premier Cabs Taxis Combined Services RSL Cabs Manly Warringah Cabs St George Cabs
QLD	Black & White Cabs Yellow Cabs Hervey Bay Taxis
VIC	13 Cabs Geelong Cabs

The training makes it clear that most of the Department's clients are elderly and require additional assistance. This assistance is not limited to when a veteran enters or exits the vehicle, but assistance may also be required to ensure seat belts are properly secured. The training also makes it clear that drivers should park as close as possible to their destination and on arrival at a veteran's residence, knock on the front door. The training specifically identifies the important standing of veterans and war widow/ers in our community and aims to heighten driver understanding of the veteran community.

With most large taxi companies, drivers need to be accredited by their network through the completion of a veteran driver course before they can undertake the Department's work. The Department monitors the complaints received from the ex-service community and may suggest removing a driver from the Department's work if there is a track record of poor service. Some networks and state regulators also impose mandatory remedial training for drivers with poor track records.

DVA's service requirements are set out in the Booked Car Scheme Guidelines for Taxi and Hire Car Contractors which are available on the internet at:
http://www.dva.gov.au/service_providers/Documents/booked_car_scheme_guidelines_taxi_hire_car_contractors.pdf

In association with the NSW and VIC Taxi Councils, the Department has also been involved in publishing a number of industry magazine/journal articles specifically aimed at driver performance standards.

The Department is currently working with major providers in Victoria and NSW to develop and deliver professional development training for driver trainers. It is anticipated that key personnel from major health facilities and ESOs will participate.

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Question 91

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Topic: Booked Car with Driver Service

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

With regards to the tenders provided for work in the Bribie Island region:

- 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?
- b) Was the issue of increasing workload ever raised with the previous sole provider? If yes, what was the outcome?

Answer

- a) There has been an increase in the amount of Booked Car With Driver (BCWD) work occurring on Bribie Island. This reflects the increase in BCWD work that is occurring nationwide, and is commensurate with the ageing treatment population, and their increased reliance on the BCWD scheme.

In early 2011, the Department introduced a new Transport Booking and Invoicing System (TBIS) which records all of the BCWD Departmental arranged trips, and enables better monitoring of workload trends. Transport bookings are allocated to providers in specific geographic areas of operation. In March 2012, the Department slightly amended the Bribie Island geographic area of operation to include some additional surrounding suburbs. This amendment facilitates better booking procedures.

- b) The workload changes were not discussed with Mr Goold of Bribie Bayside Cab Company, the previous sole transport provider. Mr Goold has, however, repeatedly advised the Department that he operates a small company. Due to the volume of work undertaken, the Department identified that multiple providers would assist to service this area and meet veteran demand.

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Topic: Booked Car With Driver Service

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

The Minister indicates that 'veteran satisfaction levels assist in determining the future allocation of work to transport providers':

- a) With regard to the work in Caboolture-Bribie Island area, what was the previous sole-provider's satisfaction level?
- b) Has the satisfaction level remained or increased since the new arrangements came into place on 1 March 2012?
- c) Has any analysis been undertaken to determine satisfaction levels in the area since the new tender began?
- d) If yes, to (c), what has the outcome been?
- e) What is the overall level of satisfaction with the service in the Bribie Island area?

Answer

- a) Overall the veteran community indicated satisfaction with the level of service provided by Bribie Bayside Cab Company.
- b) Overall the veteran community continues to be satisfied with the level of service provided by Bribie Bayside Cab Company and Black and White Cabs.
- c) Yes.
- d) The Department continues to liaise closely with ex-service organisations (ESOs), transport providers and health providers, to enhance the quality of service to veterans. An integral component of this approach is the investigation of all transport complaints. This is undertaken as part of the Department's nationwide routine business operations. Some complaints were received about the additional transport provider in Bribie Island, Black and White Cabs. The Department raised these concerns with Black and White Cabs, who has introduced a number of enhancements to address these complaints. These enhancements include: engaging with local ESOs to better understand veteran needs; enhancing the driver training program to ensure drivers understand veterans' transport needs; and relocating some prestige vehicles for use on Bribie Island as well as modifying their dispatch processes.

Complaints have been received from a small group of veterans who have a preference to travel with Bribie Bayside Cab Company, and utilise the services of the local provider rather than one based on the mainland.

The Department will continue to liaise with Black and White Cabs to ensure the agreed service enhancements are maintained, and is confident that the improvements to the overall quality of service to veterans will continue.

Additionally, the Department has been involved in a number of meetings with ESOs in Bribie Island, including representatives of the War Widows' Guild of Queensland and the Vietnam Veterans' Centre on Bribie Island.

- e) As recently as October 2012, the representatives from the War Widows' Guild of Queensland and the Vietnam Veterans' Centre on Bribie Island have advised that they are satisfied with the improvements and service currently provided.

As a result of the ongoing enhancements made by Black and White Cabs, the Department is satisfied with the overall level of service in the Bribie Island area. The Department will continue to liaise with ESOs, transport providers and health providers, and monitor the service provided on Bribie Island.

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Question 93

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Booked Car with Driver Service

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

The Department has contracts with 57 transport providers in Queensland. There are no 'preferred supplier' relationships with any of the contracted transport providers, and therefore no concerns from the Queensland Government have been raised regarding 'preferred suppliers'.

The Department's contracts with the transport providers do not guarantee any volume of work to any provider.

As the transport industry is regulated at the state/territory level, the Department relies on transport providers being compliant with the relevant state/territory transport regulations. Where issues have been raised concerning the operation of suppliers in Queensland, the Department has contacted the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads to seek advice.

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Question 94

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Booked Car With Driver Service

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

Can a veteran request that they are transported by a particular provider? If yes, how does this work?

Answer

Generally, no. If a veteran prefers to travel with a particular provider or by a particular mode of transport they can arrange their own travel and pay the provider of their choice directly and subsequently seek reimbursement from the Department by submitting a claim for travelling expenses.

There are provisions for customising travel for some veterans based on their clinical high needs such as for dementia and dialysis patients. These however, are exceptional cases which require manual processing and monitoring.

In order to meet a person's clinical needs, the Department can request the dispatch of certain types of vehicles such as wheelchair vehicles, large sedans or a front seat requirement.

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Question 95

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Booked Car with Driver Service

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

Where there are multiple transport providers in one location, is work provided on a 'random' basis, particularly work for long-distance travel?

Answer

For short distance travel, the Department's Transport Booking & Invoicing System randomly selects a provider from a panel of providers in a geographic operation region based on predefined workload allocation percentages. The workload allocation percentages are determined based on the transport provider's vehicle capacity, the availability of wheelchair accessible vehicles and the transport provider's geographical area of coverage.

Long distance travel bookings constitute a small proportion of the overall transport bookings. Long distance bookings are allocated to contracted transport providers by a departmental officer who allocates the work based on predefined workload percentages for the providers in that operating region. Only those providers who tendered successfully for long distance work are allocated long distance jobs. The Department dispatches long distance work to the transport provider two days prior to the travel as it is a contractual requirement to contact and confirm the pickup details with the veteran.

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Question 96

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Mental Health – Research Programs

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p 110-111)

Senator WRIGHT asked:

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?

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.

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.

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 CMVH 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 CMVH 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—

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?

Ms Daniel: My list started with our current projects.

Senator WRIGHT: And you have worked backwards then? Where did you get to in terms of chronology?

Ms Daniel: I do not have the dates on me.

Senator WRIGHT: That is fine.

Ms Daniel: If it was helpful to you, we can summarise that list for you on notice.

Senator WRIGHT: That would be very good. Thank you very much.

Ms Daniel: Just the names of the projects that are current and complete, back for a certain period.

Senator WRIGHT: That would be good, thank you very much. Perhaps for a period of 10 years would be good. How far did you go? I am not sure.

Ms Daniel: Two or three years is more than is necessary.

Senator WRIGHT:

Thank you.

Answer

Attached are details of Applied Research Projects commissioned by DVA that were current at January 2010, commenced or were endorsed, but yet to commence, after that date, relating to research into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or any other mental health effects of combat or military service.

Section A lists the research projects on mental health and PTSD and

Section B those projects which contain mental health components.

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Section A - Applied Research Projects – Mental Health and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder - new and ongoing from January 2010

ARP Number	Project Name	Institution	Status
ARP1132	Gender differences in mental health among military personnel and veterans: A review of the literature	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Contract under negotiation – not commenced
ARP1131	Meta-analysis of gender differences in posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment outcomes	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Current
ARP1127	Depression in Australian Gulf War Veterans: identification of key depressive symptoms and their co-morbidity with physical and psychological illness	Monash University / Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Contract under negotiation – not commenced
ARP1122	Systematic review of psychological disorder, multi-symptom disorder and chronic fatigue syndrome in veterans of deployment to the Gulf War, Iraq War and Afghanistan	Monash University	Contract under negotiation – not commenced
ARP1106	Comparison of DVA Clients', ADF Members' and the General Population's Responses to the 2007 National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health & University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research	Current
ARP1102	Examining the effectiveness of the implementation of Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) across the VVCS service system: The next steps in implementation research	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health & Flinders University	Current
ARP1025	Allostatic load and physiological and psychological health outcomes: a literature review	Centre for Military & Veterans' Health	Complete
ARP1023	A literature review of mild traumatic brain injury in the context of the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO) operational area	Centre for Military & Veterans' Health	Complete
ARP1010	The long term outcomes of VVCS centre-based counselling	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Complete
ARP1005	Systematic Evaluative Review of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Mental Health Group Treatment Programs, funded by DVA	Centre for Military & Veterans' Health	Complete
ARP1004	Review of Operation Life workshops for the veteran community	Australian Institute of Suicide Research & Prevention, Griffith University	Complete
ARP0931	Behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia in veterans: Exploring the influence of posttraumatic stress disorder and war time experience	University of Melbourne	Complete
ARP0907	Sequalae of Psychiatric conditions and multi-symptoms illness, follow-up of mortality and cancer incidence, and analysis of serum samples for paraoxonase in the Gulf War Veteran cohort	Monash University	Current
ARP0712	Mental Health outcomes for DVA VVCS - Policy and practice, 2004-2008	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Complete
ARP0710	Promoting the use of Evidence-Based Psychological Treatment of Posttraumatic Mental Health Problems	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Complete
ARP0625	Research into the long-term effects on mental health status, health service use and quality of life of peacekeeping or peacemaking deployments among Australian veterans	The University of Melbourne	Current
ARP0622	The effectiveness of Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for VVCS clients with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Complete
ARP0618	Psychosocial Rehabilitation for Veterans	University of Sydney & Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Complete

Section B - Applied Research Program Projects which contain mental health components - new and ongoing from January 2010

ARP Number	Project Name	Institution	Status
ARP1144	US and Aust Joint Research Effort - Project 1 Comparative Literature Review	Monash University and Medical University of South Carolina	Contract under negotiation - not commenced
ARP1038	Veterans of the Rwanda deployment 1994/95: Understanding outcomes 15 years on	Centre for Military & Veterans' Health	Current
ARP1037	Health and Lifestyle Risk Factors Profile of NSW DVA Cardholders Using 45 and Up Study Baseline Data	Sax Institute	Current
ARP1034	Exploring future service needs of Australian Defence Force reservists: a pilot study	Australian National University	Current
ARP0921	The 45 and Up Study (first release of baseline data - DVA cardholders)	The Sax Institute	Complete
ARP0910	The health and service needs of older veterans: a longitudinal analysis (MELSHA)	Monash University	Complete
ARP0903	The wellbeing of female Vietnam and contemporary veterans: An ethnography of military health personnel	Australian National University	Complete
ARP0721	Social Isolation within the Veteran Community	Grosvenor Management Consulting Pty Ltd	Complete
ARP0715	Transition experience of medically separated ADF members	Centre for Military & Veterans' Health	Complete

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Question 97

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Mental Health Impacts - Comparison

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p 111)

Senator WRIGHT asked:

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, somewhat of starting to have an overview of the prevalence of and differences in the conditions that current veterans might be experiencing?

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.

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.

Answer

In the last decade there have been significant advances in our knowledge of military mental illness, in terms of prevalence, diagnosis and treatment. Unlike previous conflicts where the research undertaken was retrospective, current research has been conducted as the war has been underway. This is resulting in fundamental shifts in our understanding of the impact of deployment, as well as exposure to combat and military trauma.

Within Australia, work is underway to establish the impact of the current deployments on personnel. The Military Health Outcomes Program (MilHOP) is a program of studies looking at both the physical and mental health impacts for service personnel returning from recent conflict zones including Afghanistan and Iraq. It has been developed jointly by the Department of Defence and the Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH) at the Universities of Adelaide and Queensland. The CMVH research centre receives core funding from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) and in-kind support from the Department of Defence.

MilHOP includes four studies, including the:

- 2010 Mental Health Prevalence and Wellbeing Study, which studied the most common mental health disorders, optimal mental health screening cut-offs and the impact of occupational stressors on serving personnel, released in October 2011.
- Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO) Health Study, which is looking at the health of ADF personnel who deployed to the MEAO between 2001 and 2009. The summary report has been submitted to the Department of Defence and is currently being considered.
- MEAO Prospective Health Study, which is investigating changes in health outcomes by assessing ADF personnel before and after deploying to the MEAO in 2010 and 2011. The summary report has been submitted to the Department of Defence and is currently being considered.
- MEAO Mortality and Cancer Incidence Studies, which are to determine any relationships between mortality and/or cancer incidence among ADF personnel who deployed, as well as personnel who could have, but did not deploy to the MEAO between 2001 and 2010.

The 2010 Mental Health Prevalence and Wellbeing Study is the first of the studies in the program to be finalised. It is a landmark study for policy and program development for serving personnel and the ex-service community, as it provides evidence to assist in the development of strategies and programs to meet the emerging needs of contemporary veterans and former serving personnel.

A strength of the study is the ability to compare the serving population with the general community. These comparisons were based on a sample from the 2007 National Mental Health and Wellbeing Survey which was matched to ensure the same demographic profile, that is primarily young, male and employed.

Key findings of the study include:

- the prevalence of mental health disorder in serving personnel in any twelve month period is similar to the Australian community (22 per cent in the Defence Force compared to 20.7 per cent in the general community), however the prevalence of specific disorders was different and reflected the hazards of military service;
- the rate of PTSD is higher in serving personnel than the general community. (8.3 per cent for the Defence Force compared to 5.2 per cent general community for the past 12 months);
- the rate of depressive episodes is also higher (6.4 per cent for the Defence Force compared to 3.1 per cent for the general community for the past 12 months); and
- the life time prevalence is higher in serving personnel (54.1 per cent for the Defence Force compared to 49.3 per cent for the general community), with over half of the ADF experiencing an anxiety, affective (mood) or alcohol use disorder in their lifetime.

The study highlighted the specific risks of military service, especially the link between the level of traumatic exposure and mental health outcomes. The study also highlighted the barriers to military personnel seeking care, including impact on ability to deploy, fear that it will impact their future career and a belief they will be seen as weak. This knowledge gives DVA valuable information to assist in the design of future mental health initiatives, and where effort needs to be targeted in prevention, early intervention, and treatment.

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Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Health and Medical Research

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p 123)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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 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?

Ms Daniel: We will take that question on notice.

Answer

The Health and medical research (Applied Research) sub-program (ARP) is funded through a specific appropriation under Program 2.5 Veterans' Counselling and Health Services. The ARP funds individual projects and operates as a fee for service program relying on contract deliverables for payment.

A list of projects funded since 2007-2008 is at [Attachment A](#).

A full list of applications under the program, noting whether they were endorsed (successful), not endorsed (unsuccessful) or still under consideration, including the amount of funding sought, is at [Attachment B](#).

The ARP commissions research that plays a vital role in the strategic development, implementation and improvement of DVA policy and contributes to the advancement of models for healthcare and service delivery. Examples of ARP funded research that has directly influenced the Department's policy and service delivery to veterans, widows or their families include, but are not limited to:

- Research into the relationship between ADF service and specific medical conditions assisted DVA's identification process of conditions for which a modified claims process may be justifiable¹.
- Research into the implementation and effectiveness of Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service (VVCS) clients with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)². This study was the first Australian trial of CPT in a naturalistic community service setting and is a world leading contribution to effective research for PTSD. This evidence based intervention was positively accepted by both clients and counsellors of VVCS and represents an important step forward for the treatment of combat-related PTSD in Australian veterans in the future.

¹ ARP0702b *Relationship between ADF Service and Chondromalacia Patellae/Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome:* Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH).

² ARP0622 *The effectiveness of Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for VVCS clients with PTSD:* Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health.

- Various health studies that contribute towards developing early intervention strategies for younger veterans to prevent or reduce long-term psychological ill-health.³
- Research that assisted in the development of, and continues to provide support to, the DVA Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Service (Veterans MATES) to improve the use of medicines in the veteran community.⁴
- Data analysis projects that assist DVA business areas to effectively plan and project service needs and cost structures.⁵
- Research that has improved understanding of women in the military and increased awareness of women as an increasingly important veteran group.⁶
- Research that highlighted directions for VVCS service development towards treatment and developing partnerships with primary care providers, such as general practitioners and secondary care providers.⁷
- Research that assists DVA to investigate e-health opportunities.⁸
- Development of best practice mental health pathways for community nursing for veterans and war widows.⁹
- Research that contributes towards DVA's ongoing provision of health services for veterans ie Veterans' Home Care Preventable Hospital Admissions (now called Coordinated Veterans' Care Program).¹⁰
- Research that contributes towards DVA's rehabilitation programs for veterans.¹¹
- Research that resulted in the RMA changing the Standard Operating Procedures for diabetes mellitus.¹²
- Research that contributed to DVA's understanding veteran homelessness.¹³

³ ARP0422 *Vaccinations and deployment: Investigating the risk for 1991 Gulf War Veterans*: Monash University
 ARP0522 *Younger Veterans' Satisfaction Survey*: ORIMA Research

ARP0532 *Evaluation of alternative models of rehabilitation care for DVA clients*: University of Wollongong

⁴ ARP0409 *Investigation of the effects of long term use of minor analgesics and non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) in DVA clients using linked longitudinal health data (Phase 1 & 2)*: University of New South Wales.

ARP0427 *Antipsychotic medication dispensing and mortality rates in older veterans*: University of Sydney

ARP0719 *A Drug Burden Index to improve quality use of medicines in Australian War Veterans and Widows aged over 70*: University of South Australia.

ARP 0418 *An analysis of gold and white card costs by age group, sex, location, conflict, disability, and service pension*: Access Economics.

ARP0627 *Inventory of data held on veterans*: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

ARP0707 *Development of a veteran profile using data from the Household, Income, Labour dynamics in Australia*: University of Melbourne.

ARP0921 *The 45 and Up Study - First release of baseline data - DVA cardholders*: Sax Institute.

⁶ ARP0503 *Experiences and needs of female war and peacekeeper veterans: Implications for reintegration and rehabilitation into the community*: University of Melbourne.

ARP0903 *The wellbeing of female Vietnam and contemporary veterans*: An ethnography of military health personnel: Australian National University.

⁷ ARP0505 *Profile of VVCS veteran clients under 50*: Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health.

⁸ ARP0507 *Identification of future directions to access e-health (specifically, home tele-health) practices and technologies applicable to the health needs of veterans*: University of Queensland.

⁹ ARP0518 *Development of best practice mental health pathways for community nursing for veterans and war widows*: La Trobe University.

¹⁰ ARP0523 *Veterans health Study 2006 DVA Client and Care Survey*: A C Neilson Holdings.

¹¹ ARP0532 *Evaluation of alternative models of rehabilitation care for DVA clients*: University of Wollongong.

¹² ARP0616 *Tetrachlorbenzo p-dioxin in Vietnam veterans with diabetes*: University of Queensland.

¹³ ARP0720 *Veterans at risk 2008*: Thomson Goodall & Associates Pty Ltd.

- Research that contributes to the understanding of health needs and service utilisation of war widows.¹⁴
- Findings from research into social isolation in the veteran community contributed to the development and implementation of the social isolation component of the Veterans Home Care Preventable Hospital Admissions Program.¹⁵
- Research that provides a key platform to assist the Government to improve services to the ex-service community in the future.¹⁶
- Research that assisted in the review of DVA's compensation claims processes.¹⁷
- Research into the service needs of contemporary veteran clients supported the development of DVA Support for Wounded Injury Ill Program (SWIIP).¹⁸

¹⁴ ARP0801 *Needs of spouse carers of World War II veterans before and after widowhood*: CMVH

¹⁵ ARP0721 *Social isolation within the Veteran Community*: Grosvenor

¹⁶ ARP0808 *Independent study to examine the issue of suicide in the ex-service community*: Dunt Health Evaluation Services.

¹⁷ ARP1020 *Review of the processes and timeframes in compensation and income support claim processing*: Oakton Pty Ltd.

¹⁸ ARP1120 *Research into the service needs of DVA's contemporary (or young) veteran clients who have been seriously injured, wounded or disabled*: Westwood Spice.

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ARP Project Number ¹	Project name	Organisation	Year of Decision ²
1131	Meta-analysis of gender differences in posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment outcomes	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH)	2011
1122	Systematic review of psychological disorder, multi-symptom disorder and chronic fatigue syndrome in veterans of deployment to the Gulf War, Iraq War and Afghanistan	Monash University	2011
1121	Developing a health needs assessment to promote coordinated care of older veterans by primary health care teams	Flinders University	2012
1120	Social Policy Research into the service needs of younger clients	Westwood Spice	2011
1107	Younger Veterans' Transitions to Civilian Occupations: The Role of Further Education	Flinders University - National Institute of Labor Studies (NILS) & Austin Hospital	2011
1106	Comparison of DVA Clients', ADF Members' and the General Population's Responses to the 2007 National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH) & University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research	2011
1105	Sleep and Falls in Older Veterans: Prevalence of Subjective Sleep Difficulties in Community-Dwelling Older Fallers	National Ageing Research Institute (NARI) & Austin Hospital	2011
1102	Examining the effectiveness of the implementation of Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) across the VVCS service system: The next steps in implementation research	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH) & Flinders University	2011
1038	Veterans of the Rwanda deployment 1994/95: Understanding outcomes 15 years on	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH)	2011
1037	Health and Lifestyle Risk Factors Profile of NSW DVA Cardholders Using 45 and Up Study	The Sax Institute	2011
1034	Reservists – Pilot Study	Australian National University (ANU)	2011 & 2012 ³
1031	Efficacy of Off-the-Shelf Footwear in reducing foot pain in DVA recipients not eligible for medical grade footwear: a randomised control trial	La Trobe University	2011

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³ Additional funding endorsed

ARP Project Number ¹	Project name	Organisation	Year of Decision ²
1026	Review of DVA data integrity	Finite Recruitment Pty Ltd	2010
1025	Allostatic Load and Physiological and Psychological Health Outcomes: a Literature Review	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH)	2010
1023	A Literature Review of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury in the Context of the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO) Operational Area	University of Adelaide	2010
1021	Bettering the Evaluation and Care of Health (BEACH) Program	University of Sydney	2010
1020	Analysis and review of compensation data (additional proposal - out of session)	Oakton Services Pty Ltd	2010
1019	Research Consultant	Southern Cross Computing	2010
1010	The long term outcomes of VVCS centre-based counselling	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH)	2010
1005	Systematic Evaluative Review of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Mental Health Group Treatment Programs, funded by DVA	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH)	2010 & 2011 ⁴
1004	Review of Operation Life workshops for the veteran community	Griffith University	2010
1001	Financial Stress and hardship amongst DVA pensioners	University of Wollongong	2010
0931	Behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia in veterans: Exploring the influence of posttraumatic stress disorder and war time experience	University of Melbourne	2009
0930	The effectiveness of VVCS Heart Health Program in improving veteran health	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH)	2009
0929	Best Practice approach to assess potential functional decline among older veterans	University of South Australia	2009
0927	An analysis of the long-term costs of disability arising from the Vietnam war	Applied Economics Pty Ltd	2009
0925	Development of data linkage key for Study of Health Outcomes in Aircraft Maintenance Personnel data set and blood samples (F-111 Deseal/Reseal personnel)	University of Newcastle	2009
0922	Vietnam Veterans Family Study phone contact with control group invitees	UniQuest Pty Ltd	2009
0921	The 45 and Up Study (first release of baseline data - DVA cardholders)	The Sax Institute	2009
0920	Perceived Stigma for veterans with dementia	Queensland University of Technology	2009
0917	Provision of Research Assistant - Destruction of requested Australian Gulf War	Monash University	2009

⁴ Additional funding endorsed

ARP Project Number ¹	Project name	Organisation	Year of Decision ²
	Veterans' Health Study blood serum samples		
0915	Literature review of Indigenous soldiers' contributions to the nation - in all conflicts and peacekeeping involvements since the Boer War	Australian National University (ANU)	2009
0914	Contemporary factors influencing healthy and productive ageing for women in late middle age in the DVA context	University of Queensland	2009
0913	Sleeping and falling in older people: A pilot study	National Ageing Research Institute (NARI)	2009
0910	The health and service needs of older veterans: a longitudinal analysis (MELSHA)	Monash University	2009
0908	A pragmatic trial of the implementation of a balance screening and home exercise program through existing community health services	National Ageing Research Institute (NARI)	2009
0907	Sequalae of Psychiatric conditions and multi-symptoms illness, follow-up of mortality and cancer incidence, and analysis of serum samples for paraoxonase in the Gulf War Veteran cohort	Monash University	2009
0905	The current status of management of Australian veterans taking warfarin	University of Tasmania	2009
0904	The long term causal effect of Vietnam War Era Conscripton on the economic and social outcomes of Australian conscripts	University of Wollongong & ARC	2009
0903	The wellbeing of female Vietnam and contemporary veterans: An ethnography of military health personnel	Australian National University (ANU)	2009
0902	A temporal analysis of the healthy soldier effect	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH)	2009
0808	Independent study to examine the issue of suicide in the ex-service community	Dunt Health Evaluation Services	2008
0803	One step forward - Long-stay rehabilitation	Paradox Pty Ltd	2008
0802	Ninety not out - Analysis of hospital services for Australian Treatment Population nonagenarians 2006-2007	Paradox Pty Ltd	2008
0801	Needs of spouse carers of World War II veterans before and after widowhood	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH)	2008
0722a	Statistical and Predictive Model Development for Client Liaison Unit purposes	Techstrat Research Pty Ltd	2008
0721	Social Isolation within Veteran Community	Grosvenor Management Consulting Pty Ltd	2008
0720	Veterans at risk 2008	Thomson Goodall Associates Pty Ltd	2008
0719	A Drug Burden Index to improve quality use of medicines in Australian War Veterans and Widows aged over 70	University of South Australia	2008

ARP Project Number ¹	Project name	Organisation	Year of Decision ²
0718	Disability and incapacity in the twenty first century. Changing concepts and implications for veterans' administration	WestWood Spice	2008
0717	Military rehabilitation & compensation act (MRCA) & safety, rehabilitation & compensation act (SRCA) beneficiaries population modelling project (Provision of Actuarial Services)	Department of Treasury	2008
0715	Transition experience of medically separated ADF members	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH) & University of Queensland	2008
0712	Mental Health outcomes for DVA VVCS - Policy and practice, 2004-2008	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH)	2008
0710	Promoting the use of Evidence-Based Psychological Treatment of Posttraumatic Mental Health Problems	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH)	2008
0709	Influence of the provision of Rehabilitation Appliance Programme (RAP) and Homefront services on the rate of hospitalisation of veterans and war widow(er)s for fall related inpatient episodes	INSTAT Unit Trust trading as Michael Adena Pty Ltd	2008
0707	Development of a Veteran profile using Household, Income and Labour Dynamics Australia (HILDA) data	University of Melbourne	2008
0706	Investigation of the effects of long term use of minor analgaesics and NSAIDs in DVA clients using linked longitudinal health data	University of New South Wales & University of Newcastle	2008
0705	Your life your needs 2006 Survey: Compilation, printing and distribution of booklet of survey findings	The Neilson Company	2008
0703	Pre-Implementation Survey for Tasmanian Hospitals Electronic Discharge Summary Rollout	University of Tasmania	2008
0702b	Relationship Between ADF Service and Chondromalacia Patellae (CMP)	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH) & University of Queensland	2008
0702a	Review of chondromalacia patellae (knee injury) military claims	Trustee for Odcopro Unit Trust	2008
0701	Funding for article "Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests in Australia 1952-1960, Dosimetry, Mortality and Cancer Incidence Study"	Catalyst Recruitment Systems Limited & Dosimetry Sub-Committee of the Scientific Advisory Committee	2008
0627	An inventory of data held on veteran populations	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)	2007
0626	Mortality and cancer incidence monitoring in the F-111 Deseal/Reseal personnel - Phase 2	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)	2007
0625	Research into the long-term effects on mental health status, health service use	University of Melbourne	2007

ARP Project Number ¹	Project name	Organisation	Year of Decision ²
	and quality of life of peacekeeping or peacemaking deployments among Australian veterans		
0622	The effectiveness of Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for VVCS clients with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH)	2006
0619	Best practice return-to-work for ex-serving members with physical and/or mental health conditions	University of Sydney	2007
0618	Psychosocial Rehabilitation for Veterans	University of Sydney & Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH)	2008 & 2006 ⁵
0617	Intergenerational health outcomes of service in the military	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH)	2006
0616	Levels of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin in Vietnam veterans with diabetes mellitus compared to the Australian population	University of Queensland	2006
0611	Analysis of rate of In Progression to disability pensions of Peacekeeping forces and potential long-term cost-implications	Applied Economics & Australian National University (ANU)	2006
0606	The impact of chronic NSAID use on the health of veterans	Flinders University & University of South Australia	2006
0602	The contribution of a prior history of PTSD to behavioural and psychological symptoms in dementia (BPSD)	University of Sydney	2006
0537	ARC Suicide autopsy	Griffith University	2006
0536	ARC - Service delivery	Australian National University (ANU)	2006
0535	DVA and National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS) Fellowship award 2006: Evidence based practice in the management of osteoporosis in female veterans and war widows	National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS)	2005
0533	Veterans: Real Partners in Health - A trial of implementing evidence-based care and self management for veterans	Flinders University	2005
0532	Evaluation of alternative models of rehabilitation care for DVA clients - A pilot study	University of Wollongong	2005
0523	2006 Veterans' Health Survey	AC Neilson Holdings	2005
0520	Effectiveness of a screening program for early balance problems and targeted exercise interventions among older community ambulant veterans	National Ageing Research Institute (NARI)	2005

⁵ Additional funding endorsed

ARP Project Number ¹	Project name	Organisation	Year of Decision ²
0507	Identification of future directions to assess e-health practices and technologies applicable to the health needs of veterans	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH) & Centre for Online Health	2005
0506	An investigation of remote access to specialist geriatric expertise using e-health strategies	University of Queensland and Mater Hospital	2005
0503	The experiences and needs of female war and peacekeeping veterans: implications for reintegration and rehabilitation into the community	Victoria University	2005
0428	Bettering the Evaluation of and care of health (BEACH) project through GP's - (through morbidity and treatment data from general practices)	University of New South Wales	2004
0419	Investigation of the long term use of minor analgesics (NSAIDS) in DVA clients using linked longitudinal health data: 1998 to 2007 Phase 1& 2 (additional funding)	University of NSW (tender)	2004
0402	Veteran use of Aged Care services, a profile, community comparison and analysis of linkages	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)	2004

QoN 98 - Attachment B – Full List of Applied Research Program Funding Applications – 2004 to November 2012

ARP Project Number ¹	Project Name	Organisation	Status	GST excl. funding Sought	GST excl. funding Endorsed by Commission	Year of Decision ²
				(as per application)		
1206	The treatment of chronic pain in the DVA population: identifying opportunities to improve patient management	University of Tasmania	Still under consideration by ARP Committees	\$22,809	NA	NA
1205	Strategies to increase uptake of therapies for combat induced post-traumatic stress disorder. A systematic review and meta-analysis	University of New England	Still under consideration by ARP Committees	\$41,588	NA	NA
1204	War Widower(er)s in Rural Australia: Maximising Social Connections and Optimising Wellness	Charles Sturt University	Still under consideration by ARP Committees	\$95,662	NA	NA
1203	Knowledge and attitudes toward mental health and help services among partners of veterans	Centre for Emotional Health, Macquarie University & Legacy	Endorsed by Commission	\$73,732	\$73,732 ³	2012
1202	DVA Clients as receivers and providers of care in the community	University of Wollongong	Endorsed by Commission	\$59,520	\$59,520 ⁴	2012
1201	Fourth study of mortality and cancer incidence in aircraft maintenance personnel - A continuing study of F-111 deseal/reseal personnel	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Still under consideration by ARP Committees	\$154,000	\$154,000	2012
1144	US and Aust Joint Research Effort - project 1 Comparative Literature Review	Monash University & University of South Carolina	Endorsed by Commission	\$173,700	\$173,700	2011
1143	ANU Australian Research Council (ARC) linkages application -	Australian National University	Endorsed by Commission	\$400,000	\$400,000 ⁵	2012

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³ Researcher not yet notified – affected by Government ‘pause’ on research funding

⁴ Researcher not yet notified – affected by Government ‘pause’ on research funding

⁵ Researcher not yet notified – affected by Government ‘pause’ on research funding

ARP Project Number ¹	Project Name	Organisation	Status	GST excl. funding Sought (as per application)	GST excl. funding Endorsed by Commission	Year of Decision ²
	Indigenous veterans' contribution project					
1142	Investigating the most effective methods for engaging Australia's veteran and defence force communities, service providers and other stakeholders with DVA Online Services	Queensland University of Technology	Not Endorsed	\$349,012	\$0	2011
1141	Medication use for cardiovascular or mental health disorders and use of health services during extreme heat events – improving evidence-based health services for veterans to better adapt to extreme heat	University of Adelaide	Not Endorsed	\$0 ⁶	\$0	2011
1140	Problem gambling and co-morbidities in Australian DVA Veterans	Monash University	Not Endorsed	\$193,514	\$0 ⁷	2012
1139	Evidence-based treatment of substance misuse in Veterans – a literature review ⁷	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Not Endorsed	\$30,005	\$0	2012
1138	Veterans of the Cambodia and Somalia peacekeeping deployments – determining health and compensation outcomes ⁷	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Withdrawn by researcher	\$144,074	\$0 ⁸	NA
1137	Effect of a group-based exercise and sexuality education program on the quality of life of veteran prostate cancer survivors	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Not Endorsed	\$305,907	\$0	2012
1136	Preferences for Online Self-Help and Self-Guided Mental Health Programs amongst DVA Clients	Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation	Not Endorsed	\$123,980	\$0	2012

⁶ No funds requested – researcher seeking access to DVA data

⁷ Researcher not yet notified – affected by Government 'pause' on research funding

⁸ To be resubmitted after ARP1038 has been completed

ARP Project Number ¹	Project Name	Organisation	Status	GST excl. funding Sought (as per application)	GST excl. funding Endorsed by Commission	Year of Decision ²
		Medicine				
1135	Mothers in the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO): The health impacts of maternal deployment to an area of operations	University of Adelaide	Still under consideration by ARP Committees	\$162,122	NA	NA
1134	Promoting the use of evidence-based mental health treatments for Veterans: A review of the literature	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Not Endorsed	\$41,500	\$0	2011
1133	A pilot study of the effectiveness of an on-line self-help mental health and wellbeing program (The Wellbeing Toolbox) for veterans and other ex-service personnel and their families aged 25-45 years	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$164,300	\$164,300 ⁹	2012
1132	Gender differences in mental health among military personnel and veterans : A Review of the Literature	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$49,920	NA	2011
1131	Meta-analysis of gender differences in posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment outcomes	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$97,240	\$97,240	2011
1128	PhD Scholarship in veteran health research PhD scholarship in veteran health research	Monash University	Not Endorsed	\$99,000	\$0	2011
1127	Depression in Australian Gulf War Veterans: identification of key depressive symptoms and their co-morbidity with physical and psychological illness	Monash University & Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Endorsed by Commission	\$152,607	\$152,607	2011
1126	The relationship between veterans' perceptions of social support and the reconciliation of traumatic war	National Ageing Research Institute	Withdrawn by researcher	\$110,491	\$0	NA

⁹ Researcher not yet notified – affected by Government 'pause' on research funding

ARP Project Number ¹	Project Name	Organisation	Status	GST excl. funding Sought (as per application)	GST excl. funding Endorsed by Commission	Year of Decision ²
	memories - see previous					
1125	Investigation of tele-health strategies for improving the recognition and management of depressive disorders in older veterans	Centre for Geriatric Medicine, Centre for Military and Veterans' Health & RSL	Not Endorsed	\$92,400	\$0	2011
1124	Development of an assessment tool for clinicians' use that identifies problematic dynamics in intimate relationships of veterans with PTSD and their partners	La Trobe University	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$152,532	\$0	NA
1123	Veterans and Compensation Seeking for Psychiatric Conditions	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$498,400	\$0	NA
1122	Systematic review of psychological disorder, multi-symptom disorder and chronic fatigue syndrome in veterans of deployment to the Gulf War, Iraq War and Afghanistan	Monash University	Endorsed by Commission	\$138,702	\$138,702	2011
1121	Developing a health needs assessment to promote coordinated care of older veterans by primary health care teams	Flinders University	Endorsed by Commission	\$297,269	\$297,269	2012
1120	Social Policy Research into the service needs of younger clients	Westwood Spice	Endorsed by Commission	\$77,000	\$77,000	2011
1119	Assessment and comparison of cognitive improvements in Veterans with compromised working memory after neuromodulation training	Solstice – Mind Matters	Not Endorsed	\$322,900	\$0	2011
1118	A profile of Australian Veterans using Community Care Services	National Ageing Research Institute	Not Endorsed	\$105,324	\$0	2011

ARP Project Number ¹	Project Name	Organisation	Status	GST excl. funding Sought (as per application)	GST excl. funding Endorsed by Commission	Year of Decision ²
1117	Department of Veterans' Affairs Pilot of e-Health and Tele-woundcare Systems to Improve the Management of Complex and/or Chronic Wound Care to Veterans	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health & La Trobe University	Withdrawn by researcher	\$101,940	\$0	2012
1116	The Flinders Program for Improved Health and Wellness in OSA "OSA Plus"	Flinders University	Not Endorsed	\$386,951	\$0	2011
1110	Provision for a High Definition Interactive Video Facility to Support Health Information and Healthcare Services for Veterans in the Home	Southern Cross University, Repatriation General Hospital and Adelaide Institute for Sleep Health	Not Endorsed	\$88,320	\$0	2011
1109	Sleep and falls in older Veterans: feasibility, safety and validity of home sleep studies (Resubmit)	National Ageing Research Institute	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$221,109	\$0 ¹⁰	NA
1107	Younger Veterans' Transitions to Civilian Occupations: The Role of Further Education	Flinders University - National Institute of Labor Studies & Austin Hospital	Endorsed by Commission	\$88,000	\$88,000	2011
1106	Comparison of DVA Clients', ADF Members' and the General Population's Responses to the 2007 National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health & University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research	Endorsed by Commission	\$50,343	\$50,343	2011
1105	Sleep and Falls in Older Veterans: Prevalence of Subjective Sleep Difficulties in Community-Dwelling	National Ageing Research Institute & Austin Hospital	Endorsed by Commission	\$38,030	\$38,030	2011

¹⁰ To be resubmitted after ARP1105 is completed

ARP Project Number ¹	Project Name	Organisation	Status	GST excl. funding Sought (as per application)	GST excl. funding Endorsed by Commission	Year of Decision ²
	Older Fallers					
1104	Do Balance Enhancing Insoles Reduce Risk of Fall?	Flinders University	Not Endorsed	\$253,040	\$0	2011
1103	Use of Intermittent Calf Compression Device (ICCD) in Patients with Venous Insufficiency or Chronic Venous Disease (CVD) to Reduce Venous Hypertension Symptoms and Prevention of Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT)	Southern Sydney Haematology Clinic & IPCCC	Not Endorsed	\$105,000	\$0	2011
1102	Examining the effectiveness of the implementation of Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) across the VVCS service system: The next steps in implementation research	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health & Flinders University	Endorsed by Commission	\$262,550	\$262,550	2011
1101	Update and Effectiveness of Web Based Training for VVCS Outreach Counsellors in an Evidence Based Treatment for PTSD	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health & Flinders University	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$228,000	\$0	NA
1041	Best Practice in Aged Care Facilities	RSL LifeCare	Not Endorsed	\$70,585	\$0	2010
1040	Creating Better Outcomes for Australian Combat Veterans: Fostering Improved Mental Health and Resilience of Family Members Better Outcomes – Mental Health and Resilience	University of New England	Not Endorsed	\$260,856	\$0	2011
1039	Dementia in Aged Care Facilities	University of Melbourne	Not Endorsed	\$221,682	\$0	2011
1038	Veterans of the Rwanda deployment 1994/95: Understanding outcomes 15 years on	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$169,281	\$169,281	2011
1037	Health and Lifestyle Risk Factors Profile of NSW DVA Cardholders	The Sax Institute	Endorsed by Commission	\$74,415	\$74,415	2011

ARP Project Number ¹	Project Name	Organisation	Status	GST excl. funding Sought (as per application)	GST excl. funding Endorsed by Commission	Year of Decision ²
	Using 45 and Up Study					
1036	Young Military Families	University of Western Sydney	Not Endorsed	\$551,388	\$0	2011
1035	Knowledge and Attitudes Towards Health and Help Services Among Partners of Veterans	Macquarie University	Not Endorsed	\$73,732	\$0	2011
1034	Reservists – Pilot Study	Australian National University	Endorsed by Commission	\$85,000 \$41,750 ¹¹	\$124,750 ¹²	2011 2012 ¹³
1032	Physical Activity and Nutritional Intervention	Curtin University	Not Endorsed	\$190,500	\$0	2011
1031	Efficacy of Off-the-Shelf Footwear in reducing foot pain in DVA recipients not eligible for medical grade footwear: a randomised control trial	La Trobe University	Endorsed by Commission	\$155,122	\$155,122	2011
1030	Health Promotion	Monash University	Not Endorsed	\$108,387	\$0	2011
1029	Screening for Functional Decline Pt 2	University of South Australia	Not Endorsed	\$18,100	\$0	2011
1028	Guarding the home front: increasing the resilience of partners' of combat veterans	University of New England	Not Endorsed	\$39,368	\$0	2011
1027	Etanercept for the treatment of Alzheimers Disease	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	Not Endorsed	\$102,000	\$0	2011
1026	Review of DVA data integrity	Finite Recruitment Pty Ltd	Endorsed by Commission	\$35,200	\$35,200 ¹⁴	2010
1025	Allostatic Load and Physiological and Psychological Health Outcomes: a Literature Review	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$25,959	\$25,959	2010

¹¹ Second application to extend project due to increase in sample

¹² Includes additional Funding of \$41,750 endorsed by Commission – researcher not yet notified

¹³ Second application to extend project due to increase in sample

¹⁴ Contracted for \$28,880 – reduction due to change in research protocol

ARP Project Number ¹	Project Name	Organisation	Status	GST excl. funding Sought (as per application)	GST excl. funding Endorsed by Commission	Year of Decision ²
1024	The Aging Veteran Population: Eye Movements in Normal Ageing and Dementia	Canberra Hospital	Not Endorsed	\$411,000	\$0	2010
1023	A Literature Review of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury in the Context of the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO) Operational Area	University of Adelaide	Endorsed by Commission	\$77,995	\$77,995	2010
1022	Veterans' Use of Social Media and E-Channels to Engage with DVA	UXC	Not Endorsed	\$431,440	\$0	2010
1021	Bettering the Evaluation and Care of Health (BEACH) Program	University of Sydney	Endorsed by Commission	\$140,000	\$140,000	2010
1020	Analysis and review of compensation data (additional proposal - out of session)	Oakton Services Pty Ltd	Endorsed by Commission	\$69,750	\$69,750	2010
1019	Research Consultant	Southern Cross Computing	Endorsed by Commission	\$50,000	\$50,000 ¹⁵	2010
1018	Wellness matters - bringing about negotiated behavioural change in younger veterans	University of South Australia	Not Endorsed	\$214,855	\$0	2010
1017	Exploring Gaps in the availability and accessibility of support services to war widows	La Trobe University	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$138,800	\$0	2010
1016	Life after war: the lives and deaths of Australian Imperial Forces (1st) 1919-1970	University of Melbourne	Endorsed by Commission	\$169,872	\$169,872 ¹⁶	2010
1015	Smitten Hips: data linkage analysis of fractured neck of femur in Australian treatment population, 2008-09	Paradox Pty Ltd	Not Endorsed	\$37,114	\$0	2011

¹⁵ Contracted for \$49,290

¹⁶ Subject to Australian Research Council (ARC) Grant – unsuccessful for ARC grant

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1014	The relationship between veterans' perceptions of social support and the reconciliation of traumatic war memories	National Ageing Research Institute	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$110,491	\$0	2010
1013	Mobility Assessment in the Primary Care Setting with General Medical Practitioners: Who are the DVA veterans/War widows most "at risk" of physical decline	La Trobe University	Not Endorsed	\$1,197,000	\$0	2010
1012	Shining a light on veteran health: A double blind randomised control trial of Vitamin D supplementation in veterans with PTSD, depression and chronic pain	University of South Australia	Not Endorsed	\$262,882	\$0	2010
1011	Flinders Program of Chronic Care Self-Management General Practice Embedding Project	GP Network South	Not Endorsed	\$1,272,378	\$0	2010
1010	The long term outcomes of VVCS centre-based counselling	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$244,281	\$244,281 ¹⁷	2010
1009	REAPP (Randomised control trial of effectiveness of Exercise Augmentation in patients with PTSD)	St John of God Healthcare	Not Endorsed	\$37,348	\$0	2010
1008	A study of the mortality of the 32nd Battalion, First Imperial Force	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Withdrawn by researcher	\$35,352	\$0	NA
1007	Drug and Alcohol	Turning Point Alcohol And Drug Centre	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$148,944	\$0	2010

¹⁷ \$237,381 contracted due to change in research protocol

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1006	Incidence of sleep disturbance in recent service veterans	Queensland University of Technology	Not Endorsed	\$662,816	\$0	2010
1005	Systematic Evaluative Review of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Mental Health Group Treatment Programs, funded by DVA	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$100,000 \$45,000 ¹⁸	\$100,000 \$45,000	2010 2011
1004	Review of Operation Life workshops for the veteran community	Griffith University	Endorsed by Commission	\$100,000	100,000 ¹⁹	2010
1003	Lower Limb Orthopaedic Surgery	University of Tasmania	Not Endorsed	\$38,079	\$0	2010
1002	Drug interactions	University of New South Wales	Not Endorsed	\$50,000	\$0	2010
1001	Financial Stress and hardship amongst DVA pensioners	University of Wollongong	Endorsed by Commission	\$57,050	\$57,050	2010
0932	The relationship between PTSD and dementia	Bond University, Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Association & University of Adelaide	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$71,856	\$0	NA
0931	Behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia in veterans: Exploring the influence of posttraumatic stress disorder and war time experience	University of Melbourne	Endorsed by Commission	\$89,525	\$89,525	2009
0930	The effectiveness of VVCS Heart Health Program in improving veteran health	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$221,840	\$221,840 ²⁰	2009
0929	Best Practice approach to assess	University of South	Endorsed by	\$105,780 ²¹	\$23,404 ²²	2009

¹⁸ Commission endorsed tender for up to \$100,000. Successful tender was for \$45,000 therefore Commission endorsed additional funds. Additional funds of \$8,471 paid through Delegated Funding, as endorsed by Commission.

¹⁹ Commission endorsed tender for up to \$100,000. Contracted for \$98,259

²⁰ Contracted for \$221,547 due to change in research protocol

²¹ Phase one only approved

²² As above

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	potential functional decline among older veterans	Australia	Commission			
0928	Indigenous Reserves of Strength; a Pilot Study of Regional Force Surveillance Units Ex-Service Personnel (NORFORCE)	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Still under consideration by ARP Committees	\$204,904	NA	NA
0927	An analysis of the long-term costs of disability arising from the Vietnam war	Applied Economics Pty Ltd	Endorsed by Commission	\$97,445	\$97,445	2009
0926	Preventing falls with exercise: Costs and benefits of widespread implementation	George Institute for International Health	Not Endorsed	\$203,283	\$0	2009
0925	Development of data linkage key for Study of Health Outcomes in Aircraft Maintenance Personnel data set and blood samples (F-111 Deseal/Reseal personnel)	University of Newcastle	Endorsed by Commission	\$13,000	\$13,000 ²³	2009
0924	Physical health, mental health and health risk factors amongst Australian Veterans and War Widows compared to the general population	Barwon Health	Not Endorsed	\$597,413	\$0	2009
0923	Two-year prospective follow-up study of mental health and well-being among new Australian veterans	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$794,800	\$0	NA
0922	Vietnam Veterans Family Study phone contact with control group invitees	UniQuest Pty Ltd	Endorsed by Commission	NA ²⁴	\$73,000	2009
0921	The 45 and Up Study (first release of baseline data - DVA cardholders)	The Sax Institute	Endorsed by Commission	NA ²⁵	\$5,000	2009
0920	Perceived Stigma for veterans with dementia	Queensland University of Technology	Endorsed by Commission	Figure not given in application ²⁶	\$482,848	2009

²³ Contracted for \$13,387.50 due to change of research protocol

²⁴ Project initiated by DVA to meet research need

²⁵ Project initiated by DVA to meet research need

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0919	Caregiver strategies for wandering in veterans with dementia	Queensland University of Technology & Curtin University	Not Endorsed	\$139,359	\$0	2009
0918	Vets Link: A Collaborative Community Wellness Program for Older Veterans	Flinders University, Adelaide and the Repatriation General Hospital, Daw Park, South Australia	Not Endorsed	\$373,334	\$0	2009
0917	Provision of Research Assistant - Destruction of requested Australian Gulf War Veterans' Health Study blood serum samples	Monash University	Endorsed by Commission	\$8,650	\$8,650	2009
0916	Depression and nutritional status in older Australian veterans and war widows	Deakin University	Not Endorsed	\$615,714	\$0	2009
0915	Literature review of Indigenous soldiers' contributions to the nation - in all conflicts and peacekeeping involvements since the Boer War	Australian National University	Endorsed by Commission	\$149,418	\$149,418 ²⁷	2009
0914	Contemporary factors influencing healthy and productive ageing for women in late middle age in the DVA context	University of Queensland	Endorsed by Commission	\$36,998	\$36,998	2009
0913	Sleeping and falling in older people: A pilot study	National Ageing Research Institute	Endorsed by Commission	\$60,775	\$60,775	2009
0912	An evaluation of music therapy as a treatment for chronic post-traumatic stress disorder in older war veterans.	National Ageing Research Institute	Not Endorsed	\$197,066	\$0	2009

²⁶ Application did not include dollar amount or range – discussed with researcher after submission

²⁷ Contracted for \$150,000

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0911	Balance impairment in older people with recently diagnosed Alzheimer's disease: Magnitude of the problem and evaluation of exercise to improve balance and reduce risk of later falls.	La Trobe University and National Ageing Research Institute	Not Endorsed	\$426,688	\$0	2009
0910	The health and service needs of older veterans: a longitudinal analysis (MELSHA)	Monash University	Endorsed by Commission	Figure not given on application ²⁸	\$223,396	2009
0909	Assessment of differences in Mortality Rates using the Veteran's MATES Data	St Vincent's Medical School, University of NSW & Solvay Pharmaceuticals Australia	Not Endorsed	\$12,000	\$0	2009
0908	A pragmatic trial of the implementation of a balance screening and home exercise program through existing community health services	National Ageing Research Institute	Endorsed by Commission	\$144,983	\$144,983	2009
0907	Sequalae of Psychiatric conditions and multi-symptoms illness, follow-up of mortality and cancer incidence, and analysis of serum samples for paraoxonase in the Gulf War Veteran cohort	Monash University	Endorsed by Commission	\$1,319,991	\$1,319,991	2009
0906	An evaluation of the impact of health service use on health outcomes for veterans through effective use of DVA data.	University of Queensland	Not Endorsed	\$12,000	\$0	2009
0905	The current status of management of Australian veterans taking warfarin	University of Tasmania	Endorsed by Commission	\$31,780	\$31,780	2009

²⁸ Application did not include dollar amount -

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0904	The long term causal effect of Vietnam War Era Conscription on the economic and social outcomes of Australian conscripts	University of Wollongong & ARC	Endorsed by Commission	\$51,953	\$51,953 ²⁹	2009
0903	The wellbeing of female Vietnam and contemporary veterans: An ethnography of military health personnel	Australian National University	Endorsed by Commission	\$300,489	\$300,489	2009
0902	A temporal analysis of the healthy soldier effect	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Endorsed by Commission	Figure not given on application	\$47,406	2009
0901	Improving health for people with compensable injuries	University of Sydney	Not Endorsed	\$500,000	\$500,000 ³⁰	2009
0808	Independent study to examine the issue of suicide in the ex-service community	Dunt Health Evaluation Services	Australian Government Election commitment ³¹	Daily rate (\$3,450)	NA ³²	2008
0807	Best Practice in provision of care to older members of the veteran community – a guide for service providers.	Australian Catholic University	Not Endorsed	\$100,600	\$0	2008
0806	Benchmarking medication outcomes for veterans in aged care homes	University of Queensland & University of South Australia	Not Endorsed	\$198,900	\$0	2008
0805	Conventional and Complementary Alternative Medicine-related care needs of veterans at risk and/or with chronic illness	Quality Medication Care Pty Ltd, University of Queensland, University of South Australia & Australian National University	Not Endorsed	\$197,800	\$0	2008

²⁹ Contracted for \$50,453 due to changes to research protocol

³⁰ Subject to National Health and Medical Research Council grant

³¹ This application was unique in its establishment as it was an Australian Government election commitment supported by DVA ARP funding

³² Contracted for \$109,875

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0804	Identifying key elements to support inter-professional collaboration in program implementation for the Dose Administration Aid Service.	Quality Medication Care Pty Ltd, University of Queensland & University of South Australia	Not Endorsed	\$197,300	\$0	2008
0803	One step forward - Long-stay rehabilitation	Paradox Pty Ltd	Endorsed by Commission	\$39,480	\$39,480	2008
0802	Ninety not out - Analysis of hospital services for Australian Treatment Population nonagenarians 2006-2007	Paradox Pty Ltd	Endorsed by Commission	\$43,680	\$43,680	2008
0801	Needs of spouse carers of World War II veterans before and after widowhood	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$218,024	\$218,024	2008
0722b	[*This is the second submission for CLU Predictive Model Development for Vulnerable Clients – Phase 1 & 2 were Phase 1: Development of data set and data collection; Phase 2: Statistical Analysis]	Techstrat Research Pty Ltd	Not Endorsed	\$64,800	\$0	2008
0722a	Statistical and Predictive Model Development for Client Liaison Unit purposes	Techstrat Research Pty Ltd	Endorsed by Commission	\$40,000	\$40,000 ³³	2008
0721	Social Isolation within Veteran Community	Grosvenor Management Consulting Pty Ltd	Endorsed by Commission	\$200,000	\$200,000 ³⁴	2008
0720	Veterans at risk 2008	Thomson Goodall Associates Pty Ltd	Endorsed by Commission	\$250,000	\$250,000 ³⁵	2008

³³ Contracted for \$36,364

³⁴ Tender approved for \$200,000 - Contracted for \$180,388

³⁵ Contracted for \$212,845

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0719	A Drug Burden Index to improve quality use of medicines in Australian War Veterans and Widows aged over 70	University of South Australia	Endorsed by Commission	\$17,800	\$17,800	2008
0718	Disability and incapacity in the twenty first century. Changing concepts and implications for veterans' administration	WestWood Spice	Endorsed by Commission	\$131,000	\$131,000	2008
0717	Military rehabilitation & compensation act (MRCA) & safety, rehabilitation & compensation act (SRCA) beneficiaries population modelling project (Provision of Actuarial Services)	Department of Treasury	Endorsed by Commission	\$50,000 to \$100,000	\$75,000	2008
0715	Transition experience of medically separated ADF members	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health & University of Queensland	Endorsed by Commission	\$88,917	\$88,917	2008
0714	Service management and development for VVCS long term Chronic veteran clients	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Not Endorsed	\$64,730	\$0	2008
0713	Review of call record data October 2006- March 2008 collected from clients of Veteran line	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Not Endorsed	\$22,800	\$0	2008
0712	Mental Health outcomes for DVA VVCS - Policy and practice, 2004-2008	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$32,180	\$32,180	2008
0711	Review of VVCS Heart Health program quantitative data from June 2003 until December 2007	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Not Endorsed	\$41,260	\$0	2008
0710	Promoting the use of Evidence-Based Psychological Treatment of Posttraumatic Mental Health Problems	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$69,775	\$69,775	2008

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0709	Influence of the provision of Rehabilitation Appliance Programme (RAP) and Homefront services on the rate of hospitalisation of veterans and war widow(er)s for fall related inpatient episodes	INSTAT Unit Trust trading as Michael Adena Pty Ltd	Endorsed by Commission	\$50,000	\$50,000	2008
0708	Assessment of DVA clients at Risk of Falls	Flinders University & Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Not Endorsed	\$75,000 to \$100,000	\$0	2008
0707	Development of a Veteran profile using Household, Income and Labour Dynamics Australia (HILDA) data	University of Melbourne	Endorsed by Commission	\$66,000	\$66,000 ³⁶	2008
0706	Investigation of the effects of long term use of minor analgaesics and NSAIDs in DVA clients using linked longitudinal health data	University of New South Wales & University of Newcastle	Endorsed by Commission	\$30,812	\$30,812	2008
0705	Your life your needs 2006 Survey: Compilation, printing and distribution of booklet of survey findings	The Neilson Company	Endorsed by Commission	\$27,425	\$27,425	2008
0704	Research into Current E-health Practices and Technologies Applicable to the Health Needs of the DVA Veteran Treatment Population.	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH)	Not Endorsed	\$125,000	\$0	2008
0703	Pre-Implementation Survey for Tasmanian Hospitals Electronic Discharge Summary Rollout	University of Tasmania	Endorsed by Commission	\$15,500	\$15,500	2008
0702b	Relationship Between ADF Service and Chondromalacia Patellae (CMP)	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH) & University of Queensland	Endorsed by Commission	\$29,587	\$29,587	2008

³⁶ Contracted for \$50,000 due to change in research protocol

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0702a	Review of chondromalacia patellae (knee injury) military claims	Trustee for Odcopro Unit Trust	Endorsed by Commission	\$154,500	\$154,500 ³⁷	2008
0701	Funding for article "Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests in Australia 1952-1960, Dosimetry, Mortality and Cancer Incidence Study"	Catalyst Recruitment Systems Limited & Dosimetry Sub-Committee of the Scientific Advisory Committee	Endorsed by Commission	NA ³⁸	\$23,406	2008
0627	An inventory of data held on veteran populations	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Endorsed by Commission	\$40,040	\$40,040	2007
0626	Mortality and cancer incidence monitoring in the F-111 Deseal/Reseal personnel - Phase 2	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Endorsed by Commission	\$24,895	\$24,895	2007
0625	Research into the long-term effects on mental health status, health service use and quality of life of peacekeeping or peacemaking deployments among Australian veterans	University of Melbourne	Endorsed by Commission	\$549,285	\$549,285	2007
0624	Validity of EEG guided neuro-feedback as a cost effective means of preventing and treating alcohol dependence in the war veteran population	St John of God Hospital, Northern Richmond, NSW	Not Endorsed	Not provided	\$0	2007
0623	Psychosocial functioning of partners of Australian veterans with operational service	University of New England	Not Endorsed	\$123,000	\$0	2007

³⁷ Contracted for \$189,140 due to change in research protocol

³⁸ Project involved publication of article regarding previous research – application initiated by DVA

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0622	The effectiveness of Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for VVCS clients with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$354,700	\$354,700	2006
0621	oral health impact profile of the Australian veteran community	University of Queensland and University of Adelaide	Not Endorsed	\$38,900	\$0	2006
0620	Home telemonitoring of Australian veterans with heart failure (AUS e-heart): a randomised controlled trial of its feasibility, clinical and cost-effectiveness	University of Queensland	Not Endorsed	\$338,250	\$0	2006
0619	Best practice return-to-work for ex-serving members with physical and/or mental health conditions	University of Sydney	Endorsed by Commission	\$198,526	\$198,526	2007
0618	Psychosocial Rehabilitation for Veterans	University of Sydney & Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$91,980 \$6,175	\$97,355 ³⁹	2008 2006
0617	Intergenerational health outcomes of service in the military	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH)	Endorsed by Commission	\$360,000	\$360,000	2006
0616	Levels of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin in Vietnam veterans with diabetes mellitus compared to the Australian population	University of Queensland	Endorsed by Commission	\$23,815	\$23,815	2006

³⁹Contracted for \$126,810 – increase due to change in research protocol

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0615	Psychological health in Vietnam era veterans - A twin study	Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Monash University – Central and Eastern Clinical School Alfred Hospital,	Not Endorsed	\$445,538	\$0	2006
0614	Home telecare for managing heart failure in veterans	Canberra Hospital and University of New South Wales	Not Endorsed	\$294,680	\$0	2006
0612	The relationship between dementia and PTSD	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Not Endorsed	\$52,352	\$0	2006
0611	Analysis of rate of In Progression to disability pensions of Peacekeeping forces and potential long-term cost-implications	Applied Economics & Australian National University	Endorsed by Commission	\$95,728	\$95,728	2009 ⁴⁰ 2006
0610	Telephone coaching by a peer to address chronic disease risk factors and social isolation amongst veterans	Deakin University & Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Not Endorsed	\$203,650	\$0	2006
0609	Analysis of medication exposures and clinical outcomes in older Australian men and women using the DVA database with special application to detection and prevention of clinically significant adverse drug reactions and interactions	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	Not Endorsed	\$255,624	\$0	2006

⁴⁰ Additional funds endorsed

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0608	End-of-life health care: Clinical and demographic determinants of high and low cost. Analysis of data for approximately 7000 consecutive deaths of veterans and war-widows in New South Wales	Paradox Pty Ltd	Not Endorsed	\$22,504	\$0	2006
0607	Training community pharmacists to screen for posttraumatic stress disorder and to provide appropriate initial help and guidance to veterans in need	University of Sydney	Not Endorsed	\$210,950	\$0	2006
0606	The impact of chronic NSAID use on the health of veterans	Flinders University & University of South Australia	Endorsed by Commission	\$62,350	\$62,350	2006
0604	An evaluation of music therapy used to improve cognitive status, functional status and quality of life in older veterans and war widows living in high and low care residential facilities	National Ageing Research Institute (NARI) and Monash University	Not Endorsed	\$179,925	\$0	2006
0603	Evaluation of the HomeFront Program: Does it help to reduce falls and fall risk factors and are services provided in line with the best available falls evidence	National Ageing Research Institute (NARI)	Not Endorsed	\$124,481	\$0	2006
0602	The contribution of a prior history of PTSD to behavioural and psychological symptoms in dementia (BPSD)	University of Sydney	Endorsed by Commission	\$72,000	\$72,000	2006
0601	Prescription medicine samples and therapy initiation - developing a best practice system with community pharmacists in Australia	University of Queensland	Not Endorsed	\$31,300	\$0	2006
0537	ARC Suicide autopsy	Griffith University	Endorsed by Commission	\$30,000	\$30,000	2006

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0536	ARC - Service delivery	Australian National University	Endorsed by Commission	\$30,000	\$30,000	2006
0535	DVA and National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS) Fellowship award 2006: Evidence based practice in the management of osteoporosis in female veterans and war widows	National Institute of Clinical Studies	Endorsed by Commission	\$120,000	\$120,000	2005
0534	Home telecare for managing heart failure in veterans	Australian National University & University of New South Wales	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$305,350	\$0	NA or 2005
0533	Veterans: Real Partners in Health - A trial of implementing evidence-based care and self management for veterans	Flinders University	Endorsed by Commission	\$694,552	\$694,552	2005
0532	Evaluation of alternative models of rehabilitation care for DVA clients - A pilot study	University of Wollongong	Endorsed by Commission	\$132,844	\$132,844	2005
0531	Chronic heart failure assistance by telephone (CHAT) study	Monash University, National Heart Foundations National Call Centre – Heartline & John Hopkins University	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$151,796	\$0	2005
0530	Follow up of mortality and cancer incidence in the Gulf War Veterans' Health study cohort	Monash University	Endorsed by Commission	\$56,134	\$56,134	2005
0529	Prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder and effects of deployment status: a systematic review and meta-analysis of Australian military veterans	Medical University of South Carolina	Endorsed by Commission	\$9,000	\$9,000	2005
0528	Interrelationships between psychological and physical health in veterans of the 1991 Gulf War	Monash University	Not Endorsed	\$50,824	\$0	2005

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0527	Establishing an Australian veteran twin registry	University of Melbourne and Monash University	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$76,456	\$0	NA or 2005
0526	Phase two clinical trials of treating depression with IV Ketamine	Gold Coast Hospital and Gold Coast Institute of Mental Health	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$50,000	\$0	2005
0525	Australian Peacekeepers: the long-term effects on mental health status, health service use and quality of life	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, Monash University and Centre for Military and Veteran Health (Adelaide)	Endorsed by Commission	\$337,900	\$337,900	2005
0524	Children of Vietnam Veterans' Health Study feasibility study	Consultative Forum & Scientific Advisory Committee	Endorsed by Commission	\$25,000	\$25,000	2005
0523	2006 Veterans' Health Survey	AC Neilson Holdings	Endorsed by Commission	\$510,000	\$510,000	2005
0522	Evaluating the effectiveness of a chronic conditions self-management model of community nursing	St Lukes Nursing Service and University of Queensland	Not Endorsed	\$63,053	\$0	2006
0521	Clinical and demographical determinants of end-of-life health care services and costs	Paradox Pty Ltd	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$22,504	\$0	2005
0520	Effectiveness of a screening program for early balance problems and targeted exercise interventions among older community ambulant veterans	National Ageing Research Institute	Endorsed by Commission	\$249,570	\$249,570	2005

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0519	Evaluation of Day Clubs Program and the Carer and Volunteer Support Program	Tender	Not Endorsed	\$35,000	\$0	2005
0518	The Development of a best practice mental health clinical pathway for community nursing of veterans and war widow(er)s	La Trobe University	Endorsed by Commission	\$124,783	\$124,783	2005
0517	End of Life Care: a study of the palliative care needs of veterans to improve their dying (Phase 2)	Monash University	Endorsed by Commission	\$100,002	\$100,002	2005
0516	Detecting adverse drug reactions by RPBS proxy and determining downstream impacts of new medicines on RPBS costs	CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences	Resubmit requested by DVA – no further submission by researcher to date	\$87,500	\$0	NA or 2005
0515	Improving rehabilitation outcomes for veterans with hearing impairment	Tender	Not Endorsed	\$125,349	\$0	2005
0514	Australian Peacekeepers: the long-term effects on mental health status and quality of life	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health and Monash University	Withdrawn by researcher	\$159,614	\$0	NA or 2005
0513	Interrelationships between psychological and physical health in veterans of the 1991 Gulf War	Monash University & Alfred Hospital	Not Endorsed	\$49,581	\$0	2005
0512	Mortality and cancer incidence among the Gulf War Veterans' Health Study cohort - 12 year follow up – withdrawn	Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Monash University – Central and Eastern Clinical School Alfred Hospital	Withdrawn by researcher	\$47,754	\$0	NA or 2005

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0511	Veteran use of Aged Care services, a profile, community comparison and analysis of linkages – extension of 0402	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Endorsed	\$264,200	\$264,200	2005
0510	Developing a statistical profile of DVA clients with mental health conditions; identification of current and future mental health needs	Tender	Endorsed by Commission	\$150,000	\$150,000	2005
0509	Chemical Hazard Assessment Laboratory	Chemical Hazard Assessment Laboratory Sydney University	Withdrawn by researcher	\$83,000	\$0	NA or 2005
0508	A study of Vietnam veterans - social isolation and social participation as a predictor of health status	University of New South Wales	Not Endorsed	\$24,000	\$0	2005
0507	Identification of future directions to assess e-health practices and technologies applicable to the health needs of veterans	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health & Centre for Online Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$98,400	\$98,400	2005
0506	An investigation of remote access to specialist geriatric expertise using e-health strategies	University of Queensland and Mater Hospital	Endorsed by Commission	\$101,490	\$101,490	2005
0505	Profile of VVCS veteran clients (including peacekeepers and peacemakers) under the age of 50 years to ascertain key psychological presenting issues, risk factors and co-morbidity factors.	Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health	Not Endorsed	\$30,000	\$0	2005
0504	Mental Health Needs Analysis of Projected Client Population (VVCS Victoria)	Tender	Not Endorsed	\$100,000	\$0	2005

ARP Project Number ¹	Project Name	Organisation	Status	GST excl. funding Sought (as per application)	GST excl. funding Endorsed by Commission	Year of Decision ²
0503	The experiences and needs of female war and peacekeeping veterans: implications for reintegration and rehabilitation into the community	Victoria University	Endorsed by Commission	\$128,412	\$128,412	2005
0502	Younger veterans' satisfaction survey	ORIMA Research	Endorsed by Commission	\$37,425	\$37,425	2005
0501	The development of an optimal model of community nursing for older veterans and war widow(s)	La Trobe University.	Not Endorsed	\$458,730	\$0	2005
0428	Bettering the Evaluation of and care of health (BEACH) project through GP's - (through morbidity and treatment data from general practices)	University of New South Wales	Endorsed by Commission	\$120,000	\$120,000	2004
0427	Antipsychotic medication dispensable and mortality rates in older veterans, 2003-04	University of Sydney	Endorsed by Commission	\$20,000	\$20,000	2004
0426	Survey of Queensland veterans with cardio-vascular conditions to identify potential benefits of the application of e-health to deliver health services	Centre for Military & Veterans' Health	Not Endorsed	\$51,818	\$0	2004
0425	Health and social consequences of ageing for women over 75 years receiving DVA benefits	Centre for Military and Veterans' Health	Not Endorsed	\$570,000	\$0	2004
0424	F1-11 Deseal / Reseal health effects follow up Phases One and Two	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, ChemHazAss, University of Sydney and University of Queensland	Endorsed by Commission	\$175,000	\$215,000 ⁴¹	2004
0423	Children of Vietnam Veterans' Health Study feasibility study	Tender	Endorsed by Commission	\$50,000	\$50,000	2004

⁴¹ Increase due to change to research protocol2004

ARP Project Number ¹	Project Name	Organisation	Status	GST excl. funding Sought (as per application)	GST excl. funding Endorsed by Commission	Year of Decision ²
0422	Vaccinations and deployment - investigating the risks	Monash University	Endorsed by Commission	\$50,291	\$50,291	2004
0421	Investigation of health outcomes from the Cooking for one or two program in the Hunter region	University of Newcastle	Endorsed by Commission	\$40,834	\$40,834	2004
0420	An investigation into quality of life and health care utilisation among veterans - a study of their interrelationship for Repatriation cardholders	Centre for Military & Veterans' Health	Endorsed by Commission	\$60,000	\$60,000	2005
0419	Investigation of the long term use of minor analgesics (NSAIDS) in DVA clients using linked longitudinal health data: 1998 to 2007 Phase 1& 2 (additional funding)	University of NSW (tender)	Endorsed by Commission	\$50,000	\$50,000 ⁴²	2004
0418	An analysis of Gold Card costs by age group, sex, location, conflict, disability and service pension	Access Economics	Endorsed by Commission	\$60,000	\$60,000	2004
0416	End of Life care: Study the palliative care needs of veterans to improve their dying	Monash University	Endorsed by Commission	\$35,044	\$35,044	2004
0414	Investigations of the synergistic effect of 2,3,7,8 tetachloro dibenzo dioxin and dimethylrsenic acid on carcinogenesis in the mouse	Dr Jack Ng	Not Endorsed	\$185,000	\$0	2004
0413	Evaluation of Chronic Disease Self-Management Courses 2005-2007	University of Melbourne	Endorsed by Commission	\$99,942	\$99,942	2004
0412	Physical activity, exercise and masculine identity: Linking rehabilitation to "what men do" among the ageing male veteran population.	University of South Australia	Not Endorsed	\$19,745	\$0	2004

⁴² Application was for an additional \$50,000 for previously approved research

ARP Project Number ¹	Project Name	Organisation	Status	GST excl. funding Sought (as per application)	GST excl. funding Endorsed by Commission	Year of Decision ²
0410	Australian Gulf War Health Study – Additional Analysis of Data (Phase One)	Monash University	Endorsed by Commission	\$130,000	\$60,000 ⁴³	2004
0409	Korean Veterans' Health Study	Monash University	Endorsed by Commission	\$168,600	\$168,600	2004
0408	Chronic heart failure	Monash University	Not Endorsed	\$100,000	\$0	2004
0407	Third Vietnam Veterans' mortality study and cancer incidence in Vietnam veterans	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Endorsed by Commission	\$142,000	\$142,000	2005
0406	Evaluation of the "Cooking for One or Two" project	University of Newcastle, Centre for Research and Education in Ageing	Not Endorsed	\$24,000	\$0	2005
0404	An analysis of veterans compared to the general community using 2001 ABS National health survey	Covance Pty Ltd	Not Endorsed	\$60,000	\$0	2004
0403	An economic and statistical analysis of the factors that influence health costs are utilisation and costs using the 2003 survey of veterans, war widows and their carers	Covance Pty Ltd	Not Endorsed	\$60,000	\$0	2004
0402	Veteran use of Aged Care services, a profile, community comparison and analysis of linkages	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Endorsed by Commission	\$1,015,000	\$164,162 ⁴⁴	2004
0401	Disentangling the factors influencing changes in health expenditure of veterans using linked administrative data	Australian National University (ANU)	Endorsed by Commission	\$60,000	\$60,000	2004

⁴³ Commission only endorsed Phase One

⁴⁴ First year only endorsed

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Question 99

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: VVCS National Advisory Committee

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

1. How many members are there on the VVCS National Advisory Council (NAC)?
2. How many veterans and ex-service organisations representatives are currently members of the NAC?
3. Is there a statutory requirement that the ex-service community is represented on the NAC?

Answer

1. There are currently eight members on the VVCS NAC. In addition there are five ex-officio members.
2. Members are appointed by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs as individuals, on the basis that while committee members may be members of interested organisations, they do not serve on the committee as representatives of those organisations. Currently, four members of the NAC are veterans. In addition, two ex-officio members are veterans.
3. No.

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Question 100

Outcome 2: Program 2.5

Topic: Review of VVCS Service

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

Has the VVCS service review been conducted? When is this expected to be released publicly?

Answer

The VVCS service mix review was conducted in 2010 by independent consultants Sue Belsham and Associates.

The Report and Response were released on the VVCS website in June 2011 and are available at:
http://www.dva.gov.au/health_and_wellbeing/health_programs/vvcs/Pages/model.aspx

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Question 101

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Commemorations

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

Can the Department provide a full breakdown of costs associated with the recent Bomber Command Mission to London in June 2012? This should include:

- a) Number of veterans who participated
- b) Class of travel
- c) Costs for accommodation and ground transport.
- d) Number of DVA staff who attended
- e) Eligibility criteria for a veteran to be considered for the Official Party
- f) Number of applications for the Official Party and number of applicants refused.

Answer

Please refer to the answer provided in Question on Notice 103.

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Question 102

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Commemorations

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

With regards to the grants provided to assist Bomber Command veterans travel to London independently of the Official Mission Party, can the Department advise:

- a) Number of request for funds made.
- b) Total value of funds provided.
- c) What support was provided to these veterans, including healthcare, in-country transport, official functions and access to commemorative events.

Answer

- a) The RAAF Association administered the grants. The association advised that 82 requests for funds were received and 72 applications were approved.
- b) The total value of funds provided to the 72 eligible Australian Bomber Command veterans travelling independently was \$360,000.
- d) The following support was provided to these veterans travelling independently:
 - Commemorative Mission tie.
 - Bomber Command publication.
 - Invitation to attend a commemorative service at Runnymede Air Forces Memorial and an order of service booklet for this service.
 - Wreaths to lay at this service, on behalf of veterans and another on behalf of descendants of Bomber Command veterans.
 - Bottled water was provided just prior to the service commencing and was distributed amongst veterans waiting for buses.
 - Transport from their hotel to Runnymede, and on to Australia House for the Chief of Air Force hosted function.
 - A second function at Australia House, for those who had been unable to attend the first function at Australia House due to a vehicle breakdown.
 - Invitation to attend a commemorative service at the Australian War Memorial Hyde Park Corner and an order of service booklet for this service.
 - Wreaths to lay at this service, on behalf of veterans and another on behalf of descendants of Bomber Command veterans.
 - Access to medical support upon request.
 - All of the 40 places that had been reserved for Australian veterans at the official dedication function at the Guildhall.
 - Medical support to accompany the veterans who attend the Guildhall Function.
 - Lunch for their visit to the RAF Museum Hendon.
 - DVA and RAAF staff assisted the group on the day of the dedication (locating seats, assistance accessing the seats etc).

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Question 103

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Commemorations

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

For the financial year 2011-12 and the financial year to date, can the Department provide a breakdown of all commemorative missions noting:

- a) Number of veterans who participated
- b) Class of travel
- c) Costs for accommodation and ground transport.
- d) Number of DVA staff who attended
- e) Eligibility criteria for a veteran to be considered for the Official Party
- f) Number of applications for the Official Party and number of applicants refused.
- g) Peak organisation (if any) contacted to nominate veterans to participate in the Mission.

Answer

Korea – October 2011

- a) Seven.
- b) Business.
- c) Accommodation - \$32,057.
Ground Transport - \$4,759.
- d) Six.
- e) Nominees must have been an Australian veteran of the Korean War. All nominating veterans undergo a prima facie medical assessment to establish fitness for travel. This includes the provision of information from the veteran and their doctor. Those shortlisted were then assessed by the Department's Principal Medical Adviser.
- f) Nominations received: 55.
Number of nominees invited to participate: Seven.
- g) National body of the Returned & Services League of Australia Ltd.
Australian Council of Korea Veterans Associations.
Korea and South East Asia Forces Association of Australia.
Korea Veterans Association of Australia.
Royal Australian Regiment Association.
National body of the RAAF Association.
Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia.
Number 77 Squadron Association.
National body of the Naval Association of Australia.

Singapore – February 2012

- a) Six.
- b) Business class.
- c) Accommodation - \$13,485.
Ground Transport - \$4,608.
- d) Six.
- e) Nominees must have been Australian veterans who served in the Malaya Campaign between 8 December 1941 and the fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942, or on adjacent waters at approximately the same time.
All nominating veterans underwent a prima facie assessment to establish fitness for travel. This included the provision of information from the veteran and their doctor. Those shortlisted were then assessed by the Department's Principal Medical Adviser.
- f) Nominations received: 15.
Number of nominees invited to participate: Six.
- g) Ex-Pow Association of Australia.
8th Australian Division Association.
National body of the Returned & Services League of Australia Ltd.
National body of the Royal Australian Airforce Association.
National body of the Naval Association of Australia.

London – June 2012

- a) 31.
- b) Business Class.
- c) Accommodation - \$233,471.
Ground Transport - \$62,459.
- d) 16 DVA staff and 11 RAAF.
- e) Nominees must have been Australian veterans who served in Bomber Command between September 1939 and May 1945.
All nominating veterans underwent a prima facie assessment to establish fitness for travel. This included the provision of information from the veteran and their doctor. Those shortlisted were then assessed by the Department's Principal Medical Adviser.
- f) Nominations received: 44.
Number of nominees invited to participate: 32.
Number of nominees declined participation post invitation: One.
- g) Australian Flying Corps and RAAF Association Inc.
Bomber Command Association in Australia (Inc).
Bomber Command Annual Commemorative Day Foundation.
National body of the Returned & Services League of Australia Ltd.

Milne Bay – August 2012

- a) Six.
- b) Business Class.
- c) Accommodation - \$32,684.*
Ground Transport - \$5,158.*
- d) Eight.
- e) Nominees must have been Australian veterans who served in the Battle of Milne Bay in 1942. All nominating veterans underwent a prima facie assessment to establish fitness for travel. This included the provision of information from the veteran and their doctor. Those shortlisted were then assessed by the Department's Principal Medical Adviser.

- f) Nominations received: 23.
Number of nominees invited to participate: Six.
- g) 7th Australian Division Association.
National, State and Territory Branches of the Returned and Services League of Australia Ltd.
National, State and Territory Branches of the RAAF Association.
National, State and Territory Branches of the Naval Association.

Timor- Leste – August 2012

- a) Eight veterans were selected to participate however one was withdrawn prior to leaving Australia due to health reasons.
- b) Domestic: Business class, International: Charter (Darwin to Dili) and Economy (Dili to Darwin).
- c) Accommodation - \$15,675.*
Ground Transport - \$10,319.*
- d) Six.
- e) Nominees must have been Australian veterans who served in Timor between December 1941 and February 1943 or supported the operations in Timor. All nominating veterans underwent a prima facie assessment to establish fitness for travel. This included the provision of information from the veteran and their doctor. Those short listed were then assessed by the Department's Principal Medical Adviser.
- f) Nominations received: 13.
Number of nominees invited to participate: Eight.
- g) National, State and Territory Branches and of the Returned and Services League of Australia Ltd.
National body of the RAAF Association.
National body, NSW and Victoria branches of the Australian Commando Association.
2/2 Commando Association of Australia (Inc).
National body of the Naval Association of Australia.
2/4 Commando Association.
The 8th Division Australian Association.

Egypt – October 2012

- a) 18.
- b) Business Class.
- c) Accommodation - \$78,143.*
Ground Transport - \$23,529.*
- d) 11.
- e) Nominees must have been Australian veterans who served in North Africa Campaigns between June 1940 and May 1943. All nominating veterans underwent a prima facie assessment to establish fitness for travel. This included the provision of information from the veteran and their doctor. Those short listed were then assessed by the Department's Principal Medical Adviser.
- f) Nominations received: 22.
Number of nominees invited to participate: 18.
- g) National, State and Territory Branches of the Returned and Services League of Australia Ltd.
Australian Flying Corps & RAAF Association Inc.
Naval Association of Australia.
NSW, QLD and ACT branches of the Rats of Tobruk Association.

7th Division Association.
9th Division Council of NSW.
6th Division Association of NSW.

Kokoda – November 2012

- a) Eight.
- b) Business Class.
- c) Accommodation – Final costs yet to be realised.
Ground Transport - \$7,701.*
- d) 14

The Kokoda and Beachheads commemorative mission involved a number of services in a range of remote locations across Papua New Guinea.

The program included:

- a service at Kokoda Village on 2 November
- a commemorative service at the Bomana War Cemetery on 3 November
- a service at Popondetta for the Battle of the Beachheads which included the presentation of Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel commemorative medallions (FWACM) on 4 November
- the rededication of the Z special unit graves at Bomana War Cemetery on 6 November.

The staff required to support these activities were broken up into teams.

- Mission Director
 - Medical (Doctor and two nurses)
 - Veteran escorts and veteran mission party administration
 - Popondetta coordination team which left Port Moresby for Popondetta two days in advance of the 4 November service to 1.) organise and coordinate infrastructure, logistics and local involvement for the service and 2.) physically collect and coordinate accommodation in Popondetta for the 20 Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels who were to receive the FWACM on the day of the Popondetta service. This involved travel to remote areas in the Popondetta vicinity to locate and collect the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels.
 - Other staff remained in Port Moresby for the duration to coordinate infrastructure and arrangements for the Bomana War Cemetery service and to prepare and coordinate arrangements for the Rededication service. As well as rehearsals for the Rededication conducted with ADF and families on 5 November, this role also included providing support to the Z Unit veteran and carer (invited by the Minister) and to the families of the Z Unit personnel whose graves were being rededicated.
- e) Nominees must have been Australian veterans who served in the Kokoda and Beachheads campaign in 1942-43, or either campaign. All nominating veterans underwent a prima facie assessment to establish fitness for travel. This included the provision of information from the veteran and their doctor. Those short listed were then assessed by the Department's Principal Medical Adviser.
- f) Nominations Received: 22.
Number of nominees invited to participate: Eight.
- g) National, State and Territory Branches of the Returned and Services League of Australia Ltd.
National, State and Territory Branches of the RAAF Association of Australia.
National, State and Territory Branches of the Naval Association of Australia.
39th Battalion Association.
2/14th Battalion Association.
7th Australian Division Association.

6th Australian Division Association.
2/16th Battalion Association.

* Final costs yet to be determined.

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Question 104

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Recognition in the Australian War Memorial

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator WRIGHT asked:

Has research or other work 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)?

Answer

The Australian War Memorial (AWM) has conducted recent research into Honour Rolls policy, precedence and eligibility, paying particular attention to the issue of peacekeepers and other non-warlike deaths. An issues paper was prepared to brief the AWM Council for its November meeting. A press release of 13 November 2012 can be found on the Australian War Memorial website at the following link:

<https://www.awm.gov.au/media/releases/peacekeepers-and-memorials-roll-honour/>

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Question 105

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Recognition in the Australian War Memorial

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator WRIGHT asked:

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, munitions 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?

Answer

Since its dedication on 11 November 2007, the Remembrance Book has been on display alongside the Commemorative Roll in a glass-lidded cabinet. This cabinet is located in the Memorial's Commemorative Area, in an alcove adjacent to the Roll of Honour. While staff can easily unlock the cabinet upon request, and have been happy to do so, the Memorial has recently removed the glass lid for a trial period so that visitors can access the Rolls directly. This new arrangement will be monitored to gauge how much incidental damage might be done to the Books under this new arrangement.

Both the Commemorative Roll and the Remembrance Book have their own explanatory signage inside the cabinet. The exact words on the labels are below.

Commemorative Roll

This Roll commemorates Australians who died during or as a result of those conflicts included in the Roll of Honour, but who were members of the armed forces of allied countries, the Merchant Navy, or philanthropic organisation.

The Commemorative Roll also includes official war correspondents; photographers or artists; munitions and other workers; and official historians.

Persons listed in this Roll must have been born in Australia, or have had Australia as their last place of domicile.

Remembrance Book

The Remembrance Book commemorates all those members of the Australian Defence Force and members of the Australian police forces who have died during or as a result of operations after 30 June 1947 designated as non-warlike service or its equivalent, including hazardous service or peacekeeping service or humanitarian peacetime service.

The bronze plaque above the cabinet was installed many years ago, before the Remembrance Book was created, and relates only to the Commemorative Roll. The text on the plaque has recently been reviewed and a new plaque is being made which will refer to both the Commemorative Roll and the Remembrance Book. It will be installed shortly.

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Question 106

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Recognition in the Australian War Memorial

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator WRIGHT asked:

Has the Department undertaken any review of the signage of the Remembrance Book?

Answer

Yes, a review has been undertaken of both the bronze plaque above the cabinet which houses the Commemorative Roll and the Remembrance Book in the Commemorative Area, as well as the labels inside the cabinet. The plaque above the cabinet was installed many years ago, before the Remembrance Book was created, and currently relates only to the Commemorative Roll. As a result of the review, a new plaque will be cast which will provide information about both the Commemorative Roll and the Remembrance Book. It will be installed shortly.

The labels in the cabinet were updated in September 2012 to reflect a change in the wording of the eligibility criteria for the Remembrance Book. The labels were updated again following the removal of the glass in the cabinet just prior to Remembrance Day 2012. This amendment simply removed reference to asking for assistance to see a specific page. The exact words on the labels are below.

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Question 107

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator WRIGHT asked:

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?

Answer

The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial on ANZAC Parade is the responsibility of the National Capital Authority.

The Government provided a discretionary grant of \$200,000 in 2006 to the Australian National Peacekeeping Memorial Project Committee.

The Department is unable to provide any comment on funding, project status or schedule for completion.

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Question 108

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Australian Peacekeeping Memorial

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator WRIGHT asked:

1. 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?

Answer:

1. The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project was originally listed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) under Division 30 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* from 30 April 2007 to 31 December 2008. A date-defined listing is standard practice for a project expected to take place in a limited timeframe. The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project DGR status was not revoked, it simply lapsed at the time that it had been legislated to end.

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Question 109

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Representation for Younger Veterans

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator Wright asked:

Does the Department have data on the inclusion of young Veterans groups in national forums/ESOs such as the National Advisory Committee (by younger Veterans I refer to Peacekeepers, and those who have service in war-like service from 1989 onwards)?

Answer

The National Advisory Committee (NAC) for the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) currently has eight members including the Chair (who is a veteran). One member represents the interests of younger veterans, one member represents the interests of peacekeepers and peacemakers, one member represents the interests of partners and families, and one member represents the interests of sons and daughters. In addition, the NAC has a member who represents the interests of Vietnam veterans, together with a psychiatrist and a general medical practitioner. Below is a list of current NAC members. This can also be found at http://authoring-internet/health_and_wellbeing/health_programs/vvcs/nac/Pages/membership.aspx.

Position	Name
Chairman	Dr Tony Austin AM – Veteran
Member	Mr Martin Carr – Peacekeeper
Member	Mrs Bronwyn Fullick – Partner and Families
Member	Professor Malcolm Battersby – Psychiatrist
Member	Dr David Cockram – Vietnam Veteran
Member	Mr Brenton Russell – Contemporary Veteran
Member	Ms Tracey Negus – Daughter of Vietnam Veteran
Member	Dr David Monash – General Practitioner
Ex-officio	David Ashley RSM-A – ADF Representative
Ex-officio	Repatriation Commissioner – Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC
Ex-officio	Director, Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health – Professor David Forbes
Ex-officio	Defence Community Organisation representative – Mr Ray Bromwich
Ex-officio	National Manager, VVCS – Mr Wayne Penniall

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Question 110

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Representation for Younger Veterans

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator Wright asked:

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?

Answer

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) National Consultation Framework was established in 2009 to provide a more formal channel for consultation that better suits today's ex-service and defence communities. The framework includes the current and former members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) – Emerging Issues Forum which considers issues affecting younger ADF members and their families. To date, the ex-service organisations that attend the various forums within the National Consultation Framework independently nominate their own representatives to attend meetings, who may or may not be younger veterans.

The Department is reviewing consultation arrangements and frameworks with consideration of possible greater inclusion of younger veterans.

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Question 111

Outcome 1: Program 1.2 and 1.6

Topic: On Base Advisory Service (OBAS)

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator WRIGHT asked:

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.

Answer

OBAS does not specifically take or process claims. The purpose of OBAS is to help serving members find out about DVA services, including compensation, health services, rehabilitation and support. The service is provided by specially trained DVA staff located on over 35 bases around Australia. OBAS was implemented on 1 October 2011.

Client Numbers

Between 1 October 2011 when the service was implemented until 31 October 2012, there have been 7,134 member enquiries.

Referrals

The following table shows the number and source of referral of clients to OBAS since the service was implemented on 1 October 2011 until 31 October 2012:

Self Referral	4,084
Commanding Officer	363
ADF Medical	355
ADFRP	886
Transition Staff	305
Soldier Recovery Centre	25
SAM via DVA	0
Other / Not known	145
TOTAL	6,163¹

¹ These figures are an indication for the period specified as there has been some inconsistency in recording data which is currently being addressed.

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Question 112

Outcome 1: Program 1.2 & 1.6

Topic: On Base Advisory Service (OBAS)

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator WRIGHT asked:

Has the department received any feedback on the effectiveness/success of OBAS?

Answer

The reaction from Defence is very positive. The Australian Defence Force is working with DVA to implement the service and ensure connections with its rehabilitation, medical and transition areas. Deputy Commissioners have provided feedback that the members themselves are appreciative of the convenience of the service.

OBAS staff are seeing an increased demand for appointments with them. For example, in one case, DVA has needed to provide an additional Adviser two days a week to help with the current work load and in some cases, appointments can be booked up to two weeks in advance.

Some ex-service organisations have also provided positive feedback to DVA on OBAS. The TPI Association (NSW) has reported an increased workload since OBAS began.

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Question 113

Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Granting of DGR Status

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

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.

Senator RONALDSON: What do you mean by 'government forums'?

Mr Campbell: In the budgetary context.

Senator RONALDSON: So was the request made for it to be-

Mr Campbell: No, it- **Senator RONALDSON:** For Treasury during the budget-

Mr Campbell: No. I meant in the forthcoming budgetary context-that is, the 2013-14 budget.

Senator RONALDSON: When was the application first lodged?

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.

Senator RONALDSON: I was just about to raise that.

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.

Answer:

1. The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project requested renewal of its DGR listing in a letter to the then Assistant Treasurer, the Hon Nick Sherry, dated 21 January 2009. On 21 December 2012, the Assistant Treasurer, the Hon David Bradbury MP, wrote to the Chairman of the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project advising him that the Government had agreed to the provision of DGR status for the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project through specific listing by name in the tax law, for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014.

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Question 114

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Letter to Treasurer – DGR Status

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p 95)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

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.

Senator RONALDSON: Just so we are clear, the minister has not written to the Treasurer supporting the DGR status or asking him for the matter to be expedited?

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.

Senator RONALDSON: Not previous—the forthcoming budget context.

Mr Campbell: No. Currently it is being raised in respect of the next budget, but it has also been raised in previous budgets.

Senator RONALDSON: Is there any record of when those discussions took place?

Mr Campbell: No, that is what I have to take on notice.

Answer

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs has written to the Assistant Treasurer regarding this matter on 28 February 2011 and 28 February 2012.

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Question 115

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Letter to Treasurer – DGR Status

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p 95)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Mr Campbell: I do not know. I would have to take that on notice. I was not here at that time.

Answer

The Department of Veterans' Affairs was not required to offset DGR status within its Portfolio in 2006.

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Question 116

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Boer War Memorial

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p 96)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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.

Senator RONALDSON: When was the DGR status applied for, over and above the seed funding?

Mr Campbell: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator RONALDSON: There has been application for DGR status, has there?

Mr Campbell: I think so.

Senator RONALDSON: And a separate application for seed funding?

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.

Answer

While there have been a number of representations concerning DGR status, the National Boer War Memorial Association has written formally to the Minister for Veterans' Affairs requesting seed funding in 2007, 2008, 2009 and on 4 November 2010.

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Question 117

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Anzac Centenary Advisory Board

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p 99)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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.

***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.

Senator RONALDSON: Why don't you take it on notice—fill it out, and I presume I can get that back.

***Major Gen. Campbell:** It is a very straightforward process: the number of meetings, where they were and those sorts of things.

* Please note these comments were made by Major Gen Cosson; the Department has advised the Committee of corrections to Hansard.

Answer

As at 17 October 2012, the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board (ACAB) has met on seven occasions, on the following dates and specified locations:

- 14 October 2011, Canberra ACT;
- 5 December 2011, Canberra ACT;
- 20 December 2011 (by teleconference);
- 18 February 2012, Darwin NT;
- 15 May 2012, Canberra ACT;
- 3 August 2012, Canberra ACT; and
- 11-12 October 2012, Canberra ACT.

Attendance at each of the ACAB meetings are as follows:

14 October 2011 ACAB meeting attendance

ATTENDEES	POSITION
Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd)	Chair
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO	Ex-Officio Board Member
Mr Luke Bowen	Board Member
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Ex-Officio Board Member
Professor Christine Charles	Board Member
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Ex-Officio Board Member
His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Martyn Dunne	Ex-Officio Board Member
Mr Sandy Hollway AO	Board Member
Professor David Horner AM	Board Member
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	Board Member
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	Board Member
The Hon Sandy Macdonald	Board Member
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	Board Member
The Hon Con Sciacca AO	Board Member
His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio	Board Member
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	Board Member

5 December 2011 ACAB meeting attendance

ATTENDEES	POSITION
Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd)	Chair
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO	Ex-Officio Board Member
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Ex-Officio Board Member
Professor Christine Charles	Board Member
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Ex-Officio Board Member
His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Martyn Dunne	Ex-Officio Board Member
Mr Peter FitzSimons AM	Board Member
Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO	Board Member
Mr Sandy Hollway AO	Board Member
Professor David Horner AM	Board Member
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	Board Member
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	Board Member
The Hon Sandy Macdonald	Board Member
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	Board Member
The Hon Con Sciacca AO	Board Member
His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio	Board Member

Mr James Strong AO	Board Member
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	Board Member

20 December 2011 ACAB meeting attendance

ATTENDEES	POSITION
Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd)	Chair
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO	Ex-Officio Board Member
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Ex-Officio Board Member
Professor Christine Charles	Board Member
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Ex-Officio Board Member
Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO	Board Member
Mr Sandy Hollway AO	Board Member
Professor David Horner AM	Board Member
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	Board Member
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	Board Member
The Hon Sandy Macdonald	Board Member
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	Board Member
The Hon Con Sciacca AO	Board Member
Mr James Strong AO	Board Member
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	Board Member

18 February 2012 ACAB meeting attendance

ATTENDEES	POSITION
Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd)	Chair
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO	Ex-Officio Board Member
Mr Luke Bowen	Board Member
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Ex-Officio Board Member
Professor Christine Charles	Board Member
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Ex-Officio Board Member
His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Martyn Dunne	Ex-Officio Board Member
Professor Margaret Gardner AO	Board Member
Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO	Board Member
Mr Sandy Hollway AO	Board Member
Professor David Horner AM	Board Member
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	Board Member
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	Board Member
The Hon Sandy Macdonald	Board Member
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	Board Member

The Hon Con Sciacca AO	Board Member
His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio	Board Member
Mr James Strong AO	Board Member
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	Board Member
Ms Nola Anderson	Australian War Memorial

15 May 2012 ACAB meeting attendance

ATTENDEES	POSITION
Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd)	Chair
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO	Ex-Officio Board Member
Mr Luke Bowen	Board Member
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Ex-Officio Board Member
Professor Christine Charles	Board Member
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Ex-Officio Board Member
His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Martyn Dunne	Ex-Officio Board Member
Mr Peter FitzSimons AM	Board Member
Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO	Board Member
Professor David Horner AM	Board Member
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	Board Member
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	Board Member
The Hon Sandy Macdonald	Board Member
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	Board Member
His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio	Board Member
Mr James Strong AO	Board Member
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	Board Member
Ms Nola Anderson	Australian War Memorial

3 August 2012 ACAB meeting attendance

ATTENDEES	POSITION
Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd)	Chair
The Hon Arch Bevis	Board Member
Mr Luke Bowen	Board Member
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Ex-Officio Board Member
Professor Christine Charles	Board Member
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Ex-Officio Board Member
His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Martyn Dunne	Ex-Officio Board Member
Professor Margaret Gardner AO	Board Member
Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO	Board Member
Mr Sandy Hollway AO	Board Member

Professor David Horner AM	Board Member
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	Board Member
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	Board Member
The Hon Sandy Macdonald	Board Member
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	Board Member
His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio	Board Member
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	Board Member
Ms Deborah Thomas (afternoon session)	Board Member
Ms Nola Anderson	Australian War Memorial
Mr Ross Bain (part of meeting)	Minister Snowdon's office
Ms Catherine Bergin (part of meeting)	Minister Snowdon's office

11-12 October 2012 ACAB meeting attendance

ATTENDEES	POSITION
Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd)	Chair
The Hon Arch Bevis	Board Member
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO	Ex-Officio Board Member
Mr Luke Bowen	Board Member
Mr Ian Campbell PSM	Ex-Officio Board Member
Professor Christine Charles	Board Member
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	Ex-Officio Board Member
His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Martyn Dunne	Ex-Officio Board Member
Mr Peter FitzSimons AM (Thursday 11 October)	Board Member
Professor Margaret Gardner AO (Friday 12 October)	Board Member
Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO	Board Member
Mr Sandy Hollway AO	Board Member
Professor David Horner AM	Board Member
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	Board Member
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	Board Member
The Hon Sandy Macdonald	Board Member
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	Board Member
His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio	Board Member
Mr James Strong AO	Board Member
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	Board Member
Ms Deborah Thomas (Friday 12 October)	Board Member
Ms Nola Anderson	Australian War Memorial
Ms Linda Ferguson	Australian War Memorial

For the 2011-12 financial year, the following payments were made to ACAB members for sitting fees, flights and travel allowance:

Name	Sitting Fees	Flights	Travel allowance
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO*	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mr Luke Bowen	\$2,940.00	\$6,050.45	\$1,311.00
Mr Ian Campbell PSM***	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professor Christine Charles	\$3,528.00	\$8,662.94	\$1,982.00
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	\$1,764.00	\$4,588.41	\$708.00
His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Martyn Dunne*	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ms Liz Ellis AM	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mr Peter FitzSimons AM	\$1,176.00	\$2,206.41	\$989.00
Professor Margaret Gardner AO	\$1,176.00	\$2,712.95	\$708.00
Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO	\$2,940.00	\$6,515.37	\$3,051.00
Mr Sandy Hollway AO	\$2,352.00	\$3,350.98	\$1,308.00
Professor David Horner AM	\$3,528.00	\$1,424.47	\$708.00
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	\$4,116.00	\$2,817.25	\$2,723.00
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	\$3,528.00	\$5,698.71	\$2,389.00
The Hon Sandy Macdonald	\$3,528.00	\$6,785.76	\$2,043.00
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	\$2,940.00	\$2,877.64	\$708.00
The Hon Con Sciacca AO	\$2,352.00	\$4,536.76	\$993.00
His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio **	0.00	\$6,473.79	\$2,043.00
Mr James Strong AO	\$2,352.00	\$3,949.46	\$2,086.00
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	\$4,116.00	\$2,865.65	\$769.00

* Air Marshal Mark Binskin and His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Martyn Dunne do not receive sitting fees. The Department of Veterans' Affairs also does not pay for flights or travel allowance for either ex-officio member.

** His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio requested to not receive sitting fees.

*** Mr Ian Campbell does not receive payment of a sitting fee and expenses associated with flights and travel allowance are derived from the Department of Veterans' Affairs budget vice the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board budget.

The remuneration and travel allowance rates for Anzac Centenary Advisory Board members are in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal Determinations 2011/09: *Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office* and 2004/03: *Official Travel by Office Holders*. This equates to payments of \$588 (inclusive of GST) per diem for sitting fees and Tier 1 entitlements for travelling allowance respectively.

For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, the following payments were made to Anzac Centenary Advisory Board members for sitting fees, flights and travel allowance:

Name	Sitting Fees	Flights	Travel allowance
The Hon Arch Bevis	\$588.00	0.00	0.00
Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO*	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mr Luke Bowen	\$588.00	\$1,013.52	\$674.00
Mr Ian Campbell PSM***	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professor Christine Charles	\$588.00	\$1,162.33	0.00
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd)	\$588.00	0.00	0.00
His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Martyn Dunne*	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mr Peter FitzSimons AM	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professor Margaret Gardner AO	\$588.00	\$1,148.84	\$285.00
Mrs Kathryn Greiner AO	\$588.00	\$748.44	\$285.00
Mr Sandy Hollway AO	\$1,176.00	\$748.44	\$285.00
Professor David Horner AM	\$1,176.00	0.00	0.00
Major General Brian Howard AO MC ESM (Ret'd)	\$1,176.00	0.00	\$631.00
Dr Jackie Huggins AM FAHA	\$588.00	\$1,160.33	\$346.00
The Hon Sandy Macdonald	\$1,176.00	\$623.07	\$285.00
Brigadier Bill Rolfe AO (Ret'd)	\$588.00	0.00	0.00
His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio **	0.00	\$2,015.34	\$285.00
Mr James Strong AO	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AO CSC RAN	\$1,176.00	0.00	0.00
Ms Deborah Thomas	0.00	0.00	0.00

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There are no other expenses associated with the positions of the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board.

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Question 118

Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Anzac Commemorative Site – Maximum Capacity Consultancy Report

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p 109)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

Senator RONALDSON: Did you have an engineer's report in relation to this, as quoted in the *Adelaide Advertiser* article?

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—

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 *Adelaide Advertiser* 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?

Mr Evans: The figure came from a consultancy, not engineers.

Answer

Providence Consulting Group Pty Ltd was contracted (CN411925) by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the provision of a site capacity analysis and risk assessment review at Gallipoli, Turkey. The contract period was 15 July 2011 to 30 September 2011. The contract value was \$55,000.

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Question 119

Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Centenary of Anzac

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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.

Answer

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS AT GALLIPOLI

Year	Number
2000	10-12,000
2001	12,000
2002	10,000
2003	11,000
2004	15,000
2005	16,500
2006	10,000
2007	8,000
2008	10,000
2009	7,500
2010	7,000
2011	6,500
2012	6,000

Source:

DVA Anzac Day Media Releases

2000-2006: These numbers are very inexact. They were based on "best guess" methodologies, such as counting the number of people in a small space and then multiplying that number by a number thought to represent the total area of the commemorative site, assuming that all seats in the stands were occupied and extrapolating from the number of Orders of Service distributed.

DVA is now confident that the estimates of 15,000 people in 2004 and 16,500 people in 2005 are significantly overstated. Amongst other reasons, the Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair sites simply couldn't have taken this number between them for the subsequent services. The most that might have been accommodated in these two sites in 2004 and 2005 was approximately 10,000 and there were not 5,000 to 6,500 people left at the Anzac Commemorative Site after the Dawn Service.

2006-2009: In 2006, DVA and VANZ introduced security wrist-banding for members of the public who entered the Anzac Commemorative Site. For 2006-2009, attendance was measured by a wrist-band count for the majority of attendees, supplemented by estimated numbers for some other attendees, for example VIPs, Australian Defence Force members and contract employees such as cleaners.

2010-current: In 2010, DVA and VANZ extended security wrist-banding to all attendees except VIPs. From 2010 attendance has been measured by a wrist-band count, supplemented by a headcount of the people on the VIP buses.

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Question 120

Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Centenary of Anzac

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

Approximately 6,000 people attended the Dawn Service on Anzac Day in Turkey in 2012. There were 4,958 seats available in the tiered stands and 280 seats set out in the VIP area. The VIP area had the capacity for another 220 seats and there was space for 3,800 people to lie down in the grassed area overnight. The capacity of the grassed area increases to 5,000 once people stand up for the Dawn Service.

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Revised Question 121

Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Centenary of ANZAC

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

With regards to the Government's public 'consultation' process, can the Department provide a breakdown noting:

- a) Number of attendees at each Forum;
- b) Number of staff who attended, their usual location and employment classification at each Forum;
- c) Costs for any flights, accommodation or transport for DVA staff to attend each Forum;
- d) Number of paid consultants at each Forum;
- e) Location of each Forum;
- f) Cost of hiring the venue for each Forum;
- g) Costs of hiring equipment for each Forum;
- h) Number of invitations sent, date sent and indicative list of organisations invited;
- i) Any advertising undertaken, date of publication and cost of advertising for each Forum;
- j) Attendance of the Minister or other Members of Parliament at any Forum.

Answer

a) The location and number of attendees at the 36 public forums were:

Location	Attendees
Sydney	12
Brisbane	20
Gold Coast (Southport)	23
Norfolk Island	20
Broken Hill	5
Whyalla	2
Adelaide	14
Mount Gambier	5
Newcastle	32
Central Coast (Gosford)	16
Longreach	3
Mount Isa	6
Townsville	14
Rockhampton	3

Dubbo	3
Ballarat	27
Shepparton	4
Traralgon	9
Melbourne	56
Hobart	6
Launceston	15
Geelong	9
Bunbury	11
Canberra	11
Geraldton	6
Coffs Harbour	1
Perth	39
Broome	5
Batemans Bay	6
Darwin	6
Bathurst	7
Albury/Wodonga	13
Alice Springs	3
Wagga Wagga	10
Parramatta	11
Port Macquarie	9

- b) The following table provides details of the staff who attended, their usual location and employment classification at each Forum.

FORUM LOCATION	NUMBER OF STAFF	STAFF LOCATION	EMPLOYMENT LEVEL
Sydney	3	ACT	SES, A/g EL2, APS6
Brisbane	4	3 x ACT 1 x QLD	SES, A/g EL2, APS6 APS6
Gold Coast (Southport)	4	3 x ACT 1 x QLD	SES, A/g EL2, APS6 APS6
Norfolk Island	2	NSW	SES, APS5
Broken Hill	2	1 x SA 1 x ACT	SES APS6
Whyalla	2	1 x SA 1 x ACT	SES APS6
Adelaide	3	1 x SA 2 x ACT	SES APS6, APS4
Mount Gambier	2	1 x SA 1 x ACT	SES APS6
Newcastle	2	1 x NSW 1 x ACT	SES EL1
Central Coast (Gosford)	2	NSW	SES, APS5
Longreach	3	2 x QLD 1 x ACT	SES, EL1 APS6

Mount Isa	3	2 x QLD 1 x ACT	A/g EL2, EL1 APS6
Townsville	4	3 x ACT 1 x QLD	SES, EL1, APS6 EL1
Rockhampton	2	1 x QLD 1 x ACT	EL1 APS6
Dubbo	2	NSW	SES, APS5
Ballarat	3	2 x VIC 1 x ACT	SES, APS6 APS6
Shepparton	3	2 x VIC 1 x ACT	SES, EL1 APS6
Traralgon	3	2 x VIC 1 x ACT	SES, APS6 APS6
Melbourne	5	3 x ACT 2 x VIC	SES, EL1, APS6 EL1, APS6
Hobart	4	3 x ACT 1 x TAS	SES, EL1, APS6 EL1
Launceston	3	2 x ACT 1 x TAS	SES, APS6 EL1
Geelong	3	2 x ACT 1 x VIC	SES, APS6 EL1
Bunbury	2	1 x WA 1 x ACT	SES APS6
Canberra	3	ACT	SES, EL1, APS6
Geraldton	2	1 x WA 1 x ACT	SES APS6
Coffs Harbour	2	NSW	SES, APS5
Perth	3	1 x WA 2 x ACT	SES EL1, APS6
Broome	2	1 x WA 1 x ACT	SES APS6
Batemans Bay	2	NSW	SES, APS5
Darwin	2	1 x NT 1 x ACT	SES APS6
Bathurst	2	NSW	SES, APS5
Albury/Wodonga	2	NSW	SES, APS5
Alice Springs	2	1 x VIC 1 x ACT	EL1 APS6
Wagga Wagga	2	NSW	EL2, APS5
Parramatta	2	ACT	SES, EL1
Port Macquarie	2	NSW	EL2, APS5

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Whyalla	\$1,020.12	\$313.00	\$50.92	\$1,384.04
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Traralgan	\$163.90	\$95.38	-	\$259.28
Melbourne	\$833.21	\$530.10	-	\$1,363.31
Hobart	\$1,029.15	\$427.36	-	\$1,456.51
Launceston	-	\$348.30	\$114.06	\$462.36
Geelong	\$622.02	\$398.00	\$64.04	\$1,084.06
Bunbury	\$1,387.10	\$254.00	\$124.31	\$1,765.41
Canberra	-	-	-	-
Geraldton	\$976.53	\$268.00	\$61.70	\$1,306.23
Coffs Harbour	\$875.02	\$465.50	\$217.58	\$1,558.10
Perth	\$3,602.95	\$317.25	\$62.15	\$3,982.35
Broome	\$1,838.74	\$380.00	\$77.80	\$2,296.54
Batemans Bay	\$804.78	\$230.00	-	\$1,034.78
Darwin	\$453.00	\$564.00	\$213.84	\$1,230.84
Bathurst	\$1,172.74	\$206.40	\$50.00	\$1,429.14
Albury/Wodonga	\$275.38	\$234.60	\$186.58	\$696.56
Alice Springs	\$3,904.70	\$264.00	\$133.42	\$4,302.12
Wagga Wagga	\$293.02	\$266.00	\$93.29	\$652.31
Parramatta	\$526.58	-	-	\$526.58
Port Macquarie	\$526.02	\$216.00	\$52.22	\$794.24

* Cost included in the scheduled annual visit by Deputy Commissioner NSW to Norfolk Island for consultations with clients, ESOs and territory officials.

d) The following table outlines the number of paid consultants at each Forum.

FORUM LOCATION	NUMBER OF CONSULTANTS*
Sydney	2
Brisbane	2
Gold Coast (Southport)	2
Norfolk Island	Nil
Broken Hill	1

Whyalla	2
Adelaide	2
Mount Gambier	2
Newcastle	2
Central Coast (Gosford)	1
Longreach	2
Mount Isa	2
Townsville	2
Rockhampton	2
Dubbo	1
Ballarat	2
Shepparton	2
Traralgon	2
Melbourne	2
Hobart	1
Launceston	1
Geelong	1
Bunbury	1
Canberra	1
Geraldton	1
Coffs Harbour	1
Perth	2
Broome	1
Batemans Bay	1
Darwin	1
Bathurst	1
Albury/Wodonga	1
Alice Springs	1
Wagga Wagga	1
Parramatta	1
Port Macquarie	1

* Staff from Conference Logistics, the company contracted to arrange the public forums, attended each forum to set-up and liaise with venue staff, register attendees, operate equipment and record and write transcripts of the forums.

e) The following table outlines the location (date and venue) of each Forum.

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12 November	Melbourne	Box Hill RSL Club
13 November	Hobart	Lenah Valley RSL Club
14 November	Launceston	Launceston Country Club
15 November	Geelong	Geelong RSL Club
19 November	Bunbury	Quality Hotel Lord Forrest
19 November	Canberra	Canberra Southern Cross Club, Woden
20 November	Geraldton	African Reef Resort
20 November	Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Memorial and Sporting Club
21 November	Perth	Parmelia Hilton Hotel
22 November	Broome	Mangrove Hotel
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26 November	Darwin	Frontier Hotel
26 November	Bathurst	Bathurst RSL Club
27 November	Albury/Wodonga	Albury SS&A Club
27 November	Alice Springs	Alice Springs Convention Centre
28 November	Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga RSL Club
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Brisbane	Broncos Leagues Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$420.00
Gold Coast (Southport)	Southport RSL Club	Room hire	\$350.00
Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island RSL Club	Room hire – free of charge	-
Broken Hill	Musicians Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$100.00
Whyalla	Westlands Hotel/Motel	Room hire (AV included)	\$390.00
Adelaide	Crowne Plaza Hotel Adelaide	Room hire	\$650.00
Mount Gambier	Main Corner Function Centre	Room hire (AV included)	\$300.00

Newcastle	Crowne Plaza Hotel Newcastle	Room hire	\$560.00
Central Coast (Gosford)	Gosford Golf Club	Room hire	\$295.00
Longreach	Longreach RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$300.00
Mount Isa	Buffalo Leagues Club	Room hire	\$350.00
Townsville	Cowboys Leagues Club	Room hire	\$200.00
Rockhampton	Rockhampton Leagues Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$360.00
Dubbo	Dubbo RSL Club	Room hire	\$190.00
Ballarat	George Hotel	Room hire	\$110.00
Shepparton	Shepparton RSL Club	Room hire	\$150.00
Traralgon	Traralgon RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$104.55
Melbourne	Box Hill RSL Club	Room hire	\$350.00
Hobart	Lenah Valley RSL Club	Room hire	\$140.00
Launceston	Country Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$500.00
Geelong	Geelong RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$250.00
Bunbury	Quality Hotel Lord Forrest	Room hire	\$250.00
Canberra	Canberra Southern Cross Club (Woden)	Room hire	\$290.00
Geraldton	African Reef Resort	Room hire	\$250.00
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Memorial and Sporting Club	Room hire	\$260.00
Perth	Parmelia Hilton Hotel	Room hire	\$1,000.00
Broome	Mangrove Hotel	Room hire	\$175.00
Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$150.00
Darwin	Frontier Hotel	Room hire	\$190.00
Bathurst	Bathurst RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$80.00
Albury/Wodonga	Albury SS&A Club	Room hire	\$140.00
Alice Springs	Convention Centre	Room hire	\$500.00

Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga RSL Club	Room hire	\$200.00
Parramatta	Parramatta RSL Club	Room hire	\$225.00
Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie Panthers Club	Room hire	\$220.00

g) The following table outlines the cost of hiring equipment for each Forum.

Location	Venues & Room details	Room Hire Cost information	Cost
Sydney	City of Sydney RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Brisbane	Broncos Leagues Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Gold Coast (Southport)	Southport RSL Club	Audio visual	\$120.00
Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island RSL Club	Audio visual	Free of charge
Broken Hill	Musicians Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Whyalla	Westlands Hotel/Motel	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Adelaide	Crowne Plaza Adelaide	Lectern & microphone	\$130.00
		Data projector/screen	\$355.00
		Roving microphone	\$180.00
Mount Gambier	Main Corner Function Centre	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Newcastle	Crowne Plaza Newcastle	Lectern & microphone	\$100.00
		Data projector	\$230.00
		Roving microphone	\$90.00
Central Coast (Gosford)	Gosford Golf Club	Lectern & microphone	\$60.00
		Data projector/screen	\$120.00
Longreach	Longreach RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Mount Isa	Buffalos Leagues Club	Lectern & microphone	\$35.00
		Roving microphone	Complimentary
		Data projector/screen	\$50.00
Townsville	Cowboys Leagues Club	Roving microphone	\$60.00
		Data projector	\$175.00
Rockhampton	Rockhampton Leagues Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Roving microphone	Complimentary
Dubbo	Dubbo RSL Club	Data projector	\$110.00
Ballarat	George Hotel	Data projector/screen	\$80.00
		Microphone	\$50.00
Shepparton	Shepparton RSL Club	Data projector	\$50.00
		Lectern & microphone	\$10.00

		Roving microphone	\$10.00
Traralgon	Traralgon RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Microphone	Complimentary
Melbourne	Box Hill RSL Club	Data projector	\$100.00
		Screen	\$50.00
		Roving microphone	No Charge
Hobart	Lenah Valley RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Microphone	No Charge
Launceston	Country Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Geelong	Geelong RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Bunbury	Quality Hotel Lord Forrest	Data projector	\$50.00
		Roving microphone	\$100.00
Canberra	Southern Cross Club	Audio visual	\$803.00
Geraldton	African Reef Resort	Lectern & microphone	\$30.00
		Roving microphone	\$10.00
		Data projector/screen	\$130.00
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Memorial and Sporting Club	Data projector	\$100.00
Perth	Parmelia Hilton Hotel	Audio visual	\$507.25
Broome	Mangrove Hotel	Data projector	\$275.00
		Other audio	Complimentary
Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Darwin	Frontier Hotel	Data projector/screen	\$220.00
		Lectern & microphone	Complimentary
		Roving microphone	No Charge
Bathurst	Bathurst RSL Club	Lectern & microphone	Complimentary
		Data projector	Complimentary
		Extra microphone	No Charge
Albury/Wodonga	Albury SS&A Club	Room hire	\$140.00
		Data projector	\$65.00
Alice Springs	Convention Centre	Audio visual	\$300.00
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga RSL Club	Data projector	\$50.00
		Other equipment	Complimentary
Parramatta	Parramatta RSL Club	Data projector	\$100.00
		Other equipment	\$110.00
Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie Panthers Club	Audio visual	\$110.00

h) The following tables outline the number of invitations sent, date sent and indicative list of organisations invited.

Forum Location	Date Invites Sent	Number of Invites sent
Sydney	27 September 2012 (original letter sent with transposed date of 10/08/2012) Letter with correct date and explanation of error sent on 2 October 2012	222
Brisbane	28 September 2012	151
Gold Coast (Southport)	28 September 2012	71
Norfolk Island	Forum occurred as part of a larger program – invites not sent	-
Broken Hill	28 September 2012	30
Whyalla	3 October 2012	39
Adelaide	3 October 2012	150
Mount Gambier	3 October 2012	38
Newcastle	3 October 2012	88
Central Coast (Gosford)	9 October 2012	107
Longreach	9 October 2012	20
Mount Isa	9 October 2012	28
Townsville	9 October 2012	56
Rockhampton	10 October 2012	37
Dubbo	10 October 2012	47
Ballarat	10 October 2012	53
Shepparton	17 October 2012	35
Traralgon	17 October 2012	32
Melbourne	17 October 2012	205
Hobart	18 October 2012	71
Launceston	24 October 2012	41
Geelong	24 October 2012	39
Bunbury	25 October 2012	52
Canberra	31 October 2012	124
Geraldton	26 October 2012	38
Coffs Harbour	31 October 2012	45
Perth	24 October 2012	140
Broome	26 October 2012	26
Batemans Bay	31 October 2012	45
Darwin	8 November 2012	54
Bathurst	12 November 2012	37
Albury/Wodonga	14 November 2012	94
Alice Springs	8 November 2012	46
Wagga Wagga	13 November 2012	42
Parramatta	12 November 2012	211
Port Macquarie	13 November 2012	79

Indicative list of organisations invited
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Veterans & Services Association
Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents Inc
Australian Army Cadets
Australian Army Medical Women's Association
Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Association
Australian Federation of TPI Ex-Servicemen and Women
Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women
Australian Special Air Service Association
Australian Veterans and Defence Services Council Inc
Australian Women's Army Service
Australian Women's Land Army Association
Blinded Soldiers of St Dunstan's Australia
British Airborne Forces Associations
Secondary Schools and Colleges
Local Councils
Defence Force Welfare Association
Girl Guides Australia
Legacy
Lions Club
National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc
Naval Association of Australia
Netherlands Ex-Servicemen & Women's Association in Australia
Partially Blinded Soldiers' Association of Australia
Probus Club
RAAF Association
Rats of Tobruk Association
Returned & Services League of Australia Ltd
Rotary Club
Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association
Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps Association
Royal Australian Historical Society
Royal Australian Navy Corvettes Association
Royal Marines Association
Scouts Australia
Society of Australian Genealogists
Submarines Association Australia
The Australasian Society of Family History Organisations
Universities, TAFE colleges and student associations
Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia
View Club

War Widows' Guild
Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Association
World Veterans Federation
YMCA/YWCA
Zonta International

- i) The following table outlines advertising undertaken, date of publication and cost of advertising for each Forum.

NEWSPAPER	DATE ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED	COST
Brisbane Courier Mail	29 September 2012	\$1,642.01
The Daily Telegraph	29 September 2012	\$2,714.03
The Sydney Morning Herald	29 September 2012	\$2,612.00
Gold Coast Bulletin	3 October 2012	\$587.14
Adelaide Advertiser	6 October 2012	\$1,115.64
Barrier Daily Truth	6 October 2012	\$275.68
Newcastle Herald	6 October 2012	\$830.13
Mount Gambier Border Watch	9 October 2012	\$226.72
Whyalla News	9 October 2012	\$273.71
Central Coast Express Advocate	12 October 2012	\$388.33
Rockhampton Morning Bulletin	13 October 2012	\$359.94
Townsville Bulletin	13 October 2012	\$431.69
Mount Isa North West Star	16 October 2012	\$337.40
North Queensland Register	18 October 2012	\$327.17
Ballarat Courier	20 October 2012	\$353.51
Dubbo Daily Liberal	20 October 2012	\$335.92
Shepparton Adviser	31 October 2012	\$293.00
LaTrobe Valley Express	1 November 2012	\$310.07
Herald Sun - Melbourne	3 November 2012	\$3,147.25
Hobart Mercury	3 November 2012	\$478.00
Geelong Advertiser	3 November 2012	\$369.61
Launceston Examiner	3 November 2012	\$391.51
Canberra Times	10 November 2012	\$548.70
West Australian	10 November 2012	\$1,600.65
Coffs Coast Advocate	10 November 2012	\$340.71
Geraldton Guardian	12 November 2012	\$228.48
Bunbury Herald	13 November 2012	\$228.48
Broome Advertiser	15 November 2012	\$212.01
Alice Springs Centralian Advocate	16 November 2012	\$338.61
Batemans Bay Post/Moruya Examiner	16 November 2012	\$238.44
Albury Border Mail	17 November 2012	\$408.67
Bathurst Western Advocate	17 November 2012	\$255.41
Port Macquarie Independent	17 November 2012	\$188.31
Northern Territory News	17 November 2012	\$581.56
Wagga Daily Advertiser	17 November 2012	\$288.20
The Daily Telegraph	17 November 2012	\$2,525.04

Announcements for the forums were also posted on the Department of Veterans' Affairs Facebook page and via Twitter. There was no cost for this advertising.

- j) The Minister for Veterans' Affairs attended the public forum held in Melbourne on 12 November 2012. The Member for Newcastle, Ms Sharon Grierson MP, attended the forum in Newcastle on 18 October 2012. The Member for Herbert, Mr Ewen Jones MP, attended the forum in Townsville on 24 October 2012.

Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012–13; 17 October 2012
Answers to questions on notice from Department of Veterans' Affairs

Question 121

Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Centenary of ANZAC

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

With regards to the Government's public 'consultation' process, can the Department provide a breakdown noting:

- a) Number of attendees at each Forum;
- b) Number of staff who attended, their usual location and employment classification at each Forum;
- c) Costs for any flights, accommodation or transport for DVA staff to attend each Forum;
- d) Number of paid consultants at each Forum;
- e) Location of each Forum;
- f) Cost of hiring the venue for each Forum;
- g) Costs of hiring equipment for each Forum;
- h) Number of invitations sent, date sent and indicative list of organisations invited;
- i) Any advertising undertaken, date of publication and cost of advertising for each Forum;
- j) Attendance of the Minister or other Members of Parliament at any Forum.

Answer

The following answers are current as of close of business 9 November 2012. The last Public Forum is to be held on 30 November 2012.

- a) The public consultation process will end on 30 November 2012. The location and number of attendees at forums held as at 9 November were:

Location	Attendees
Sydney	12
Brisbane	20
Gold Coast (Southport)	23
Broken Hill	5
Norfolk Island	20
Whyalla	2
Adelaide	14
Mount Gambier	5
Newcastle	32
Longreach	3
Central Coast (Gosford)	16

Mount Isa	6
Townsville	14
Rockhampton	3
Ballarat	27
Dubbo	3
Shepparton	4
Traralgon	9

- b) The following table provides details of the staff who attended, their usual location and employment classification at each Forum held before 9 November 2012.

FORUM LOCATION	NUMBER OF STAFF	STAFF LOCATION	EMPLOYMENT LEVEL
Sydney	3	ACT	SES, A/g EL2, APS6
Brisbane	4	3 x ACT 1 x QLD	SES, A/g EL2, APS6 APS6
Gold Coast (Southport)	4	3 x ACT 1 x QLD	SES, A/g EL2, APS6 APS6
Norfolk Island	2	NSW	SES, APS5
Broken Hill	2	SA, ACT	SES, APS6
Whyalla	2	SA, ACT	SES, APS6
Adelaide	3	1 x SA 2 x ACT	SES APS6, APS4
Mount Gambier	2	SA, ACT	SES, APS6
Newcastle	2	NSW, ACT	SES, EL1
Central Coast (Gosford)	2	NSW	SES, APS5
Longreach	3	2 x QLD 1 x ACT	SES, EL1 APS6
Mount Isa	3	2 x QLD 1 x ACT	A/g EL2, EL1 APS6
Townsville	4	3 x ACT 1 x QLD	SES, EL1, APS6 EL1
Rockhampton	2	QLD, ACT	EL1, APS6
Dubbo	2	NSW	SES, APS5
Ballarat	3	2 x VIC 1 x ACT	SES, APS6 APS6
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Ballarat	George Hotel	Room hire	\$110.00
Shepparton	Shepparton RSL Club	Room hire	\$150.00
Traralgon	Traralgon RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$104.55
Melbourne	Box Hill RSL Club	Room hire	\$350.00
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Albury/Wodonga	Albury SS&A Club	Room hire	\$140.00
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga RSL Club	Room hire	\$200.00
Parramatta	Parramatta RSL Club	Room hire	\$225.00
Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie Panthers Club	Room hire	\$220.00

g) The following table outlines the cost of hiring equipment for each Forum.

Location	Venues & Room details	Room Hire Cost information	Cost
Sydney	City of Sydney RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Brisbane	Broncos Leagues Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Gold Coast	Southport RSL Club	Audio visual	\$120.00
Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island RSL Club	Audio visual	Free of charge
Broken Hill	Musicians Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Whyalla	Westlands Hotel/Motel	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Adelaide	Crowne Plaza Adelaide	Lectern & microphone	\$130.00
		Data projector/screen	\$355.00
		Roving microphone	\$180.00
Mount Gambier	Main Corner Function Centre	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Newcastle	Crowne Plaza Newcastle	Lectern & microphone	\$100.00
		Data projector	\$230.00
		Roving microphone	\$90.00
Central Coast	Gosford Golf Club	Lectern & microphone	\$60.00
		Data projector/screen	\$120.00
Longreach	Longreach RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Mount Isa	Buffalos Leagues Club	Lectern & microphone	\$35.00
		Roving microphone	Complimentary
		Data projector/screen	\$50.00
Townsville	Cowboys Leagues Club	Roving microphone	\$60.00
		Data projector	\$175.00
Rockhampton	Rockhampton Leagues Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Roving microphone	Complimentary
Dubbo	Dubbo RSL Club	Data projector	\$110.00
Ballarat	George Hotel	Data projector/screen	\$80.00
		Microphone	\$50.00
Shepparton	Shepparton RSL Club	Data projector	\$50.00
		Lectern & microphone	\$10.00
		Roving microphone	\$10.00
Traralgon	Traralgon RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Microphone	Complimentary
Melbourne	Box Hill RSL Club	Data projector	\$100.00
		Screen	\$50.00
		Roving microphone	Included with AV equipment above

Hobart	Lenah Valley RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Microphone	Included in room hire
Launceston	Country Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Geelong	Geelong RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Canberra	Southern Cross Club	Audio visual	\$803.00
Bunbury	Quality Hotel Lord Forrest	Data projector	\$50.00
		Roving microphone	\$100.00
Geraldton	African Reef Resort	Lectern & microphone	\$30.00
		Roving microphone	\$10.00
		Data projector/screen	\$130.00
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Memorial and Sporting Club	Data projector	\$100.00
Perth	Parmelia Hilton Hotel	Audio visual	\$507.25
Broome	Mangrove Hotel	Data projector	\$275.00
		Other audio	Complimentary
Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Darwin	Frontier Hotel	Data projector/screen	\$220.00
		Lectern & microphone	Complimentary
		Roving microphone	Complimentary
Bathurst	Bathurst RSL Club	Lectern & microphone	Complimentary
		Data projector	Complimentary
		Extra microphone	Complimentary
Alice Springs	Convention Centre	Audio visual	\$300.00
Albury/Wodonga	Albury SS&A Club	Room hire	\$140.00
		Data projector	\$65.00
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga RSL Club	Data projector	\$50.00
		Other equipment	Complimentary
Parramatta	Parramatta RSL Club	Data projector	\$100.00
		Other equipment	\$110.00
Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie Panthers Club	Audio visual	\$110.00

h) The following tables outline the number of invitations sent, date sent and indicative list of organisations invited.

Forum Location	Date Invites Sent	Number of Invites sent
Sydney	27 September 2012 Correction sent 2 October 2012	222
Brisbane	28 September 2012	151

Gold Coast (Southport)	28 September 2012	71
Norfolk Island	Forum occurred as part of a larger program – invitations not sent	-
Broken Hill	28 September 2012	30
Whyalla	3 October 2012	39
Adelaide	3 October 2012	150
Mount Gambier	3 October 2012	38
Newcastle	3 October 2012	88
Central Coast (Gosford)	9 October 2012	107
Longreach	9 October 2012	20
Mount Isa	9 October 2012	28
Townsville	9 October 2012	56
Rockhampton	10 October 2012	37
Dubbo	10 October 2012	47
Ballarat	10 October 2012	53
Shepparton	17 October 2012	35
Traralgon	17 October 2012	32
Melbourne	17 October 2012	205
Hobart	18 October 2012	71
Launceston	24 October 2012	41
Geelong	24 October 2012	39
Canberra	31 October 2012	124
Bunbury	25 October 2012	52
Geraldton	26 October 2012	38
Coffs Harbour	31 October 2012	45
Perth	24 October 2012	140
Broome	26 October 2012	26
Batemans Bay	31 October 2012	45
Darwin	8 November 2012	54
Bathurst	Not sent as of 9 November 2012	Not sent as of 9 November 2012
Alice Springs	8 November 2012	46
Albury/Wodonga	Not sent as of 9 November 2012	Not sent as of 9 November 2012
Wagga Wagga	Not sent as of 9 November 2012	Not sent as of 9 November 2012
Parramatta	Not sent as of 9 November 2012	Not sent as of 9 November 2012
Port Macquarie	Not sent as of 9 November 2012	Not sent as of 9 November 2012

Indicative list of organisations invited
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Veterans & Services Association
Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents Inc
Australian Army Cadets

Australian Army Medical Women's Association
Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Association
Australian Federation of TPI Ex-Servicemen and Women
Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women
Australian Special Air Service Association
Australian Veterans and Defence Services Council Inc
Australian Women's Army Service
Australian Women's Land Army Association
Blinded Soldiers of St Dunstan's Australia
British Airborne Forces Associations
Secondary Schools and Colleges
Local Councils
Defence Force Welfare Association
Girl Guides Australia
Legacy
Lions Club
National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc
Naval Association of Australia
Netherlands Ex-Servicemen & Women's Association in Australia
Partially Blinded Soldiers' Association of Australia
Probus Club
RAAF Association
Rats of Tobruk Association
Returned & Services League of Australia Ltd
Rotary Club
Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association
Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps Association
Royal Australian Historical Society
Royal Australian Navy Corvettes Association
Royal Marines Association
Scouts Australia
Society of Australian Genealogists
Submarines Association Australia
The Australasian Society of Family History Organisations
Universities, TAFE colleges and student associations
Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia
View Club
War Widows' Guild
Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Association
World Veterans Federation
YMCA/YWCA
Zonta International

- i) The following table outlines advertising undertaken, date of publication and cost of advertising for each forum.

NEWSPAPER	DATE ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED	COST
Brisbane Courier Mail	29 September 2012	\$1,642.01
The Daily Telegraph	29 September 2012	\$2,714.03
The Sydney Morning Herald	29 September 2012	\$2,612.00
Gold Coast Bulletin	3 October 2012	\$587.14
Adelaide Advertiser	6 October 2012	\$1,115.64
Barrier Daily Truth	6 October 2012	\$275.68
Newcastle Herald	6 October 2012	\$830.13
Mount Gambier Border Watch	9 October 2012	\$226.72
Whyalla News	9 October 2012	\$273.71
Central Coast Express Advocate	12 October 2012	\$388.33
Rockhampton Morning Bulletin	13 October 2012	\$359.94
Townsville Bulletin	13 October 2012	\$431.69
Mount Isa North West Star	16 October 2012	\$337.40
North Queensland Register	18 October 2012	\$327.17
Ballarat Courier	20 October 2012	\$353.51
Dubbo Daily Liberal	20 October 2012	\$335.92
Shepparton Adviser	31 October 2012	\$293.00
LaTrobe Valley Express	1 November 2012	\$310.07
Herald Sun - Melbourne	3 November 2012	\$3,147.25
Hobart Mercury	3 November 2012	\$478.00
Geelong Advertiser	3 November 2012	\$369.61
Launceston Examiner	3 November 2012	\$391.51
Canberra Times	10 November 2012	\$548.70
West Australian	10 November 2012	\$1,600.65
Coffs Coast Advocate	10 November 2012	\$340.71
Geraldton Guardian	12 November 2012	\$228.48
Bunbury Herald	13 November 2012	\$228.48
Broome Advertiser	15 November 2012	\$212.01
Alice Springs Centralian Advocate	16 November 2012	\$338.61
Batemans Bay Post/Moruya Examiner	16 November 2012	\$238.44
Albury Border Mail	17 November 2012	\$408.67
Bathurst Western Advocate	17 November 2012	\$255.41
Port Macquarie Independent	17 November 2012	\$188.31
Northern Territory News	17 November 2012	\$581.56
Wagga Daily Advertiser	17 November 2012	\$288.20
The Daily Telegraph	17 November 2012	\$2,525.04
	TOTAL:	\$25,783.73

Announcements for the forums were also posted on the Department of Veterans' Affairs Facebook page and via Twitter. There was no cost for this advertising.

- j) The Minister for Veterans' Affairs is to attend the public forum held in Melbourne on 12 November 2012. The Member for Newcastle, Ms Sharon Grierson MP, attended the forum in Newcastle on 18 October 2012. The Member for Herbert, Mr Ewen Jones MP, attended the forum in Townsville on 24 October 2012.

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Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Centenary of ANZAC

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

122 - 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?

123 – 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)?

125 - 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?

128 – 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?

129 – 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?

Answer

No decisions on these matters will be made until the outcomes of the public consultation process have been considered by the Australian and New Zealand Governments.

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Question 124

Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Centenary of Anzac

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

What is the cost of providing security at the Dawn Service in Turkey? What are the expected costs to provide security services in 2015?

Answer

Security at the services on 25 April at Gallipoli (Dawn Service at the Anzac Commemorative Site, Australian Memorial Service at Lone Pine and New Zealand Memorial Service at Chunuk Bair) is provided by Turkey's 2nd Army Corps and Jandarma, at no cost to the Australian and New Zealand Governments. The same arrangements will apply in 2015.

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Question 126

Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Centenary of Anzac

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

There are no motels or tourist accommodation within close proximity to the Anzac Cove precinct, other than the Kum Hotel and Gallipoli Houses, both of which are already fully booked for 2015 by the Department and its contractors. The closest tourist accommodation is in the closest towns of Eceabat and Gelibolu, and at Canakkale on the Asiatic coast of the Dardanelles.

The Department has not undertaken an audit of the number of motel rooms and accommodation places in the general area (Eceabat, Gelibolu and Canakkale), as the information is not especially relevant for managing attendance in 2015. At least 50% of attendees at the Anzac Day services arrive at the Anzac Commemorative Site from Istanbul or elsewhere in Turkey on 24 April and depart the following day, and so do not require local accommodation. The Department expects a significant number of attendees to do the same in 2015.

With regard to attendees who do intend to stay in tourist accommodation, a number of tour operators have indicated to the Department, during the current public consultation, that they have booked accommodation at locations such as Eceabat, Gelibolu and Canakkale and will travel to the commemorative services by coach. Other tour operators will be travelling to the region by cruise ship, and therefore accommodation is already provided. Many tour operators have also advised the Department that where they have made bookings it is to hold accommodation for intended tour packages, and that people will only be allocated to rooms once tour places are actually confirmed. The Department is advised that this is standard practice in the tour industry.

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Question 127

Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Centenary of Anzac

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

1. Neither the Department nor the Australian Government accredits tour operators to provide tours to Gallipoli in 2015.
2. The Department has been advised that as at 30 September 2012 there are some 5,680 bookings with Australian-based tour operators. Of these, only 1,859 appear to have been “pre-sold” in that clients, after paying a deposit in 2010, were required to pay the full tour price by March 2012. The Department understands that these clients have all been advised by the tour operator to take out travel insurance. The Department does not have visibility of the insurance policy or the number of clients who have taken up travel insurance.

The remaining bookings are in the form of fully refundable deposits, or indications of interest to a tour operator.

The Department further understands that the four major UK-based tour operators have not been taking deposits from prospective clients.

The Department is aware of at least four cruise liner packages being offered with a total capacity of 7,396. Bookings for these cruises form a portion of the total figure of 5,680 (including the 1,859 pre-sold places mentioned above). Only one of these cruises is indicating to clients the possibility of attending the Anzac Day services; the other three intend to moor some distance offshore from North Beach and Anzac Cove and take a live feed of the ABC broadcast.

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Question 130

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Centenary of Anzac

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

- a) Department of Veterans' Affairs in consultation with the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- b) 2013.
- c) For the period 2013 to 2016.
- d) Each Federal Electorate will be allocated up to \$50,000 to support community based commemorative events
- e) In accordance with standard Commonwealth discretionary grant guidelines.

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Question 131

Outcome 3 : Program 3.1

Topic: Centenary of Anzac

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

No.

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Question 132

Outcome 3 : Program 3.2

Topic: Centenary of Anzac

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

The Anzac Centenary Advisory Board is currently preparing wide ranging advice that is expected to be provided to Government in late 2012. The Government will then consider whether or not to release the Report when that advice has been received.

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Question 133

Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Centenary of ANZAC

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator RONALDSON asked:

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?

Answer

The Chair of the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board has been engaged through a letter of agreement which identifies arrangements for remuneration, travel and associated expenses.

For the 2011-12 financial year, the Department paid the Chair \$93,673.60 (GST inclusive) in sitting fees at the agreed rate of \$800 (GST inclusive) per diem plus superannuation. The Department also incurred \$59,769.53 (GST exclusive) in travel expenses to support the Chair.

For the 2012-13 financial year to 30 September 2012, the Department has paid the Chair \$8,272.00 (GST inclusive) in sitting fees at the agreed rate of \$800 (GST inclusive) per diem plus superannuation. The Department also incurred \$16,124.49 (GST exclusive) in travel expenses to support the Chair.

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Question 134

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: 2/40th Battalion Memorial

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1. What is the Department doing to assist with the establishment of a memorial in Hobart for the 2/40th Battalion?
2. If the Department is not aware of the campaign to establish a memorial for the 2/40th Battalion, what would be the best process for the proponents to follow in order to achieve a timely resolution?

Answer

1. Senator Bushby wrote to the Minister for Veterans' Affairs on 22 August 2012 informing the Minister that Mrs Susan Beard, with the assistance of the Hobart City Council, was intending to apply for a grant through the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish a memorial in Hobart to honour the 2/40th Battalion.
2. As of 6 November 2012 the Department of Veterans' Affairs has not received any grant requests regarding a 2/40th Battalion Memorial.

The proponents can apply for the Saluting Their Service (STS) grants which support projects and activities which directly commemorate Australia's servicemen and women who served in wars, conflicts and peace operations to promote appreciation and understanding of the role those who served have played in shaping the nation. Details on how to apply for STS grants can be found on the Department of Veterans' Affairs website at:

http://www.dva.gov.au/commems_oawg/commemorations/grants/Pages/index.aspx

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Question 135

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Anzac Centenary Advisory Board Members

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p 102)

Senator Ronaldson asked:

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.

Answer

Discussions were held with the Department's Legal and Contracts sections regarding the best method to arrange for payments to be made to the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board members. As the Board was not a statutory authority, the issues arising were non-controversial and there were many examples in the public sector of similarly-constructed arrangements, these discussions were not documented into a legal or contracting advice.

The issues considered in making this decision have been outlined below:

- the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board is an administrative body not statute based;
- to comply with the Department's responsibilities under the Financial Management & Accountability Act, there was a need to have a mechanism that provides certainty of the agreed arrangement and value of that payment; and
- it was agreed that the most expeditious method was an exchange of letters.

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Question 136

Outcome 3: Program 3.1

Topic: Anzac Centenary Advisory Board members

(FADT Hansard Proof 17 October 2012, p102)

Senator Ronaldson asked:

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.

Senator RONALDSON: That is all clearly identified in the contract, is it?

Major Gen. Cosson: That is correct.

Senator RONALDSON: You will provide me with a copy of both contracts. You are talking about 16 meetings over the next four years?

Answer

Please refer to Attachment A and B for a copy of the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board Working Group member contracts.



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Attachment A

Dear

I am pleased to be able to write to you to formalise our agreement for your services on the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board ('the Board'). As a member of the Board, you will make a valuable contribution to the planning and development of recommendations to Government regarding centenary commemorations.

The terms and conditions of your appointment are set out below and will be kept confidential. However, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) is required to publish or otherwise disclose certain information about this agreement including the value of the contract as required by law or government requirements.

Your appointment takes effect from 13 October 2011 and, unless altered by further agreement, will continue until 30 June 2012. DVA has an option to extend this agreement for periods up to 12 months each to 31 December 2018. However, either party, at their absolute discretion, may terminate this agreement after the start date by giving notice in writing to the other party. The termination will take effect two weeks after the date of the notice and, apart from DVA being required to pay you the fees and expenses incurred to the termination date, neither party will be liable to compensate the other in any way.

This agreement is for your personal services only and you agree not to subcontract it, or any part of it, to subcontractors. It is expected that, during the course of your engagement and payment by DVA, you will:

- (a) prepare for and attend meetings of the Board;
- (b) contribute to out-of-session work, as required, to achieve Board outcomes or recommendations to the Australian Government; and
- (c) perform duties as per the Terms of Reference at Attachment A.

Subject to all other terms of this agreement, you will receive payment of \$588 (inclusive of GST) as a daily sitting fee for meeting days, in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2011/09: *Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office* (at Appendix 1), and all other costs, charges and taxes associated with providing these services. This payment will be provided within 21 days after your attendance at the Board meeting.

Subject to all other terms of this agreement, you will be paid Tier 1 travel allowance, exclusive of GST for accommodation, meals and incidentals in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2011/15: *Official Travel by Office Holders* (at Appendix 2). This payment will be provided within 21 days after your attendance at the Board meeting. Please note that any approved international travel will be the equivalent of business class airfares.

DVA has a contract with a travel provider who arranges all air travel on behalf of the department at a discounted rate. Bookings and amendments for your air travel will be facilitated by DVA – you are unable to make changes directly with the airline. DVA will ensure that travel arrangements represent an efficient and cost-effective means and to avoid unnecessary costs, DVA will make every effort to arrange for you to depart on the morning of the scheduled meeting and return to your home destination that evening. However, circumstances will arise where it is necessary to travel the night before and DVA will determine your entitlement to travel allowance in these instances.

If an overnight stay is required to enable your attendance at the Board meeting, you will be responsible for making your own accommodation arrangements.

Subject to all other terms of this agreement, DVA will reimburse reasonable costs associated with surface travel to enable your attendance at the Board meetings. If you elect to drive to the meeting location, DVA may pay a motor vehicle allowance in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2011/15: *Official Travel by Office Holders*. Such a payment will be at DVA's discretion, with adherence to the principles of efficient and cost-effective means of travel. DVA will not reimburse surface costs or parking for individuals who reside in the same city as the meeting.

Subject to all other terms of this agreement, DVA will cover taxi costs from home to the closest airport for departure to the meeting location; from the arrival airport to your accommodation (as applicable); from your accommodation to the meeting location and return. DVA will pay a motor vehicle allowance for travel to the airport in exceptional circumstances, conditional on your application for such reimbursement. Receipts for taxis or airport parking must be provided to DVA within 14 days of the scheduled meeting to enable a single payment into your nominated account. Receipts provided outside of this timeframe will not be considered for reimbursement.

You are not entitled to personally accrue frequent flyer points for air travel booked by, and paid for, by DVA. Accumulation of frequent flyer points for air travel belong to DVA for the department's discretionary use. DVA will not purchase airline lounge memberships nor support any application to receive the discounted corporate rate for airline lounge membership.

It is essential that the services provided under this agreement be seen to be independent and objective. By entering into this agreement, you are taken to warrant that there is no conflict of interest on your part. Also, you should ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise, or be apparent, at any time that you are performing services under this agreement during its term. Should a conflict arise, or be perceived, you should immediately inform the DVA Contract Manager (details below) who will have full discretion to decide the action to take in the circumstances. It will be your responsibility to avoid conflicts of interest and ensure that you do not breach any contract with third parties.

As appropriate, you are required to observe confidentiality and applicable Commonwealth legislation and DVA guidelines relating to privacy, security, occupational health and safety and the APS Code of Conduct and Values. The DVA Contract Manager will advise of any additional or special requirements.

All material created in the course of delivering services and any intellectual property recognised at law in that material shall vest in the Commonwealth on creation of the material. If DVA provides any material to you, this will need to be returned to DVA at the latest when the agreement ends.

If any issues arise that might impact on the delivery of services please inform the DVA Contract Manager of the details and provide your advice on contingency plans.

As you are entering into this agreement as an independent contractor, you are not considered to be entitled to claim from DVA any employment entitlements, including annual, sick or long service leave or superannuation.

Below are the details of the DVA Contract Manager:

DVA contract manager	Elizabeth (Liz) Cosson AM CSC
Position	First Assistant Secretary Client and Commemorations Division
Telephone (business hours)	(02) 6289 6008
E-mail	elizabeth.cosson@dva.gov.au

DVA's insurance coverage for legal liabilities extends to you while you act in an official capacity as a member of the Board. This insurance does not extend to your private motor vehicle or passengers. I invite you to arrange public liability insurance at your own expense if you deem it appropriate to do so.

If you are travelling and an airline loses, misplaces or damages your baggage, you should address this with the airline. DVA will not provide overseas travel insurance cover for periods outside the scope of approved official overseas travel. You are responsible for purchasing your own private travel insurance coverage for these periods.

In order to facilitate the use of electronic communication between us:

- (a) notices and documents required to be signed may be served by way of facsimile or by e-mail in Portable Document Format (PDF) or similar format; and
- (b) other information may be transmitted between us by any other electronic system or means, eg, e-mail or SMS.

However, transmission of any 'personal information' within the meaning of the *Privacy Act 1988* will need to be by way of secure methods that will be agreed between you and the DVA Contract Manager.

I would like to thank you for agreeing to provide the services in the agreement and trust that the terms of engagement explained above are acceptable to you. If you agree with them, I would appreciate it if you could signify this by signing in the designated section below and returning this letter to me. I will arrange for a copy to be made available to you for your records if you have not made a copy.

I look forward to working with you in the leading, planning and development of the Anzac Centenary commemorations.

Yours sincerely

Ian Campbell
Secretary
Department of Veterans' Affairs

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Attachment B

Dear

I am pleased to be able to write to you to formalise our agreement for your services on the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board ('the Board'). As a member of the Board, you are making valuable contributions to the planning and development of recommendations to Government regarding centenary commemorations.

The terms and conditions of your appointment are set out below and will be kept confidential. However, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) is required to publish or otherwise disclose certain information about this agreement including the value of the contract as required by law or government requirements.

Your appointment takes effect from 1 July 2012 and, unless altered by further agreement, will continue until 30 June 2016. DVA has an option to extend this agreement for periods up to 12 months each to 31 December 2018 by providing notice in writing. However, either party, at their absolute discretion, may terminate this agreement after the start date by giving notice in writing to the other party. The termination will take effect two weeks after the date of the notice and, apart from DVA being required to pay you the fees and expenses incurred to the termination date, neither party will be liable to compensate the other in any way.

This agreement is for your personal services only and you agree not to subcontract it, or any part of it, to subcontractors. It is expected that, during the course of your engagement and payment by DVA, you will:

- (a) prepare for and attend meetings of the Board;
- (b) contribute to out-of-session work, as required, to achieve Board outcomes or recommendations to the Australian Government; and
- (c) perform duties as per the Terms of Reference at Attachment A.

Subject to all other terms of this agreement, you will receive payment of \$588 (inclusive of GST) as a daily sitting fee for meeting days, in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2011/09: *Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office*, and all other costs, charges and taxes associated with providing these services. This payment will be provided within 30 days after your attendance at the Board meeting.

Subject to all other terms of this agreement, you will be paid Tier 1 travel allowance, exclusive of GST for accommodation, meals and incidentals in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2011/15: *Official Travel by Office Holders*. This payment will be provided within 30 days after your attendance at the Board meeting. Please note that any approved international travel will be the equivalent of business class airfares.

DVA has a contract with a travel provider who arranges all air travel on behalf of the department at a discounted rate. Bookings and amendments for your air travel will be facilitated by DVA – you are unable to make changes directly with the airline. DVA will ensure that travel arrangements represent an efficient and cost-effective means and to avoid unnecessary costs, DVA will make every effort to arrange for you to depart on the morning of the scheduled meeting and return to your home destination that evening. However, circumstances will arise where it is necessary to travel the night before and DVA will determine your entitlement to travel allowance in these instances.

If an overnight stay is required to enable your attendance at the Board meeting, you will be responsible for making your own accommodation arrangements.

Subject to all other terms of this agreement, DVA will reimburse reasonable costs associated with surface travel to enable your attendance at the Board meetings. If you elect to drive to the meeting location, DVA may pay a motor vehicle allowance in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2011/15: *Official Travel by Office Holders*. Such a payment will be at DVA's discretion, with adherence to the principles of efficient and cost-effective means of travel. DVA will not reimburse surface costs or parking for individuals who reside in the same city as the meeting.

Subject to all other terms of this agreement, DVA will cover taxi costs from home to the closest airport for departure to the meeting location; from the arrival airport to your accommodation (as applicable); from your accommodation to the meeting location and return. DVA will pay a motor vehicle allowance for travel to the airport in exceptional circumstances, conditional on your application for such reimbursement. Receipts for taxis or airport parking must be provided to DVA within 14 days of the scheduled meeting to enable a single payment into your nominated account. Receipts provided outside of this timeframe will not be considered for reimbursement.

You are not entitled to personally accrue frequent flyer points for air travel booked by, and paid for, by DVA. Accumulation of frequent flyer points for air travel belong to DVA for the department's discretionary use. DVA will not purchase airline lounge memberships nor support any application to receive the discounted corporate rate for airline lounge membership.

It is essential that the services provided under this agreement be seen to be independent and objective. By entering into this agreement, you are taken to warrant that there is no conflict of interest on your part. Also, you should ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise, or be apparent, at any time that you are performing services under this agreement during its term. Should a conflict arise, or be perceived, you should immediately inform the DVA Contract Manager (details below) who will have full discretion to decide the action to take in the circumstances. It will be your responsibility to avoid conflicts of interest and ensure that you do not breach any contract with third parties.

As appropriate, you are required to observe confidentiality and applicable Commonwealth legislation and DVA guidelines relating to privacy, security, occupational health and safety and the APS Code of Conduct and Values. The DVA Contract Manager will advise of any additional or special requirements.

All material created in the course of delivering services and any intellectual property recognised at law in that material shall vest in the Commonwealth on creation of the material. If DVA provides any material to you, this will need to be returned to DVA at the latest when the agreement ends.

If any issues arise that might impact on the delivery of services please inform the DVA Contract Manager of the details and provide your advice on contingency plans.

As you are entering into this agreement as an independent contractor, you are not considered to be entitled to claim from DVA any employment entitlements, including annual, sick or long service leave or superannuation.

Below are the details of the DVA Contract Manager:

DVA contract manager	Elizabeth (Liz) Cosson AM CSC
Position	First Assistant Secretary Client and Commemorations Division
Telephone (business hours)	(02) 6289 6008
E-mail	elizabeth.cosson@dva.gov.au

DVA's insurance coverage for legal liabilities extends to you while you act in an official capacity as a member of the Board. This insurance does not extend to your private motor vehicle or passengers. I invite you to arrange public liability insurance at your own expense if you deem it appropriate to do so.

If you are travelling and an airline loses, misplaces or damages your baggage, you should address this with the airline. DVA will not provide overseas travel insurance cover for periods outside the scope of approved official overseas travel. You are responsible for purchasing your own private travel insurance coverage for these periods.

In order to facilitate the use of electronic communication between us:

- (c) notices and documents required to be signed may be served by way of facsimile or by e-mail in Portable Document Format (PDF) or similar format; and
- (d) other information may be transmitted between us by any other electronic system or means, eg, e-mail or SMS.

However, transmission of any 'personal information' within the meaning of the *Privacy Act 1988* will need to be by way of secure methods that will be agreed between you and the DVA Contract Manager.

I would like to thank you for agreeing to provide the services in the agreement and trust that the terms of engagement explained above are acceptable to you. If you agree with them, I would appreciate it if you could signify this by signing in the designated section below and returning this letter to me. I will arrange for a copy to be made available to you for your records if you have not made a copy.

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