

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2012
Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No. 1

Senator Kroger asked on notice

In reference to the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development initiative announced by the Prime Minister on 29 August 2012:

- a) What policy advice has AusAID developed and provided to the Government addressing and analysing the risks of this initiative being seen as an inappropriate interference in the political machinations of sovereign governments in the region?
- b) Has AusAID obtained legal advice as to whether this strategy in any way contravenes any of Australia's Treaty or international law obligations? If yes, will AusAID waive legal professional privilege and release that legal advice?
- c) Please provide a breakdown of how the money will be spent including how much of it will be spent on staff and in administration?
- d) What are the specific KPIs for each year of the initiative? AusAID's Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Success [sic] brochure states that after the 10-year initiative, Pacific women will, among other things, be more involved in local and national leadership, have more opportunities to earn incomes and build assets and have better access to financial services.
- e) How does AusAID intend to measure the success of all these stated goals?
- f) Please provide details of all performance measures AusAID has mapped and linked to specific program activity by country over the 10 years of this initiative, along with details as to budget allocation for each program.

Answer:

- a) The Initiative reflects consultations with Pacific Island governments and will support commitments made by Pacific Island Forum Leaders in the Gender Equality Declaration issued at Rarotonga in August 2012. Through this Declaration, Leaders committed to a set of policy actions, including adopting measures to accelerate women's equal participation in governance and enacting legislation regarding domestic violence.
- b) No. Any organisation which is funded to implement activities under the Initiative will sign an Agreement with clauses which requires compliance with Australia's domestic laws, which include laws reflecting our treaty obligations.
- c) Over 10 years, approximately 70 per cent of the budget will be spent on country-specific activities and approximately 30 per cent on regionally managed programs. Investments will be made across six key result areas. Indicative budget allocations across these areas are:
 - Violence prevention and response services – approximately \$98 million

- Economic empowerment programs, including financial training and services and improved market access - approximately \$64 million
- Strengthened women’s groups and coalitions - approximately \$38 million
- Improved women’s leadership through mentoring, training and community development - approximately \$35 million
- Changed attitudes through media and peer education approaches - approximately \$35 million
- Focussed research, analysis and evaluation to target programs - approximately \$20 million

Annual budgets will be determined through the development of workplans for each Forum Island country and a regional program design document. These documents are due to be finalised by the next Pacific Island Forum Leaders’ meeting (PIF) in August/September 2013. There are currently three AusAID staff working on the Initiative for 12 months at an estimated cost of \$260,000 for salaries.

- d) Aggregate performance measures for the Initiative over 10 years include:
- 30,000 female vendors in Pacific produce markets with improved economic opportunities through improved produce market operations and financial support; and
 - 150,000 services (counselling, medical assistance, safe shelter) to women who experience violence; and
 - an increase in the number of women in decision making roles at a national and local level across the Pacific.

Annual performance indicators for the first 2 years of the program will be developed through the design of the Initiative by end of June 2013. At the end of the first two years of the program, AusAID will conduct a review and identify successful activities to scale up for the second phase of the program (year 3 – 5) with annual key performance indicators identified in the second phase design.

- e) The country workplans and regional program design document will each include a performance and monitoring framework which will establish relevant performance measures following consultation and agreement with stakeholders.
- f) The Delivery Strategy, on which the Initiative is based, has established a set of indicative performance measures. These indicators will be refined and confirmed through the development of individual country workplans and the regional design document by the next PIF meeting in August/September 2013. The Delivery Strategy is at: <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/HotTopics/Pages/Display.aspx?QID=791>

Question No. 2

Senator Rhiannon asked on notice

- a) Could you provide a breakdown of funding committed to Nauru for the last 4 years?
And also to Manus Island for the last 4 years?-
- b) What the programs were and the amount?

Answer:

Nauru

The following table presents total Official Development Assistance for the period 2008-09 to 2012-13.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (est)
Public Sector Governance	\$1.2 m	\$1.5 m	\$3.7 m	\$3.4 m
Education	\$1.2 m	\$3.6 m	\$2.0 m	\$3.5 m
Health	\$2.0m	\$2.5 m	\$3.2 m	\$2.4 m
Infrastructure and Services	\$10.4 m	\$6.4 m	\$7.1 m	\$5.7 m
Private Sector Growth	\$0.6 m	\$0.0 m	\$0.3 m	\$0.5 m
Planning and Logistics	\$2.9 m	\$2.4 m	\$2.0 m	\$2.0 m
Regional and Global Programs	\$2.7 m	\$1.9 m	\$2.3 m	\$1.8 m
The Australian Federal Police	\$1.8 m	\$3.5 m	\$4.3 m	\$2.2 m
Nauru Australia Compact of Settlement	\$3.8 m	\$3.7 m	\$3.8 m	\$3.9 m
Total	\$26.6 m	\$25.5 m	\$28.7 m	\$25.4 m

Manus Island

For Manus Province, which is funded under AusAID's PNG aid program, AusAID does not report financial commitments on an annual basis. The following breakdown provides aggregate expenditure over the period 2008-09 to 2012-13.

Sector	Funding
Education	\$1,195,065
Health and HIV	\$977,000
Law and Justice	\$3,250,000 (since 2006)
Democratic Governance	\$1,249,309
Sub National Program	\$262,071
Climate Change	\$4,400,000
TOTAL	\$11,333,445

Question No. 3

Senator Kroger asked in writing

- a) How much funding did AusAID provide for the delivery of the 'Stop TB' campaign in PNG prior to 1 July 2011?
- b) Since 1 July 2011, how much funding has AusAID provided for the delivery of the 'Stop TB' campaign in PNG delivered by World Vision in conjunction with Jayne Thompson & Associates?
- c) Please provide a breakdown of what programs/consultancy services/contracts Jayne Thompson & Associates has undertaken by way of direct engagement, or sub-contracted arrangement, for AusAID in PNG since 1 December 2007, including details as to:
 - a. what programs/consultancy services/contracts were delivered and when?
 - b. what were the objective performance measures and deliverables for the programs/consultancy services/contracts?
 - c. what were the costs/fees paid to Jayne Thompson & Associates for the delivery of these programs/consultancy services/contracts
- d) Please provide details of all 'top up' salary payments and other allowances AusAID paid to employees, consultants, contractors and sub-contractors employed by the PNG National Department of Health from 1 December 2007 to 24 October 2012?
- e) Please provide documentation to verify that all funds allocated to South Fly TB Management Program have been spent on services, equipment and training.
- f) How will AusAID guarantee that the remainder of the \$8.5 million investment will go into services, equipment and training for the people of South Fly, Western Province?

Answer:

- a) The 'Stop TB' program in PNG is funded through a grant from the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. AusAID has contributed \$210 million to the Global Fund since 2004, and has committed a further \$210 million over 2011-2013. The allocation of Global Fund grants is determined through processes managed centrally by the Global Fund. The Stop TB program in PNG is currently receiving a grant worth US \$19 million from the Global Fund, which covers the period October 2007 to June 2013.
- b) AusAID is providing \$2,892,963 to support the 'Stop TB in Western Province' for the period February 2012 to June 2015. This funding is provided as a grant to World Vision through the Health and HIV Implementing Services Provider (HHSIP), which is managed by Jane Thomason and Associates International (JTAI).
- c) Jane Thomason & Associates International (JTAI) has implemented the following contracts for AusAID in PNG since December 2007:

- a.
 - i. The Capacity Building Service Centre (CBSC) from 1 August 2005 until 31 January 2012.
 - ii. The Sanap Wantaim Program from 1 April 2007 until 2 April 2012.
 - iii. The Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider (HHISP) from 26 March 2012 – 30 June 2015.

- b. Detailed performance assessment frameworks were developed for each program.
 - i. CBSC provided technical assistance and training at the national and provincial level of the Department of Health. At its completion, CBSC had contributed to the following deliverables:
 - o improved the National Department of Health's (NDoH's) capacity to deliver on its mandate and lead the Sector Wide Approach;
 - o improved legal frameworks for the delivery of integrated health services at the provincial level;
 - o improved delivery of priority health programs including HIV counselling and Testing services, and Antiretroviral Treatment (ART); and
 - o improved efficiency, effectiveness, and accessibility of hospital services across PNG.
 - The PNG – Australia HIV and AIDS Program (Sanap Wantaim) supported the national HIV response in PNG. JTAI provided technical assistance, logistics, management of funds and procurement of goods for the Sanap Wantaim Program. This support contributed to the Program's targets for condom promotion and distribution; and HIV testing and treatment, especially for pregnant women and those populations most at risk.
 - HHISP supports the PNG Government to improve rural health services and maternal and child health outcomes in five PNG provinces, and HIV service delivery in provinces with the highest HIV burden. HHISP will deliver support through technical assistance, NGO grants management and research. To date HHSIP has contributed to the following deliverables:
 - o emergency purchase of essential drugs for the PNG national Department of Health
 - o providing support to an outbreak of dysentery in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville
 - o improved testing and treatment of tuberculosis in Western Province reducing mortality by 80 per cent and
 - o a reduction in maternal and child deaths through provision of a sea ambulance to Milne Bay.

- c.
 - The total funds paid to JTAI for managing the CBSC from 1 August 2005 and 31 January 2012, including program costs and management fees, was \$92,120,824.

- The total funds paid to JTAI for managing Sanap Wantaim from 1 April 2007 to 2 April 2012, including program costs and management fees, was \$59,139,500.
 - The total funds paid to JTAI for managing the HHISP from 26 March 2012 to date, including program costs and management fees, is \$20,800,171. The total value of the contract is \$133,288,340.
- d) AusAID has not provided “top up” salaries for employees, consultants, contractors and sub-contractors employed by the PNG National Department of Health. Travel allowances and accommodation costs have been paid to NDoH employees who have participated in AusAID PNG program activities. Calculation of these payments would be an unreasonable draw on agency resources.
- e) AusAID’s \$11 million funding to help the PNG Government manage TB in the Western Province of PNG supports the following: TB staffing; medical equipment; training; construction of TB facilities; awareness raising; and the joint TB handover clinics. Contract documentation is commercial in confidence. A breakdown of expenditure is as follows:

Activity	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total
Joint TB handover clinics in the Torres Strait + Queensland Mycobacterium Reference Laboratory ¹	\$858,500	\$132,500			\$991,000
Support through Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider/ Capacity Building Service Centre ²	\$1,598,942	\$801,144	\$533,652	\$353,652	\$3,287,390
Stop TB in Western Province (World Vision) ³	\$436,877	\$1,044,812	\$845,790	\$565,484	\$2,892,963
New TB ward	\$126,941	\$3,372,646			\$3,499,587
GeneXpert and new X-Ray ⁴	\$446,534				\$446,534
Total	\$3,467,794	\$5,351,102	\$1,379,422	\$919,136	\$11,117,474

- f) AusAID funds are managed by JTAI, World Vision Australia, Charles Kendall and Partners, and Department of Health and Ageing. AusAID will monitor and evaluate implementation of the projects in accordance with strict financial procedures.

¹ Funding to Department of Health and Ageing paid in 2011-12. Comprises \$265,000 for Queensland Mycobacterium Reference Laboratory; \$726,000 for joint TB handover clinics in the Torres Strait.

² Includes cost of: sea ambulance (\$486,000 for design, building, registration and transport to Port Moresby and Daru; plus approximately \$15,000 per month for operational costs, fuel, driver, maintenance and security), TB health staff (September 2011-February 2012, transferred to World Vision in February 2012); purchase of MDR-TB drugs (\$380,000); XDRTB drugs (\$7,000), interim TB isolation ward (\$42,000); communication centre (\$68,000); and health adviser.

³ Funding paid in 2011-12, with implementation costs apportioned over the program duration as indicated. World Vision took over management and recruitment of TB health staff in February 2012.

⁴ Includes refurbishment of X-Ray room at Daru General Hospital.

Question No. 4

Senator Kroger asked in writing

- a) How many times has the AusAID-funded sea ambulance conducted outreach visits since it was delivered on 16 May 2012?
 - i. How regularly is the ambulance getting to each of the 13 Treaty Villages spread along the South Fly coastline?
 - ii. How regularly is the ambulance travelling to the Western Province villages located further up the inland waterways?
- b) Are there difficulties with the vessel reaching these villages due to its size and the fact that it cannot access the shallower waterways?
- c) Given that it takes around 50L of fuel to get to the outlying villages and this boat has a capacity of 800L, what is the fuel efficiency of this vessel per outreach operation?

Answer:

- a) The AusAID-funded sea ambulance has conducted nineteen voyages since it was delivered on 16 May 2012
 - i. The AusAID-funded sea ambulance has made a total of eight trips to Treaty Villages between May and October 2012. It has been to Mababuan three times for TB clinics, Sigabadaru three times (two TB clinics and one medivac), Mari once to deliver medical supplies and Buzi once for a TB clinic.
 - ii. The sea ambulance has made 5 trips to villages up the inland waterways. It has been to Balimo twice to deliver medical supplies, Oriomo once to deliver medical supplies, Kibuli once for a TB clinic and to deliver medical supplies, and Morehead once to do a TB clinic and undertake a supervisory visit.
- b) No.
- c) Most outreach is undertaken along the South Fly Coast from as far west as Arufi and the east bank of the Fly River delta and takes between 3 - 5 hours for a round trip. A 3 hour round trip in calm seas uses 80 litres per hour and costs approximately K1,320 in fuel. A 5 hour round trip in calm seas uses 80 litres per hour and costs approximately K2,200 in fuel.

Question No. 5

Senator Kroger asked in writing

- a) Are both the X-ray and GeneXpert machines that were delivered to Daru Hospital between the dates of 20-30 May 2012 fully operational?
- b) How many patients at Daru Hospital are being treated for HIV/AIDs and TB each day?
- c) What are the time frames between patients being tested by the machines and a diagnosis being made?
- d) Who is qualified to operate these machines?
- e) What training have they received and from whom?
- f) Who is responsible for maintaining and fixing the machines when they break down?

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) Over the last month an average of 27 patients have been treated for TB at Daru Hospital. There are currently 5 patients being treated with HIV/TB co-infection at Daru Hospital.
- c) The GeneXpert machine can diagnose rifampicin resistance (the most common form of drug resistant TB) within two hours. The digital X-Ray unit produces an X-Ray within minutes.
- d) Four technicians at Daru Hospital have been trained to operate the GeneXpert machine. The Daru Hospital Radiologist was trained to operate the X-Ray unit.
- e) Technicians received five days training in use of the GeneXpert from a medical (pathology) service engineer from Meddent (the PNG branch of the machine's manufacturer). Ongoing training and support is provided by a medical scientist from Queensland Mycobacterium Reference Laboratory during regular visits.

The radiologist received two days training by a medical engineer in May 2012, with a further two days follow-on training from a technical radiologist in October 2012. Training was provided by the company that manufactured the X-Ray unit.

- f) If the GeneXpert or X-Ray unit breaks down, AusAID will fund biomedical engineering experts to repair it.

Question No. 6

Senator Kroger asked in writing

As part of a more strategic approach to combating TB in Papua New Guinea, how does AusAID plan to address the fact that PNG only has 0.6% health workers per 1,000 people?

Answer:

AusAID's strategy is to increase the quality and quantity of PNG's health workforce through the following:

- Expanding the PNG Scholarship Program to include in-country scholarships for midwives, nurses and community health workers, which will target 1400 graduates over 2012-2015. This is estimated to cost \$66.4 million for the 2012-15 intakes (this includes out-year costs required for completion);
- Undertaking assessments of all nursing and community health worker training institutions in PNG to identify requirements to improve educational quality and infrastructure (to be completed in November 2012). This is estimated to cost \$1.2 million in 2012-13.
- Undertaking a new phase of support for the University of PNG's School of Medical and Health Sciences to increase nursing, midwifery, medical and specialist graduates, and strengthening the PNG Department of Health's Division of Public Health. The next three year phase commencing in 2013 will cost \$13.5 million;
- Funding eight clinical midwifery facilitators at all four midwifery schools to improve teaching quality and capacity at a cost of \$9.8 million and refurbishing all four midwifery schools to take on increased annual intakes at a cost of \$9.9 million;
- Co-financing the Oil Search Health Foundation to implement a Reproductive Health Training Unit to provide in-service training to 10 provinces and relevant training institutions in the areas of essential obstetric care and family planning. This will cost \$10 million over five years; and
- Co-financing an ADB-managed Rural Primary Health Service Delivery Project to implement health workforce reforms in 16 districts in PNG.

Question No. 7

Senator Kroger asked in writing

What are the names of the partner organisations that AusAID is directly funding in PNG and what evidence of outcomes for these investments can AusAID provide?

Answer:

AusAID provides funding to the following health organisations in PNG:

- a. PNG National Department of Health through the Health Sector Improvement Program Trust Account. In 2012 this funding vaccinated 552,872 children against measles, 615,069 children against polio, and 1,212,412 women (15-45 years) with a tetanus toxoid vaccine.
- b. The International Dispensary Association, which procured five rounds of quality-assured medical supply kits in 2011. These are being distributed through Charles Kendall and Partners (CKP). In 2011, CKP distributed medical supply kits to 706 health centres and 2,101 aid posts.
- c. CKP manages health infrastructure procurement in PNG. In 2012-13 CKP is refurbishing all four midwifery schools and one community health worker school to improve the quality and quantity of the health workforce. CKP has also procured a GeneXpert machine and digital X-ray machine for Daru Hospital, and is constructing a purpose built TB ward at Daru Hospital.
- d. Jane Thomason and Associates International implements the Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider grants program, which provides funds to the following key organisations:
 - i. The PNG Institute of Medical Research; University of PNG's School of Medical and Health Sciences; World Vision; Oil Search Health Foundation; and church-based organisations, international NGOs, Australian community organisation and private sector agencies.
 - ii. These organisations have contributed to: improving the evidence-base of effective treatments for malaria and TB in PNG; improving TB services in Western Province; increasing the trained health workforce; training health workers in essential obstetric care and family planning; and delivering HIV prevention and care services.
- e. Cardno Emerging Markets implemented Tingim Laip, a community based HIV/AIDS prevention program. The program reduced risk behaviour among sex workers, their clients and men who have sex with men by providing access to condoms and sexual health services.
- f. Australian non-government agencies (Save the Children International, the Burnet Institute, NSW Family Planning Association and the Australian Board of Missions with Albion St Centre) have partnered with local NGOs through the PNG Sexual Health Improvement Program. This program increased the number of STIs diagnosed from around 5,000 in 2008 to over 70,000 by mid-2012.
- g. GRM International manages the PNG Scholarship Program. This is being expanded to include in-country awards for midwives, nurses and community health workers, with a target of 1400 graduates over 2012-15.
- h. The Asian Development Bank is implementing the Rural Primary Health Services Delivery Project, which is co-financed by AusAID. The project aims

to improve district level primary health service delivery in 16 districts in eight PNG provinces.

- i. The World Bank (WB) is analysing health financing and public expenditure in health. The WB is also implementing a large scale Integrated Bio Behavioural Study, which will provide reliable information on HIV prevalence across different regions of PNG.
- j. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the University of Sydney are implementing a midwifery capacity building program in PNG. In 2011, this deployed eight clinical midwifery facilitators to all four midwifery schools in PNG. This directly contributed to the graduation of 50 midwifery students, compared to 2010 when there was no intake.

Question No. 8

Senator Kroger asked in writing

What opportunities are there for organisations such as the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre based in Cairns, which operates capacity-building and TB management programs on the ground in the Western Province, to access some of these funds?

Answer:

Accredited international NGOs can receive funding for their programs through the AusAID NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). NGOs can also apply for competitive grants processes, which are described on the Civil Society Engagement Portal on AusAID's website.

In PNG, the AusAID-funded Strongim Pipol Strongim Nesen (SPSN) program operates a grant scheme designed to empower communities through grants to civil society organisations and community groups. The next round of grant applications will be in 2013.

Question No. 9

Senator Kroger asked in writing

A recently-released AusAID report has raised concerns that PNG's National AIDS Council Secretariat (NACS) is underperforming, poorly managed with little effect, and corrupt (source: PNG Post Courier, October 10 2012). What action will AusAID take to ensure future dealings with this partner program are effective and monies are spent as targeted?

Answer:

Since the Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) Evaluation of the Australian Contribution to the National HIV response in PNG was concluded in 2010, AusAID has reduced direct support to NACS.

AusAID will continue targeted support for two positions, a HIV Decentralisation Advisor & HIV Research Assistant Officer, subject to demonstration of satisfactory performance. From 2013 the only recurrent funding support will be one full time advisor.

Question No. 10

Senator Kroger asked in writing

What is AusAID doing to avoid the duplication of HIV/AIDS programs in PNG with NACS, as reported in the PNG Post Courier on 11 October 2012?

Answer:

AusAID submits to NACS the annual work plans of NGOs which AusAID funds to provide HIV/AIDS programs. This annual planning process ensures information sharing on planned expenditure and funding, which avoids duplication. AusAID also regularly consults with NACS on operational and policy issues.

Question No. 11

Senator Kroger asked on notice

- a) I am interested in the issue of the spread of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. Does AusAID have any data on the number of reported cases of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis since 2007?
- b) Could you give us the reported cases of extensively drug resistant tuberculosis for the same period?

Answer:

- a) According to the World Health Organization's Global Tuberculosis Report (2011 and 2012) PNG had a total of five cases of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) reported in 2008, and 15 cases in 2011. Figures for other years were not reported.

In Western Province, 48 cases of MDR-TB had been diagnosed to 20 October 2012. A TB Drug Resistance Survey is currently underway, which will provide a stronger evidence base on MDR-TB in PNG.

- b) Six cases of extensively drug resistant TB (XDR-TB) in Western Province have been diagnosed by the Queensland Mycobacterium Reference Laboratory in 2012 (funded by AusAID). There were no reported cases before this time.

Question No. 12

Senator Eggleston asked on notice

- a) How many [PNG Health] graduates are there a year [who have studied in Australian Universities under AusAID programs]?
- b) How many Scholarships are in the health field?

Answer:

- a) For scholarships that have been awarded for study at Australian universities under the AusAID program from 2007, the number of graduates in health-related disciplines are as follows:
- 2010 : 20
 - 2011 : 13
 - 2012 : 17 (expected course completions leading to graduation).
- b) Since 2007, 125 Australia Awards (Australian Development Scholarships and Australian Leadership Award Scholarships) have been awarded to Papua New Guineans for study in the health sector, including in health science, public health, health administration, health services management, community health, nursing, midwifery, pharmacy and medicine.

Scholarships have been awarded for study at diploma (3), bachelor (19), graduate diploma (6), masters (88), and doctorate (10) levels.

In addition, since 2007 AusAID has funded 156 Australian Leadership Awards Fellowships for health sector professionals and senior officials for short term study, research and professional development in Australia in areas including HIV prevention and treatment, nursing, midwifery and public health.

Question No. 13

Senator Rhiannon asked on notice

[in regard to advice given to the Solomon Islands government on economic development of their economy] what are the options put [to the Solomon Islands government in regard to economic development]?

Answer:

AusAID's policy discussions with the Solomon Islands Government focus on options to improve the enabling environment for economic development and private sector activity (such as through taxation, regulatory reform, state owned enterprise reform and public finance policy).

An important element of Australia's support for economic and public financial management reforms is the Core Economic Working Group. Led by the Solomon Islands Government, the Working Group provides a forum for policy dialogue with Australia and five other donors to support the Government's own economic development and reform priorities.

Through RAMSI, Australia supports advisers in the Economic Reform Unit (ERU) of the Solomon Islands Ministry of Finance and Treasury who provide analysis and advice on a range of economic development options (such as niche tourism and value-added agricultural

products). This includes analysis on tax policy with the aim of providing a sound basis for economic policies, including better management of natural resource revenues.

Australia supports the Solomon Islands Government to make their own policy decisions on the options for economic development through our support for research and economic analysis. This research is undertaken by AusAID, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (for example the World Bank Discussion Note 'Solomon Islands Growth Prospects: Constraints and Policy Priorities', October 2010).

Question No. 14

Senator Cash asked in writing

Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development is a 10-year initiative aiming to improve the political, economic and social opportunities of Pacific women. Between 2012 and 2022, the \$320 million initiative will support gender equality through partnerships with Pacific governments, civil society organisations, local advocacy groups, the private sector, and multilateral, regional and United Nations agencies. Work will be carried out across three key areas (PM press release: <http://www.pm.gov.au/press-office/addressing-gender-inequality-pacific>)

- a. increasing the proportion of Pacific women in leadership and decision-making roles, both nationally and locally.
- b. Increasing economic opportunities for women through improved access to financial services and markets.
- c. Improving safety for women through better services for survivors of violence, preventing violence, and access to justice.

Please advise where this money was budgeted or allocated from?

Answer:

The Initiative will commit funds from the agency's existing and projected allocations for the Pacific up to 2015-16.

Question No. 15

Senator Cash asked in writing

In relation to the first outcome for the program, how will the Government and its agencies and workers on the ground including any NGO and overseas Government partners, ensure that the 'provision of mentoring and training to female members of parliament and candidates to help women influence national and local politics and run in elections' (as outlined in the PM's press release) will be done on an impartial basis and will not be skewed to one side of politics?

Answer:

Under the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development initiative, any organisation contracted to support mentoring or training of Pacific female Members of Parliament or candidates will need to demonstrate through regular reporting that parliamentarians from all sides of politics (including independent politicians and candidates) are invited to participate

as mentors or mentees. Guidance will be provided to mentors to ensure they operate on a non-partisan basis. For example, under the Initiative, AusAID has committed \$2.8 million to the Australian-Pacific Women’s Members of Parliament Mentoring Program, managed by the Parliament of Australia’s International and Community Relations Office. That program aims to build the capacity of female members of parliament in the Pacific, the institutions in which they work and the staff who support them. The project proposal was put forward by a cross-party national committee of women parliamentarians, operating on a non-partisan basis, who will provide guidance and oversight on mentoring and training arrangements. Parliamentarians from all sides of politics will be invited to participate in the project.

Question No. 16

Senator Di Natale asked in writing

Senator Madigan asked in Question on Notice number 20 of Budget Estimates 2012 how many Australian officials or persons employed by the Australian embassy have visited Papuan and West Papuan provinces since the signing of the Lombok Treaty in 2006. AusAID’s answer was that 65 AusAID officials have visited Papua and/or West Papua since 2006.

- a) Of the 65 officials, how many visited Papua? How many visited West Papua?
- b) Please provide all reports, briefing notes, minutes and memoranda associated with the visits of the 65 AusAID officials (27 Australian-based officers; 38 overseas-based officers) that have visited Papua and/or West Papua since 2006.
- c) Please provide details of all projects funded by AusAID in Papua and/or West Papua since 2002

Answer:

- a) Of the 65 AusAID officials who have visited Papua since 2006:
 - 37 have been to both provinces
 - 26 have been to Papua province only
 - 2 have been to West Papua province only
- b) AusAID does not produce documents on a visit-by-visit basis. Information gathered during provincial trips is aggregated to inform the way activities or programs are managed and to better engage with stakeholders.
- c)

Program	Date	Funding
Women and Child Health Papua Program	2006-2010	\$6.5 million
Nabire Health and Disaster Management	2006-2009	\$4.15 million
HIV Cooperation Program for Indonesia	2008-2013	\$9.6 million
Clinton Foundation HIV Initiative	2007-2009	\$4.9 million
Clinton Foundation HIV Initiative – Phase 2	2010-2011	\$2.25 million
Clinton Foundation HIV Initiative – Phase 3	2011-2015	\$3.9 million

Strengthening the Timika Translational Research Facility	2009-2013	\$1.22 million
Assessment of the health system	2007-2008	\$65,000
Indonesia HIV/AIDS and Care Project	2002-2008	\$37 million
Education Assistance to Papua and West Papua Provinces	2009-2012	\$7 million
Education Sector School Management Training Program	2011-2012	\$1 million
Basic Education for All: Creating Learning Communities for Children Program	2004-2006	\$600,000
Education Sector Analytical and Capacity Development Partnership	2012-2013	\$500,000
Australian Development Scholarships (ADS), Australian Partnership Scholarships (APS) and Australian Leadership Award Scholarships (ALAS)	Since 1998 (Papua) and 1999 (West Papua)	115 from Papua 68 from West Papua
Australia Leadership Award Fellowships	2002-2012	122 from both provinces combined
Indonesia Infrastructure Initiative	2009-2011	\$1.62 million
Water and Sanitation Hibah (Grant) Program	2009-2011	\$110,000
Third Water Supply and Sanitation for Low Income Communities (Pamsimas)	2009-2014	\$332,000
Report on Infrastructure Expenditure for Sustainable Development	2009-2010	\$364,000
Papua and West Papua Information Communications Technology Infrastructure	2009-2010	\$94,000
Capacity Improvement of Higher Education to Support Local Governments	2008	\$135,000
The Mamberamo Basin Carbon and Community Conservation Project in Papua, Indonesia	2010-2012	\$134,000
Support for implementation of Presidential instruction for the acceleration of Papua and West Papua development (Inpres 5/2007)	2008-2010	\$170,000
Special Papua program - senior advisory team and development coordinator	2006-2007	\$1.23 million

Public Expenditure and Capacity Enhancement (PEACH)	2006-2009	\$1.3 million
Public Expenditure and Capacity Enhancement (PEACH) Phase II	2009-2012	\$1.02 million
Australia Indonesia Partnership for Decentralisation	2010 - 2015	\$20 million (estimate)
Delivery Improvement and Local Governance (DIALOG) supporting decentralisation reform	2008-2010	\$531,000
Australia Nusa Tenggara Assistance for Regional Autonomy (ANTARA) - Papua and West Papua extension	2009-2010	\$1.7 million
Program Nasional Pemberdayaan Masyarakat Respek (National Program for Community Empowerment – Respect)	2008-2014	\$3.7 million
Strengthened Coordination and Response Preparedness Program – increasing the capacity of the Red Cross	2011-2013	\$800,000
Building and Deepening Resilience in Eastern Indonesia	2012-2013	\$300,000
Reducing Risk of Disaster in 15 Indonesian Villages through Community-Based Planning	2011-2013	\$75,000
West Papua Floods – funding to Red Cross	2010	Part of a broader grant of \$450,000
Support for regional offices of the National Commission on Human Rights (Komnas HAM) including the Papua office	2004-2009	\$160,000

Note: AusAID provides funds to various Australian NGOs to undertake activities in Indonesia. The provincial level data on their activities is not currently available. This list does not include ODA projects funded through other Australian Government agencies, for example the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research.

Question No. 17

Senator Rhiannon asked in writing

1. The original project plan and funding ends at 2012. Does the government intend to extend the time period of the project?
 - a) If so, for how many additional years?

- b) Has a decision on an extension been made?
 - c) When is it anticipated that a decision on this be made?
 - d) Has permission for an extension of the project been sought and/or granted from :
 - i. Kupuas district government
 - ii. The Central Kalimantan provincial government, and
 - iii. The Indonesian government? Please detail these communications.
2. Has the government approached the World Bank as trustee of the project funding regarding an extension of the project? If so, have they agreed to ask as trustee for an extended project period?
 3. How much additional Australian government funding to the project would be committed if an extension of the project was committed to?
 4. Have other potential funding partners been approached regarding financing of an extension of this project? If so, who? If so, have any governmental or private partners committed to supporting the financing of an extension of the project?
 5. Has permission for an extension of the project been sought and/or granted by the affected communities?
 - a) Please detail the community engagement process regarding an extension of the process which has been pursued to date.
 - b) Please detail the community engagement process which is proposed regarding such an extension prior to a decision on an extension being made.
 - c) Please detail the community engagement process which is proposed regarding such an extension subsequent to a decision on an extension being made.

Answer:

1. The Indonesia-Australia Forest Carbon Partnership (IAFCP) runs until 30 June 2013. Discussions are continuing with governments at all levels in Indonesia on next steps.
2. The World Bank is not a trustee of IAFCP. The World Bank-managed KFCP trust fund for community payments is still under design.
3. Funding would depend on the duration and scope of any future program, neither of which have been determined.
4. No.
5. No. Communities in the KFCP area have agreed to participate in the KFCP until June 2013 through Village Agreements. These agreements stipulate that arrangements for future engagement would be settled through a consultation process. This consultation process has not been designed.

Senator Rhiannon asked in writing

There are ongoing examples of the project creating confusion and conflict in the community. For example, in 2010 there were conflicting statements from a local indigenous council first opposing the project, then retracting the statement. The recent ABC report of alleged corruption and intimidation of a villager in Mantangai Hulu. These examples signal that FPIC has not been realised.

1. What is AusAID doing to ensure these matters and the concerns of community members are being adequately addressed?
2. What processes are in place to report upon, monitor and verify processes of community engagement and FPIC?
3. Is the KFCP project seeking a change in the legal status of the land on which the project is based (from production forest to protected forest) or similar? If so,
 - a. what legal status is the government lobbying to have applied to this land?
 - b. how many hectares of the KFCP project would this changed legal status apply to?
 - c. how many hectares/kilometres of land surrounding the villages in the area would be excluded from such a protected area?
 - d. how much progress has been made towards the achievement of this objective?
4. There are allegations in a recent Open Letter that community members employed by the KFCP have been paid exploitative wages. Please detail the contracts made with the community for work in the reforestation projects, especially for work in the tree nursery?
 - a. Was this work paid on an hourly or a performance basis?
 - b. How many contracts were entered into with members of the community?
 - c. On what conditions?
5. Please detail the contracts made with the community for work in the drainage rehabilitation projects, especially for work blocking canals?
 - a. Was this work paid on an hourly or a performance basis?
 - b. How many contracts were entered into with members of the community?
 - c. On what conditions?

Answer

1 & 2. KFCP is an ambitious and complex project and we take steps to ensure that stakeholders are well-informed.

The KFCP program is in regular communication with members of local communities, primarily through village facilitators who live in communities in the KFCP area. Regular meetings are undertaken with elected village activity management teams, and periodic village forums for residents are also conducted.

Village agreements, which set out the formal conditions of participation in KFCP, incorporate a village-level grievance mechanism.

Work for major activities under Village Agreements can only commence with the agreement of villages, and villages can stop these activities at any time. The key decision-making mechanism for the Agreements is the village meeting, in which all adult residents (including women, disadvantaged and non-land holders) of the community are eligible to participate. Decisions made in these meetings are reported on public notice boards. Periodic evaluations by external experts are undertaken to monitor program processes and suggest improvements. A regional environmental and social assessment (RESA) of the program is currently being completed.

3. No.
4. Village Agreements govern the work undertaken in local communities.
 - a. Work to grow and plant seedlings is performance based.
 - b. Seven village agreements have been entered into with seven villages. No other contracts have been entered into for work by village members.
 - c. Village Agreements set out the aims and principles of co-operation with each community, the terms and conditions of how work will be managed and financed, and technical protocols, targets, quality standards and budgets for work to be carried out.
5. See response (4) above.
 - a. Work to block canals is performance-based.
 - b. Seven Village Agreements have been entered into with seven villages.
 - c. See response 4(c) above.

Question No. 19

Senator Rhiannon asked in writing

- a) The original intent behind the KFCP was to generate carbon offset credits and demonstrate a market-based funding model for REDD. Is this still the case?
- b) What form of incentives are being offered to communities participating in the reforestation and livelihood programs?
- c) Who is responsible for ensuring the administration of this occurs in a fair manner?
- d) Does the Australian government intend to link the Australian ETS to REDD credits in Indonesia or elsewhere?
- e) If so, when, and what is the status of negotiations with Indonesia?

Answer:

- a) KFCP is a demonstration activity whose stated aim is to validate a credible, equitable and effective market-based mechanism to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, including from peatlands.
- b) Communities receive performance-based payments for growing and planting seedlings. Additionally, farmer field schools have been conducted to help villages improve returns on rubber production.

- c) Elected village management teams and project staff are jointly responsible for monitoring and verifying work undertaken by communities as part of the program.
- d) Not at this stage.
- e) See (d) above.

Question No. 20

Senator Xenophon asked in writing

In reference to comments made by Mr Peter Baxter, Director-General of AusAID during Senate Estimates of May of this year, Mr Baxter was asked whether Australia takes into account a country's military spending when we calculate how much aid we give them. Mr Baxter said we do not, but also that most of the countries that are major recipients of Australian aid do not have significant military expenditure.

An article published in the Economist on March 24, which said “Indonesia is spending \$8 billion this year on defence-still rather modest for a country of 240 million, but up sharply from \$2.6 billion in 2006. Much is going on new hardware and spare parts. The country has acquired Russian and American warplanes, including F-16 fighters, vessels for its navy, and spare parts for its C-130 transport planes. In January Indonesia signed a \$1.1 billion deal for three German-made diesel-electric submarines, and lawmakers are debating whether to buy 100 Leopard tanks from the Netherlands. Mr Yudhoyono also wants to improve the lot of soldiers, with higher salaries and benefits.”

- Is this reported spend in line with AusAid’s information?
- Will this have any effect on contributions to Indonesia?
- What does AusAid consider to be ‘significant military expenditure’?

Answer:

AusAID does not collect information on Indonesia’s military expenditure. AusAID does not plan to amend its scheduled aid expenditure to Indonesia on the basis of reported increases to Indonesia’s military expenditure. Indonesia spends large amounts of its national budget on education and health. For example, the Indonesian constitution mandates that 20 per cent of its national budget must be allocated to education.

As detailed in *Helping the World’s Poor Through Effective Aid: Australia’s Comprehensive Aid Policy Framework to 2015-16*, released in May 2012, decisions about country allocations are based on four criteria – poverty, national interest, our capacity to make a difference, and the scale and effectiveness of our current programs. These criteria are explained in greater detail in the above document (at www.ausaid.gov.au/about/Documents/capf.pdf).

Question No. 21

Senator Kroger asked in writing

- a) Inclusive Development International estimates that 4174 households were affected by the project. Is this figure an accurate estimate of the number of affected households?

- b) How many households received compensation?
- c) How much compensation did the households receive, and how was the level of appropriate compensation assessed?
- d) David Pred, IDI's managing director, has publicly stated that AusAID was warned about the risks to human rights associated with the railway project over the past two years. When did IDI first raise the issue with AusAID?
- e) How many meetings has AusAID had with IDI about this issue, and who was present from AusAID?
- f) What prompted AusAID to recently commit extra funding to the project?
- g) Please provide a break-down of how the additional funding that AusAID recently committed to the project will be allocated.
- h) How many AusAID staff are working on the project, both in Australia and in Cambodia?
- i) AusAID announced this month it would restructure the remainder of its funding to target construction bottlenecks that are causing delays. Could you please explain how this funding had previously been allocated, and how the funding will now be allocated?

Answer:

- a) No. According to figures compiled by the Asian Development Bank and the Royal Government of Cambodia, 4003 households are or were living on or very close to the public railway line and are therefore affected by this project.
- b) As of September 2012, 3697 households have received compensation.
- c) Compensation is paid by the Royal Government of Cambodia for replacement costs of existing dwellings. Compensation rates vary from household to household. They are determined against a range of publicly available criteria including:
 - a. size and materials of the original house (eg. wood, tin or cement)
 - b. whether the house was owned or rented.

Compensation is also provided to families for their needs during their move, including food, transport, and additional allowances are paid in special circumstances such as for disabled members of the household, female-headed households and the elderly.

Payment of compensation is the responsibility of the Royal Government of Cambodia. Compensation rates are calculated in accordance with the ADB's Involuntary Resettlement Policy (1995). The matrices that set out the rates applicable at each site are available on the ADB project website: <http://www.adb.org/projects/37269-012/documents>.

- d) This question relates to a complaint which AusAID understands has been filed with the Australian Human Rights Commission, regarding Australia's funding of the Railway Rehabilitation Project. The Commission is currently considering whether to inquire into the complaint. Based on advice AusAID has received from the Australian Government Solicitor, in the circumstances, out of deference to the Commission and the important function it carries out, AusAID does not consider it appropriate to comment on this matter in any detail.
- e) See answer to question d).
- f) In 2011, Australia provided \$1 million to support additional training and start-up capital for people who had moved and were interested in starting small businesses to increase their incomes. Australia's funds were also used to assist individual families facing particular hardships. Recently, Australia has also committed up to an additional \$1 million in funds to assist families who have been resettled or are likely to be resettled in the future. These decisions were prompted by AusAID's ongoing detailed monitoring of the project and judgements about the needs facing people affected by the project.
- g) The additional \$1 million is being used to: provide additional financial literacy training and advice for families; provide access to affordable health care for families who have moved; increase community consultation; increase monitoring and extend technical advice on resettlement; and to respond to other issues raised by non-government organisations (including access to community meeting places and facilities). AusAID has met with local non-government organisations to seek their advice on the best ways to target these funds.
- h) In Phnom Penh, one staff member works full-time on this project (resettlement adviser); and four others work part-time on this project (two Australia-based staff and two locally-recruited staff). In Canberra, one staff member works part-time on this project.
- i) AusAID had previously provided funds for capacity building of the new railway department; hardware (such as railway sleepers); freight and rolling stock maintenance facilities; and additional costs of resettlement, including new livelihoods support programs and monitoring.

Following a decision to re-direct our project funding, our finances will continue to be used for capacity building, construction and resettlement; but our contribution will go towards specific construction bottlenecks such as key bridges and a freight facility at Sihanoukville Port. Australia will also provide an additional \$1 million to support resettlement, which will bring our contribution to the project to approximately \$28.5 million.

Question No. 22

Senator Rhiannon asked on notice

Because there is this ongoing issue about land disputes, a number of other countries and their aid agencies are urging respect for human rights. They are taking that up quite strongly and calling for respect for the rule of law. Has AusAID considered adding its voice to theirs in its engagement with the Cambodian government?

Answer:

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade leads on international human rights policy issues and advocacy on behalf of the Australian Government, including in Cambodia.

Question No. 23

Senator Rhiannon asked on notice

- a) Is AusAID planning on outsourcing the management of the Mekong programs and partnerships with an Australian non-profit civil society organisation to a private contracting company?
- b) So there are no plans to outsource the management of any of your partnerships with Australian non-profit civil society organisations?
- c) And specifically on the AusAID-NGO Cooperation Program—you will continue to look after that?

Answer:

- a) No. AusAID will improve the way it works with non-government organisations (NGO) in the Mekong. Support services will be provided through the Australia-Mekong NGO Engagement Platform (AM-NEP). AM-NEP will arrange: forums for regional dialogue with NGO partners; policy and technical expertise to strengthen strategy and activity designs; support to promote monitoring, evaluation and lesson sharing; and administrative support. This will be facilitated by a contracted administrative support unit, managed by AusAID.
- b) No.
- c) Yes.

Question No. 24

Senator Rhiannon asked in writing

Can you advise how much you spent administering and monitoring the 2011-2012 Burma aid program? If not, why not?

Answer:

The cost of administering and monitoring the aid program in Myanmar in 2011-12 by AusAID was around \$1.9 million.

Question No. 25

Senator Rhiannon asked in writing

- a) How is Australia supporting Human rights in Burma? What projects were funded, who are they being implemented by and how much funding is the Australian Government allocating to human rights?
- b) Would other Australian Government departments be providing funding for human rights in Burma?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade leads on international human rights policy issues and advocacy on behalf of the Australian Government.

Australia has long been a key supporter of human rights in Myanmar through the aid program – particularly for children, who are among the most vulnerable to human rights abuses. AusAID is supporting UNICEF (\$2.7 million over 2012-14) to strengthen protection for the rights of children, including to help stop the recruitment of child soldiers in Myanmar.

AusAID supports the Asia Pacific Forum (\$2.6 million over 2010-2014), and the Bali Institute of Peace and Democracy (\$2.57 million over 2008-2015) which are working with the Myanmar Human Rights Commission to build its capacity through training, technical assistance and regional cooperation.

AusAID is also assisting over a million children in Myanmar to realise some of their most basic human rights—such as the right to education, the right to learn in a safe environment, and the right to clean water and sanitation. AusAID will provide around \$67 million (2012-16) to strengthen access to basic education in Myanmar and will fund activities that will build capacity of teachers and local administrators to deliver quality education services.

AusAID is supporting human rights in Myanmar’s extractive industries sector by providing \$100,000 for a project that assists communities, government officials and corporations to better understand and adhere to human rights, and encourages the integration of human rights into planning for extractive projects. AusAID is also providing \$100,000 (2010-12) to ActionAid Myanmar to promote human rights standards among those working with people with disabilities. ActionAid is building capacity in government agencies and local organisations through human rights training and supporting the development of law and policy on rights of people with disabilities.

- b) AusAID is not aware of other Government departments currently funding human rights programs in Myanmar.

Question No. 26

Senator Rhiannon asked on notice

- a) Could you outline any of the programs in Burma that addresses human rights issues in that country?

- b) Would there be other government departments that would have ODA eligible funding that may be covering such programs?

Answer:

- a) Please see response to question 25.
b) Please see response to question 25.

Question No. 27

Senator Di Natale asked in writing

- a) Has AusAID performed any modelling on the potential impact of the Trans-Pacific Partnership on the price of medicines in Viet Nam?
b) Is AusAID aware of any such modelling having been performed?

Answer:

- a) No
b) No

Question No. 28

Senator Kroger asked in writing

- a) Can AusAID advise when the review of implementation of the Government's financial inclusion strategy, Financial Services for the Poor, will be completed?
b) Has AusAID raised concerns about measures by the Government of Bangladesh to reduce the independence of the Grameen Bank, including changing procedures to select the Managing Director of the Bank?

Answer:

- a) The mid-term review of implementation of the Financial Services for the Poor strategy should be completed by February 2013.
b) The Australian Government, through the High Commissioner in Bangladesh raised the importance of the continued effectiveness of the Grameen Bank including good governance.

Question No. 29

Senator Kroger asked in writing

- a) Did AusAID undertake an investigation into who leaked the report provided by The Liaison Office (TLO) to AusAID on Uruzgan? If so, what is the current status of that investigation?
b) How many other contracts has AusAID terminated because of lack of performance, what are they and what were the detailed reasons relied upon by AusAID in doing so?

- c) How many other contracts does AusAID have with Afghan-based organisation providing services of the kind previously provided by TLO?
- d) If one of AusAID's aims is to build the capacity of Afghan entities, including the Afghan Government, why did AusAID not attempt to work through its issues with the TLO given that it is an Afghan-based organisation?

Answer:

- a) No.
- b) Since 30 June 2011 AusAID has terminated 2 other contracts due to lack of performance.

A contract for the provision of technical, design, procurement and other services required under the Philippines Provincial Road Management Facility (valued at \$98.16m) was terminated by mutual agreement in September 2012. Performance issues included the contractor's inability to deliver contract deliverables to a standard acceptable to AusAID and in accordance with agreed timeframes.

A contract for Procurement Agent services (valued at \$709,953.41) was terminated by mutual agreement in July 2012. Performance issues included the contractor's inability to deliver contract deliverables to a standard acceptable to AusAID and in accordance with agreed timeframes.

- c) Nil.
- d) AusAID understands the challenges of operating in Uruzgan, especially for a local organisation. Both AusAID and the Netherlands worked constructively with TLO over the term of the agreement to improve TLO's performance and to enable it to meet its contractual commitments.

AusAID and the Netherlands frequently discussed concerns about poor performance with TLO and responded flexibly to requests from TLO to extend deadlines and adjust the required scope of services. Performance concerns were raised in emails, in meetings with TLO, and via formal letters.

Within the first six months of the three year agreement, TLO notified the donors of delays in submitting reports. Between the period May 2011 to January 2012, TLO sent a number of emails notifying of delays, which were all accepted by AusAID.

From June to November 2011, AusAID, the Netherlands and TLO formally met three times to discuss the delays. Following these meetings, the donors formally agreed to two of TLO's requests to extend their deadlines. The donors also agreed to:

- reduce the scope of services in response to TLO's own assessment of its capacity to deliver reports
- engage less on views/analysis and focus on errors and seeking clarification
- provide one set of consolidated comments to reduce the burden on TLO for managing corrections and feedback.

Formal joint letters from AusAID and the Netherlands were sent on 1 September and 12 December 2011, stating concerns with continued missed deadlines for submitting draft reports.

TLO were also aware in advance that the agreement may be terminated if the final revised deadline of 19 December 2011 (which was proposed by TLO) was not met. On this date, TLO informed both donors that it could not meet this deadline and acknowledged that the donors had previously indicated that the agreement would be terminated if this deadline was not met.

In April 2012, via discussions held in Kabul, all parties jointly agreed to terminate the agreement. The agreement was terminated between AusAID and TLO on 16 May 2012.

Question No. 30

Senator Kroger asked on notice

- a) In Senate Estimates on 31 May 2012, Mr Baxter advised that following the sacking of TLO, AusAID would now be undertaking the type of assessments that were previously done by TLO. Has AusAID undertaken in-country assessments since the TLO contract was terminated?
- b) Please provide copies of all assessments AusAID has prepared on Uruzgan since the TLO contract was terminated.
- c) Please provide a complete listing of all resources committed to, and costings for, AusAID's activities in preparing any such assessments.

Answer:

- a) b) and c)

AusAID's contract with TLO was terminated by mutual agreement following extended, and ultimately unsuccessful, efforts to work with TLO to improve its performance and to enable it to meet its contractual commitments.

The Uruzgan Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), of which AusAID is a part, undertakes continuous assessments of conditions in Uruzgan Province which help to inform aid programming decisions. AusAID has increased its capacity in the last two years to its current level of seven Development Advisors and three Australian Civilian Corps Advisors on rotational postings in Uruzgan as part of the PRT. Drawing on the relationships they have established with provincial and district government counterparts and implementing partners in Uruzgan, these Advisors provide fortnightly assessments of issues and developments in Uruzgan. These follow regular meetings with Provincial Government and community stakeholders and development partners, and field visits.

The results of assessments undertaken by the PRT are communicated to Canberra through regular classified diplomatic channels.

Assessments by the PRT are supplemented by independent data gathering. Australia, with other donors, is supporting the annual Afghan People's Survey, conducted by The Asia Foundation in conjunction with the Central Statistics Office of Afghanistan. The survey, published each year (the 2012 Survey was published on 14 November), canvases the views of Afghan citizens, from all provinces, on a wide variety of issues, including: economic development; political participation; corruption; and the status of women.

AusAID is also supporting the design and establishment of an online monitoring database to track AusAID funded programs in Uruzgan province. This database will house available baseline information on Uruzgan's development, establish new baselines where information gaps exist, and collate all available information on the results of Australia's aid activities in the province. It will enable a detailed assessment of Australia's contribution to Uruzgan's development.

Question No. 31

Senator Rhiannon asked on notice

[referring to question 41 from May estimates] But it is still called ODA eligible, and it goes beyond 2009-10. There is a breakdown here for 2010-11 and the money is said to be detailed for 2011-12, and we have those two columns. Can you take that on notice. There might be a clear explanation but it is down there that ODA eligible money is going to defence employee costs and defence employee support costs right up to the present time.

Even if you can take on notice how you explain that ODA eligible money is being spent on defence costs?

Answer:

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) determines what is classified and reportable as ODA eligible. Australian Government ODA-eligible expenditures accord with the criteria set by the DAC. Under DAC rules, ODA-eligible expenditures are incurred with the promotion of the economic development and welfare of developing countries as their main objective. ODA-eligible defence expenditures include the additional costs of military personnel while they are deployed to deliver humanitarian aid or perform development services (but not their regular salaries and expenses).

Details of Defence's ODA-eligible expenditure in Afghanistan should be provided by the Department of Defence.

Question No. 32

Senator Abetz asked on notice

In the Senate, if questions or issues are taken on notice, there is a 30-day rule—23 August, 23 September; we are now nearly double the time. I am wondering if some explanation could be given for the delay. I was looking at the certificate—and I have it in front of me, albeit in the unreadable version for myself—but, with a maximum of 300 words, it could not be too big a project to have translated, I would have thought, especially when expedition was asked for and Senator Carr said, 'I will not only do that, but I will go further and table it.' Here we are, two months later, and it is not tabled. Any explanation?

Answer:

The question was not taken on notice and therefore the thirty day rule does not apply.

Question No. 33

Senator Abetz asked on notice

When was the translation [of the UAWC registration] provided to the Minister's office?

Answer:

5 October 2012.

Question No. 34

Senator Abetz asked on notice

Has the Minister's office, presumably without AusAID's knowledge, written to various authorities such as the Israeli government and the Israeli ambassador in Australia?

Answer:

No.

Question No. 35

Senator Rhiannon asked on notice

Who are the other donors we are working with [in regard to the demolition orders on development projects in Palestine]?

Answer:

In addition to Australia, donors raising concerns with the Israeli authorities about demolition in Area C include the UK, US, Spain, Germany, the European Union and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Question No. 36

Senator Fawcett asked on notice

Could you just explain to me what is in Australia's national interest in paying a German company nearly a quarter of a million dollars to encourage youth in Egypt to find employment?

Answer:

It is in Australia's national interest to support the transition to democracy that is occurring in Egypt. Effective transition will depend in part on improved economic growth and employment opportunities especially for young people.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) was considered the most appropriate delivery organisation under an expert technical assessment. Australia works with GIZ in other countries in the area of labour market adjustment, including Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

Question No. 37

Senator Rhiannon asked in writing

Can the Government indicate the level of funding it is providing from the aid program for the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) in 2012-13 and the estimated amount in 2013-14? Where does the total amount appear in the Budget documentation?

Answer:

The 2012-13 Ministerial Statement on Australia's International Development Assistance Program (page 95) provides estimated 2012-13 budget allocations for GAVI (\$20m) and GAVI's International Finance Facility for Immunisation (\$5m). The 2013-14 estimates will be published in the 2013-14 Ministerial Statement on Australia's International Development Assistance Program.

Question No. 38

Senator Eggleston asked on notice

Media have reported that AusAID provided funds for a canoe voyage from Manus Island through the Pacific region- a two month voyage with the objective of raising awareness for climate changes? Do you know about this?

- a) Did Australia provide funds for this voyage? –if so how much?
- b) How will AusAID assess the outcomes of the voyage?
- c) What steps are in place to verify whether it has delivered what it said it would?
- d) Are there any KPI to assess whether this use of tax payer money has been worthwhile? If so could these be provided in detail?

Answer:

The Climate Challenger Voyage is part of a larger project being undertaken by The Nature Conservancy, which commenced in July 2012 and was funded through AusAID's Community-based Climate Change Action Grants program.

- a) Yes, \$60,000.

- b) & c) In accordance with the Monitoring and Evaluation plan for this project. Milestone payments are dependent on satisfactory progress demonstrated through regular reporting.
- d) Yes, the Climate Challenge Voyager component must contribute to the project KPI of “at least four communities have built capacity to understand and respond to climate risks”. The voyage has already conducted environmental and cultural presentations in over 30 villages across Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, reaching over 3,000 people.

Question No. 39

Senator Rhiannon asked in writing

1. What is the total value of AusAID contracts in last FY with Coffeys?
2. With regard to the budget breakdowns of AusAID’s largest four contracts:
 - a. What percentage is transferred to non-profit organisations in developing countries?
 - b. How much is purchase of expertise and advice?
 - c. How much is management fees?

Answer:

1. The total value expensed under contracts with Coffey in the 2011-12 financial year was \$133,107,868.37.
2. The four largest Coffey contracts that were active in the 2011-12 financial year were:

Economics and Public Sector Program (PNG).

- a) There are no funds specifically allocated for transfer to local non-profit organisations under this contract.
- b) A maximum of 14 per cent allocated for expertise and advice, including the cost of local staff.
- c) A maximum of 9 per cent allocated for management fees.

Australia Indonesia Partnership for Maternal and Neonatal Health (AIPMNH)

- a) There are no funds specifically allocated for transfer to local non-profit organisations under this contract.
- b) A maximum of 17 per cent allocated for expertise and advice, including the cost of local staff.
- c) A maximum of 13 per cent allocated for management fees.

Incentive Fund Phase III in Papua New Guinea

- a) There are no funds specifically allocated for transfer to local non-profit organisations under this contract.
- b) A maximum of 10 per cent allocated for expertise and advice, including the cost of local staff.
- c) A maximum of 6 per cent allocated for management fees.

Papua New Guinea Sub-National Strategy (SNS)

- a) There are no funds specifically allocated for transfer to local non-profit organisations under this contract.
- b) A maximum of 85 per cent allocated for expertise and advice, including the cost of local staff.
- c) A maximum of 10 per cent allocated for management fees.

Question No. 40

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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.
- b) 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:

- a) Data on all AusAID consultancies valued at \$10,000 or above is available on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au).
- b) The consultancies planned for the 2012 calendar year are published in AusAID's Annual Procurement Plan. Annual Procurement Plans are published for each financial year and are available through the AusTender website at www.tenders.gov.au. The Annual Procurement Plan is regularly updated.

Question No. 41

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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:

Data on all AusAID consultancies valued at \$10,000 or above is available on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au).

AusAID's Annual Report for the 2011-12 financial year also includes data on consultancies. Please refer to page 251, Section 3: Management and Accountability, Table 6: Summary of

Consultancy Contracts for details of the total number of all consultancy contracts entered into over the last 3 financial years, the total value of the new contracts awarded and the amount expended in each financial year. AusAID's Annual Report is available at:

<http://www.ausaid.gov.au/annualreports/Pages/default.aspx>

Question No. 42

Senator Kroger asked in writing

- a) Please provide a complete register of all AusAID's consultancy engagements, across the entire aid program, for the delivery of foreign aid, including details as to country of delivery, scope, duration and total contracted cost for each individual consultancy contract.
- b) What percentage of the total foreign aid budget is spent on consultants?

Answer:

- a) Data on all consultancies valued at \$10,000 or more is available on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au).

AusAID's Annual Report also includes data on consultancies. Please refer to page 251, Section 3: Management and Accountability, Table 6: Summary of Consultancy Contracts for details of the total number of all consultancy contracts entered into over the last 3 financial years, the total value of the new contracts awarded and the amount expended in each financial year. AusAID's Annual Report is available at:

<http://www.ausaid.gov.au/annualreports/Pages/default.aspx>

- b) AusAID's total overall administered expenses in 2011-12 were \$4.023 billion. The amount spent on consultants in 2011-12 was \$1.47 million or 0.037 per cent of this total.

Question No. 43

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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:

According to AusAID's records, AusAID has not entered into any commercial contracts directly with any of the following individual contractors or companies:

- a) Hawker Britton
- b) Shannon's Way
- c) John Utting & UMR Research
- d) McCann-Erickson
- e) Cutting Edge
- f) Ikon Communications
- g) CMAX Communications
- h) Boston Consulting Group
- i) McKinsey & Company

- j) Details of all AusAID contracts valued at \$10,000 or above are available on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au).

Question No. 44

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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 (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- j) What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the costs).

Answer:

According to AusAID's records, AusAID has not entered into any commercial contracts directly with any of the following individual contractors or companies:

- a) Hawker Britton
- b) Shannon's Way
- c) John Utting & UMR Research
- d) McCann-Erickson
- e) Cutting Edge
- f) Ikon Communications
- g) CMAX Communications
- h) Boston Consulting Group
- i) McKinsey & Company
- j) Details of all AusAID contracts valued at \$10,000 or above are available on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au).

Question No. 45

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-2012? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- b) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-2012 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- c) 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.
- d) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-2012 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer

Under the Legal Services Directions, each portfolio department and agency is required to report on its legal services expenditure. However, there is no requirement to report on each service and the cost of each service.

To require AusAID to review each service and its cost for the 2011-2012 financial year would involve an unreasonable diversion of government resources, having regard to the extent of the legal services expenditure.

- a) AusAID's total legal services expenditure for the financial year 2011-2012 was \$1,188,079.05 (inc. GST). This amount comprises \$479,071.75 for in-house legal services and \$709,007.30 for external legal services as detailed below.

- b) AusAID's total expenditure on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the financial year 2011-2012 was \$493,531.73 (inc. GST).
- c) AusAid's total expenditure on legal services from private firms for the financial year 2011-21012 was \$215,475.57 (inc. GST). The names of these private firms and costs are as follows:

Ashurst (Blake Dawson)	\$ 32,619.62
Clayton Utz	\$ 37,044.60
Sol-Law	\$ 28,196.41
Norton Rose	\$ 49,791.50
Minter Ellison	<u>\$ 67,823.44</u>
	<u>\$ 215,475.57</u>

- d) Nil.

Question No. 46

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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:

Under the Legal Services Directions, each portfolio department and agency is required to report on its legal services expenditure. However, there is no requirement to report on each service and the cost of each service.

To require AusAID to review each service and its cost for the Financial Year to Date would involve an unreasonable diversion of government resources, having regard to the extent of the legal services expenditure.

- a) AusAID's total legal services expenditure for this financial year to date is \$300,626.15 (including GST). This amount comprises \$158,581.90 for in-house legal services and \$142,044.25 for external legal services detailed below.
- b) AusAID's total expenditure on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for this financial year to date is \$86,829.02 (including GST).
- c) AusAID's total expenditure on legal services from private firms for this financial year to date is \$55,215.23 (including GST). The names of these firms and costs are as follows:

Ashurst	\$5,245.90
Clayton Utz	\$971.85
Minter Ellison Lawyers	\$27,682.51
Sol-Law	<u>\$21,314.97</u>
	<u>\$55,215.23</u>

- d) Nil.

Question No. 47

Senator Colbeck asked on notice

What has happened with Comcare premiums over the last 4 years, in dollars and as a percentage of payroll budget? Could you also provide the penalty and bonus figures?

Answer:

Comcare premiums have increased over the last four years from \$220 460 for the 2009-10 financial year to \$1 559 037 for the 2012-13 financial year.

A summary of AusAID Comcare premiums including penalty and bonus figures is provided below.

	Premium (\$)	Percentage of payroll budget (%)	Penalty (P) Bonus (B) (\$)
2012-13	1,559,037	0.91	167,445 (P)
2011-12	874,218	0.83	48,954 (P)
2010-11	425,024	0.53	44,934 (B)
2009-10*	220,460		

*For the FY 2009-10 (and prior), AusAID's premiums were calculated as a percentage of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) workers compensation premiums. Comcare calculated AusAID's share of DFAT's overall premium value as 13.9 per cent of the 2009-10 workers compensation premium value of \$1 744 655.

Question No. 48

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?
- b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?
- c) This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

- a) AusAID has recruited 64 ongoing staff in the current financial year to 30 September 2012. These employees are classified as follows:

Classification	Number
APS Level 4	5
APS Level 5	9
APS Level 6	23
Exec Level 1	20
Exec Level 2	5
SES Level 1	2
Total ongoing commencements	64

- b) As at 30 September 2012, there were 103 staff on temporary transfer or non-ongoing contract. These employees are classified as follows:

Classification	Number
APS Level 1	1
APS Level 3	6
APS Level 4	18
APS Level 5	16
APS Level 6	24
Exec Level 1	18
Exec Level 2	17
SES Level 1	3
Total non-ongoing employees as at 30 September 2012	103

- c) AusAID has recruited 35 staff employed on temporary transfer or non-ongoing contract in the current financial year to 30 September 2012. Upon engagement, the average length of contract was 6.83 months. These employees were engaged at the following classifications:

Classification	Number
APS Level 3	1
APS Level 4	4
APS Level 5	8
APS Level 6	10
Exec Level 1	7
Exec Level 2	5
Total non-ongoing commencements	35

Question No. 49

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- How many ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?
- How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?
- How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?

Answer:

- In the 2011-12 financial year, 83 ongoing staff left AusAID. These employees were classified as follows:

Classification	Number
APS Level 2	1
APS Level 3	2
APS Level 4	2
APS Level 5	11
APS Level 6	24
Exec Level 1	24
Exec Level 2	14
SES Level 1	4
SES Level 2	1
Total ongoing cessations	83

- b) In the 2011-12 financial year, 95 non-ongoing staff or employees on a temporary transfer from another APS agency left AusAID. These employees were classified as follows:

Classification	Number
APS Level 1	10
APS Level 2	1
APS Level 3	4
APS Level 4	13
APS Level 5	13
APS Level 6	21
Exec Level 1	21
Exec Level 2	11
SES Level 1	1
Total non-ongoing cessations	95

- c) In the 2011-12 financial year, 95 staff employed on temporary transfer or non-ongoing contract left AusAID. The classification details for these staff is outlined at (b), above.

Question No. 50

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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

Answer:

- a) AusAID recruited 388 ongoing staff in the 2011-12 financial year. These employees were classified as follows:

Classification	Number
Graduate	40
APS Level 3	3
APS Level 4	24
APS Level 5	77
APS Level 6	102
Exec Level 1	94
Exec Level 2	37
SES Level 1	7
SES Level 2	3
SES Level 3	1
Total ongoing commencements	388

- b) AusAID recruited 165 staff on non-ongoing contract or a temporary transfer from another APS agency in the 2011-12 financial year. These employees were classified as follows:

Classification	Number
APS Level 1	15
APS Level 3	5
APS Level 4	22
APS Level 5	26
APS Level 6	41
Exec Level 1	45
Exec Level 2	11
Total non-ongoing commencements	165

- c) AusAID staff employed on temporary transfer or non-ongoing contracts are included at Answer (b), above. The average length of contract was 6.53 months.

Question No. 51

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) Are there any plans for staff reduction?
- b) 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.

Answer:

- a) No

Question No. 52

Question No. 52

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) How much was spent on recruitment advertising in 2011-2012?
- b) How much was spent online?
- c) How much was spent on print advertising?
- d) How much has been spent on recruitment advertising this financial year to date?
- e) How much of this was spent online?
- f) How much of this was spent on print advertising?
- g) Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media.

Answer:

- a) \$150,551.21
- b) \$3,932.82
- c) \$146,618.39
- d) \$5,101.68
- e) \$2,764.34
- f) \$2,337.34
- g) Online - Career-One, Australian-online, Seek
Print Media - Canberra Times, Weekend Australian, Koori Mail, The Economist

Question No. 53

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) How much has been spent on 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.
- b) Has any travel been incurred for 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.

Answer:

- a) \$83,500.

Advertising	\$ 17,000
Careers Fairs	\$ 23,000
Recruitment Agency	\$ 43,500

- b) Yes.

Assessment Centres	\$46,805
Careers Fairs	\$21,500

Question No. 54

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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:

\$35,625.

Cultural Awareness Training	\$ 8,100
Becoming Better Writers	\$ 3,425
Theory of Change	\$ 8,100
APSC Graduate Series of Events	\$16,000

The training ensures core skills to work in AusAID and the Australian Public Service.

Question No. 55

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
- b) For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
- c) Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.

Answer:

- a) As per the Government's Paid Parental Leave guidelines all AusAID employees who are Australian Residents; are the primary carer of a newborn child or recently adopted child; meet the Paid Parental Leave scheme work test before the birth or adoption occurs or are on leave or not working from the time they become the child's primary carer until the end of their Paid Parental Leave period are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.
- b) For this financial year to 8 November 2012, AusAID is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.
- c) Twenty two employees are in receipt of these payments comprising of one APS 5 employee; three APS 6 employees; eleven Executive Level 1 employees and seven Executive Level 2 employees.

Question No. 56

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) For 2011-12 to date which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
- b) Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.

Answer:

- a) For 2011-12, AusAID provided its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.
- b) Twenty four employees were in receipt of these payments comprising of two APS5 employees; six APS6 employees; ten Executive Level 1 employees and six Executive Level 2 employees.

Question No. 57

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.

Answer:

The following amenities are provided to staff by AusAID:

- Toilets, including disabled toilets
- First aid rooms
- Showers
- Bike lock up areas
- Carer's/breast feeding rooms
- Reflection room (non-denominational prayer room)
- Kitchen/break out areas

Question No. 58

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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.

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:

No, there have been no changes to study guidelines since May 2012.

This financial year to date (as at 2 November), the agency has expended \$174,534 on education with 93 AusAID staff participating in AusAID's study support program. The average cost per participant is \$1,877. The courses studied by participants include: development studies; international relations; international law; strategic studies; development economics; public policy; Asia Pacific studies; project and crisis management; evaluation; and environmental and climate change studies. The average amount of study leave granted per participant is 48.52 hours as follows:

<i>Employment Classification</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Average Leave (hours)</i>
SES Band 2	1	44.5
SES Band 1	1	44.5
EL 2	9	38.6
EL 1	35	44.1
APS 6	32	51.5
APS 5	15	56.8

The subject areas are in line with AusAID's workforce plan and ensure the agency has relevant technical knowledge to deliver the Government's aid program.

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

a) In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department and agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:

- i. Total spending on these services
- ii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
- iii. 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)
- iv. The names of all service providers engaged

b) For each service purchased from a provider listed under a) (iv), please provide:

- i. The name and nature of the service purchased
- ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
- iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification
- iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- v. The total amount spent on the service
- vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)

c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:

- i. The location used
- ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

Answer:

a)

- i. This financial year to date (as at 2 November) the agency has expended \$35,608 on executive coaching and \$282,458 on leadership training programs.
- ii. This financial year to date (as at 2 November) all employees at the SES level; Executive Level 2; Executive Level 1; and development specialists posted overseas at the Executive Level 1 and APS 6 level or equivalent have been able to access these services.
- iii. This financial year to date (as at 2 November) a total of 124 employees used these services including: SES officers (42); Executive Level 2 (13); Executive Level 1 (67); and development specialists posted overseas at the Executive Level 1 and APS 6 level or equivalent (2). No study leave was granted to employees who used these services.
- iv. Providers engaged for leadership development services for this financial year to date include: the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC); the National Security College (NSC); the St James Ethics Centre (SJEC); the Centre for Public Management (CPM); and Jeff Whalan Learning Groups (JWLG).

Providers of executive coaching services include: Amanda Horne Pty Ltd; Yellow Edge Pty Ltd; Dragonfly Consulting and Coaching; Sue Adams Coaching and Facilitation Services; Centre for Public Management Pty Ltd; The Winding Staircase Pty Ltd; The Open Door Coaching Group; Linda Holub; Alan Morris; PEP Worldwide Pty Ltd; and See Change Consulting.

b)

- i. Executive coaching services provided as per Question 59 a) iv, are tailored to individual employee development needs and use coaching and mentoring techniques to improve work performance.

Leadership development services provided as per Question 59 a) iv, include: SES leadership (APSC); National Security Senior Executive Development (NSC); Ethical Decision Making and Leadership (St James Ethics Centre); Executive level learning (APSC); Building Leadership (CPM); and Jeff Whalan Learning Groups (JWLG).

- ii. Executive coaching services are provided on a one-on-one basis. All leadership programs are group based.
- iii. This financial year to date (as at 2 November) a total of 124 employees received executive coaching and leadership training including: SES officers (42); Executive Level 2 (13); Executive Level 1 (67); and development specialists posted overseas at the Executive Level 1 and APS 6 level or equivalent (2).
- iv. This financial year to date (as at 2 November) executive coaching and leadership training has totalled approximately 2,320 hours for all employees including: SES officers (476); Executive Level 2 (266); and Executive Level 1 and development specialists posted overseas (1,578).
- v. This financial year to date (as at 2 November) the agency has expended \$35,608 on executive coaching and \$282,458 on leadership training programs.
- vi. Executive coaching services are charged on a per hour basis. Fees for leadership programs are charged on a complete package basis.

c)

- i. External training locations that have been used include: the Australian Public Service Commission locations in the ACT and NSW; National Security College in the ACT; and the Carrington Inn in Bungendore, NSW.
- ii. A total of 82 employees were trained at external locations including: SES officers (14); Executive Level 2 (5); and Executive Level 1 (63).
- iii. Training provided at external locations totalled approximately 1,911 hours for all employees including: SES officers (177); Executive Level 2 (186); and Executive Level 1 (1,548).
- iv. The total cost to deliver training at external locations is included in the cost of the programs. The agency does not incur additional costs.

Question No. 60

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

a) In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department and agency, please provide the following information for 2011–12:

- i. Total spending on these services

- ii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
- iii. 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)
- iv. The names of all service providers engaged.

b) For each service purchased from a provider listed under a) (iv), please provide:

- i. The name and nature of the service purchased
- ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
- iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification
- iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- v. The total amount spent on the service
- vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)

c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:

- i. The location used
- ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

Answer:

a)

- i. In 2011–12 the agency expended \$178,544 on executive coaching and \$1,055,012 on leadership training programs.
- ii. In 2011–12 all employees at the SES level; Executive Level 2; Executive Level 1; and development specialists posted overseas at the Executive Level 1 and APS 6 level or equivalent have been able to access these services.
- iii. In 2011–12 a total of 336 employees used these services including: SES officers (92); Executive Level 2 (148); Executive Level 1 (89); and development specialists posted overseas at the Executive Level 1 and APS 6 level or equivalent (7). No study leave was granted to employees who used these services.
- iv. Providers engaged for leadership development services for the financial year 2011–2012 included: the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC); the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM); the National Security College (NSC); the St James Ethics Centre; the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG); and the Centre for Public Management (CPM).

Providers of executive coaching services were: Amanda Horne Pty Ltd; Foresight Management; Interaction Consulting Group; Geoff Garrett and Associates Pty Ltd; Yellow Edge Pty Ltd; Emergence International Pty Ltd; Dragonfly Consulting and Coaching; Sue Adams Coaching and Facilitation Services; Centre for Public Management Pty Ltd; Workforce Strategies Pty Ltd; The Winding Staircase Pty Ltd; The Open Door Coaching Group; Linda Holub; Alan Morris; and PEP Worldwide Pty Ltd.

b)

- i. Executive coaching services provided as per Question 60 a) iv, are tailored to individual employee development needs and use coaching and mentoring techniques to improve work performance.

Leadership development services provided as per Question 60 a) iv, include: Strategic Change Leadership (AGSM); SES leadership (APSC); National Security Senior Executive Development (NSC); Leading Australia's Future in the Asia-Pacific (APSC); Decision Making in a Political Context (St James Ethics Centre); Executive Master of Public Administration (ANZSOG); Executive level learning (APSC); Career Development Assessment Centre (APSC); and Building Leadership (CPM).

- ii. Executive coaching services are provided on a one-on-one basis. All leadership programs are group based.
- iii. In 2011–12 a total of 336 employees received executive coaching and leadership training including: SES officers (92); Executive Level 2 (148); Executive Level 1 (89); and development specialists posted overseas at the Executive Level 1 and APS 6 level or equivalent (7).
- iv. In 2011–12 executive coaching and leadership training totalled approximately 6,745 hours for all employees including: SES officers (1,639); Executive Level 2 (3,039); Executive Level 1 (1,952); development specialists posted at the Executive Level 1 and APS 6 level or equivalent overseas (31); and APS 5/6 (84).
- v. In 2011–12 the agency expended \$178,544 on executive coaching and \$1,055,012 on leadership training programs.
- vi. Executive coaching services are charged on a per hour basis. Fees for leadership programs are charged on a complete package basis.

c)

- v. External training locations that were used included: the Australian Public Service Commission locations in the ACT and NSW; National Security College in the ACT; the Carrington Inn in Bungendore, NSW; The Lobby, University House and Cliftons Canberra in the ACT; Monash University in Melbourne (EMPA); and the Novotel in Bogor, Indonesia (note: the leadership training in Bogor was delivered to staff based in Indonesia only).
- vi. A total of 298 employees were trained at external locations including: SES officers (73); Executive Level 2 (141); and Executive Level 1 (84).
- vii. Training provided at external locations totalled approximately 6,449 hours for all employees including: SES officers (1,501); Executive Level 2 (2,996); and Executive Level 1 (1,952).

The total cost to deliver training at external locations is included in the cost of the programs. The agency did not incur additional costs.

Question No. 61

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:
 - i. The name and nature of the service purchased
 - ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
 - iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - v. The total amount spent on the service
 - vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
- e) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - i. The location used
 - ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

Answer:

- a) \$4,100 (Excl GST).
- b) Eight SES staff members have been offered media training.
- c) Six SES staff members have participated in media training. No study leave was granted.
- d)
 - Kirsty McIvor and Associates
 - i. Media training. Equipping senior executives, especially those about to embark on postings as the head of AusAID's country programs, with the skills to conduct professional media interviews.
 - ii. Group based.
 - iii. Three SES staff members have participated in the training.
 - iv. Five hours for each employee.
 - v. \$3,800 (excl GST).
 - vi. This was for a complete training package.
 - Bina Brown
 - i. Media training assistance. Equipping senior executives, especially those about to embark on postings as the head of AusAID's country programs, with the skills to conduct professional media interviews.
 - ii. Group based.
 - iii. Three SES staff members have participated in the training.
 - iv. Five hours for each employee.
 - v. \$300 (excl GST).
 - vi. This was to assist with in-house training.

- e)
 - i. AusAID offices, 255 London Circuit, Canberra.
 - ii. On the first occasion, three staff members took part. On the second occasion, three staff members took part.
 - iii. Five hours for each employee.
 - iv. Nil.

Question No. 62

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:
 - i. The name and nature of the service purchased
 - ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
 - iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - v. The total amount spent on the service
 - vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
- e) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - i. The location used
 - ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.

Answer:

- a) \$3,613.64 (Excl GST) for financial year to 30 September 2012.
- b) Two SES staff members and one EL2 staff member have been offered media training.
- c) Two SES staff members and one EL2 staff member have participated in media training. No study leave was granted.
- d)
 - Fiona van der Platt
 - i. Media training assistance. Equipping senior executives, especially those about to embark on postings as the head of AusAID's country programs, with the skills to conduct professional media interviews.
 - ii. Group based.

- iii. Two SES staff members have participated in the training.
 - iv. Five hours for each employee.
 - v. \$300 (excl GST).
 - vi. This was to assist with in-house training.
 - Zavesky Consulting Pty Ltd
 - i. Media training. Equipping executive level staff with the skills to conduct professional media interviews.
 - ii. One on one.
 - iii. One Executive Level 2 staff member participated in the training.
 - iv. Five hours for each employee.
 - v. \$3,000 (excl GST).
 - vi. This was for a complete training package
- e)
- Fiona van der Platt
 - i. AusAID offices, 255 London Circuit, Canberra.
 - ii. Two staff members took part.
 - iii. Five hours for each employee.
 - iv. Nil.
 - Zavesky Consulting Pty Ltd
 - i. HC Coombs Centre, 122 Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli NSW.
 - ii. One staff member took part.
 - iii. Five hours for each employee.
 - iv. \$313.64.

Question No. 63

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?
- b) 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.
- c) Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details about each advertising item.
- d) Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details about each advertising item.
- e) Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide details for each advertising item.
- f) Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.
- g) What advertising—Campaign and Non-Campaign—and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?

Answer:

- a) \$44,850.82
- b) It was non-campaign advertising. Of this amount, \$5,101.68 was spent on recruitment advertising and the remainder on notices for tenders and public consultations.
- c) n/a
- d) n/a
- e) Yes. Adcorp Marketing Communications was used for all advertising.
- f) No communications activities using advertising, public relations or communications agencies have been undertaken.
- g) AusAID has no plans for campaign advertising. Non-campaign advertising for recruitment, tenders and public consultations will continue in 2012-13 as required.

Question No. 64

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) What was the total cost of all advertising for 2011-12?
- b) 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.
- c) Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details about each advertising item.
- d) Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details about each advertising item.
- e) Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide details for each advertising item.
- f) 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.

Answer:

- a) \$317,022.75
- b) This was non-campaign advertising. A breakdown is provided in Appendix F (page 354) of the AusAID 2011-12 Annual Report.
- c) n/a
- d) n/a
- e) Yes. All advertising was undertaken with Adcorp Marketing Communications wherever feasible. The only exceptions were with regard to graduate recruitment advertising as listed in Appendix F (page 354) of the AusAID 2011-12 Annual Report.
- f) No money was spent with advertising, public relations or communications companies for communications activities in 2011-12.

Question No. 65

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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?
 - i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - ii. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
 - iii. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?
- b) 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?
 - i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - ii. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
 - iii. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

Answer:

- a) AusAID does not provide these services to the Minister's Office.
 - i. Not applicable.
 - ii. Nil.
 - iii. Nil.
- b) The total cost of media monitoring services provided to the department/agency for this financial year to 30 September 2012 is \$72,664.91 (incl GST).
 - i. Media Monitors.
 - ii. \$199,000 (incl GST).
 - iii. See answer at b).

Question No. 66

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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

Answer:

- a) AusAID does not provide these services to the Minister's Office.
 - i. Nil.
 - ii. Nil.
- b) The actual total cost of media monitoring services was \$192,851.63 (incl GST).
 - i. Media Monitors.
 - ii. \$250,000 (incl GST).

Question No.67

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- b) Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- c) Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- d) What was the 2011-12 cost for:
 - TV subscriptions
 - Newspaper subscriptions
 - Magazine subscriptions
- e) 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:

- a) Yes. Agency growth and new premises in Canberra have resulted in an increase of FOXTEL endpoint licencing and hardware requirements under a new consolidated agreement. The monthly subscription is \$1,913.64 (excl. GST) and covers the following channels:
 - i. BBC
 - ii. Bloomberg
 - iii. CNBC
 - iv. CNN
 - v. Sky News
 - vi. APAC

The estimated cost for the financial year 2012-13 is \$40,000

The cost to end of October is \$13,240 (excl. GST)

- b) No
The cost to end October is \$18,302

- c) No
The cost to end of October is \$8,357
- d) The costs for 2011-12 were:
 - TV subscriptions \$22,964
 - Newspaper subscriptions \$43,980
 - Magazine subscriptions \$23,211

e) No

Question No. 68

Senator Eggleston asked on notice

How many separate publications do you have?

Answer:

165

Question No. 69

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) How much was spent on printing in 2011-12? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?
- b) How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online?
- c) Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost?
- d) How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?
- e) 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:

- a) In 2011-12, \$686,792.26 was spent on printing across Canberra and offices overseas.
- b) We estimate that approximately 200 documents were printed in this period. All documents printed in hard copy are also published online.
- c) AusAID's publications are distributed to a range of stakeholders including Parliament, media, foreign embassies and high commissions, other government departments, non-government organisations, multilateral agencies, managing contractors, academics, schools and others on request. As the mailing of some publications is incorporated in AusAID's total postage costs, it is not possible to break down the cost to publications only.
- d) As of 30 September, AusAID had spent \$157,884.93 on printing documents across Canberra and offices overseas.
- e) At 30 September, AusAID had printed 30 documents. All documents printed in hard copy are also published online.

Question No. 70

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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.
- b) Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?
- c) Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increase internet usage in general or increase internet usage in standard business hours)

Answer:

- a) No.
- b) AusAID does not specifically monitor the use of social media but does monitor and log all internet usage.
- c) AusAID has no information on impact of social media on employee productivity.

Question No. 71

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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:

- a) AusAID employs 35 ongoing positions with responsibilities in public relations, communications and media. There are six ongoing staff with responsibility for responding to media requests (1 x EL1, 3 x EL2, 2 x APS6). There are seven staff with responsibility for online communication (1 x EL2, 3 x EL1, 3 x APS6). There are 22 other staff across the agency whose duties include communications, public relations and publications (2 x EL2, 12 x EL1, 5 x APS6, 3 x APS5). All staff are located in Canberra.
- b) There are two non-ongoing staff with responsibilities for media enquiries. Both are APS6 and located in Canberra.
- c) There are no contractors.

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
- b) What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for 2011-12? How many FOI requests did the department/agency receive in 2011-12? How many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?
- c) What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
- d) How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?

Answer:

- a) Yes, The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner provides advice to all agencies governed by the Freedom of Information Act, with respect to responding to FOI requests. This advice is provided in the form of guidelines and other guidance available at www.oaic.gov.au/publications/guidelines.html#foi_guidelines.
- b) In 2011-12, AusAID received 19 FOI requests and spent approximately \$53,000 processing FOI requests. Of the 19 FOI requests: two applications were granted in full; one application was partially granted; one application was transferred to another department; eleven requests were withdrawn and four requests were pending resolution at the end of the financial year. Of the eleven requests that were withdrawn, six were withdrawn because an agreement on release was reached outside the FOI Act. The deadline was met in all cases.
- c) For the financial year to 30 September 2012, AusAID has spent approximately \$36,000 processing FOI requests.
- d) AusAID has received 15 FOI requests this financial year. Of the 19 active requests (which include the four requests pending resolution at the end of the 2011-12 financial year), one application was granted in full, one was granted in part, one was refused, twelve were withdrawn and four are pending resolution. Of the twelve requests that were withdrawn, two were withdrawn because an agreement on release was reached outside the FOI Act. The deadline was exceeded in one case; however the applicant was notified of AusAID's decision within three days of the deadline.

Question No. 73

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.
- b) 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.
- c) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

- a) The Minister's attendance at Community Cabinet meetings are a matter for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- b) Nil
- c) Nil

Question No. 74

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location.
- b) 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.
- c) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12?

Answer:

- d) The Minister's attendance at Community Cabinet meetings are a matter for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- a) Nil
- b) Nil

Question No. 75

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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:

- a) Nil
- b) Nil
- c) Nil

Question No. 76

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) For 2011-12, how much has been spent on training designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification

Answer:

- a) Nil
- b) Nil
- c) Nil

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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 undertaking 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 undertaking briefings for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Answer:

1. Yes, three.
 - a) & b)
 - i. In January 2012, Senator Christine Milne contacted DFAT Head of Mission in Sri Lanka and requested a briefing on the Australian aid program, while she was in the country. AusAID's Counsellor provided a verbal briefing during the meeting covering Australia's education assistance and assistance to the forests sector in Sri Lanka.
 - ii. In December 2011, Senator Lee Rhiannon's office contacted the Australian Embassy (DFAT) in Laos and requested a briefing on hydropower development in the Mekong Basin, AusAID's support to the Mekong River Commission, and the bilateral aid program with Laos while she was in the country. AusAID Laos organised meetings between Senator Rhiannon and officials in the Lao Government. AusAID also provided information, publicly available on AusAID's website, about Australia's aid to Laos and the Mekong Region.
 - iii. In August 2011, AusAID initiated a meeting with Senator Lee Rhiannon for the Agency's Director-General to brief the Senator on the findings of the Independent Review of Australia's Aid Program. No written material was prepared for Senator Rhiannon. The briefing was provided orally by the Director-General, and covered matters which have been discussed in the public domain.

c) N/A.

d)

- i. Senator Milne – 1 x Executive Level 2, 90 minutes.
- ii. Senator Rhiannon – 1 x APS Level 6, approximately five hours.
- iii. Senator Rhiannon
 - 1 x Director-General—1 hour
 - 1 x EL2—1 hour (to prepare briefing for the Director-General).

2. No.

- a) N/A.
- b) N/A.
- c) N/A.
- d) N/A.

Question No. 78

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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 undertaking 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 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 undertaking briefings for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Answer:

3. Yes, three.

a) & b)

- i. In January 2012, Senator Christine Milne contacted DFAT Head of Mission in Sri Lanka and requested a briefing on the Australian aid program, while she was in the country. AusAID's Counsellor provided a verbal briefing during the meeting covering Australia's education assistance and assistance to the forests sector in Sri Lanka.
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c) N/A.

d)

- i. Senator Milne – 1 x Executive Level 2, 90 minutes.
- ii. Senator Rhiannon – 1 x APS Level 6, approximately five hours.
- iii. Senator Rhiannon
 - 1 x Director-General—1 hour
 - 1 x EL2—1 hour (to prepare briefing for the Director-General).

4. No

- a) N/A.
- b) N/A.
- c) N/A.
- d) N/A.

Question No. 79

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.
- b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
- c) Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.

Answer:

- a) AusAID does not have any boards.
- b) The gender ratio of APS employees across AusAID as at 30 September 2012 is 1.68:1 (i.e. for each male there are 1.68 females). This figure is based on headcount of APS employees (including those on extended leave) and does not include non-APS contracted employees and locally engaged staff at AusAID's overseas missions. The gender ratio for O-based employees is 1.6:1 as at 30 September 2012.
- c) AusAID does not have any boards.

Question No. 80

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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

Answer:

- a) AusAID does not have any boards.
- b) The gender ratio of APS employees across AusAID as at 30 June 2012 was 1.66:1 (i.e. for each male there are 1.66 females). This figure is based on headcount of APS employees (including those on extended leave) and does not include non-APS contracted employees and locally engaged staff at AusAID's overseas missions. The gender ratio for O-based employees was 1.62:1 (i.e. there were 1.62 females to every one male) for 2011-12 financial year.

Question No. 81

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) How many Reports were commissioned by the Government in your department/agency in 2011-12? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
- b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- c) 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:

- a) to c) No reports were commissioned by the Government in relation to AusAID in 2011-12.

Question No. 82

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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.
- b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

- a) to c) To date, no reports have been commissioned by the Government in relation to AusAID for 2012-13.

Question No. 83

Senator Colbeck and Senator Eggleston asked

Could you provide a list of all the independent reviews undertaken in the last year? Are they publically available? If not, when might they become public?

Answer:

The Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) commissioned or undertook eight independent reviews between October 2011 and October 2012, of which six have been published and two are pending publication. They are available at <http://www.ode.usaid.gov.au/publications/evaluations-reviews.html> and <http://www.ode.usaid.gov.au/publications/arde.html> and are:

Working Beyond Government: Evaluation of AusAID's engagement with civil society in developing countries	Published
Philippines Country Program and Strategy Evaluation	Published
From Seed to Scale-Up: Lessons learned from Australia's rural development assistance	Published
Responding to Crisis: Evaluation of the Australia aid program's contribution to the national HIV response in Papua New Guinea	Published
The quality of Australian aid: an internal perspective	Published
The quality of Australian aid: an international perspective	Published
Thinking and Working Politically: An Evaluation of Policy Dialogue in AusAID	Not yet published
Evaluation of Australian Law and Justice Assistance	Not yet published

Question No. 84

Senator Eggleston asked on notice

For this financial year to date:

- a) How many Reviews are being undertaken?
- b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
- c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- e) Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- g) What reviews are planned?
- h) When will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer:

a) to f) Details of Reviews being conducted for AusAID in 2012-13 to date are provided in the table below:

Reviews	Completion Date	Provided to Government	Government Response	Cost
1. Multilateral Scorecards	Expected Jan 2013	n/a	n/a	\$1500 (approx.)

g) and h) There are no further reviews planned for 2012-13.

Question No. 85

Senator Eggleston asked on notice

For 2011-12:

- 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) Details of reviews conducted in 2011-12 for AusAID in 2011-12 are provided in the table below:

Reviews	Completion Date	Provided to Government	Government Response	Cost
1. Australian Multilateral Assessment	March 2012	March 2012	n/a	\$402,006
2. African Development Bank Assessment	Sept 2011	Apr 2012	May 2012	\$67,825

Question No. 86

Senator Rhiannon asked in writing

DCCEE has reported finding that in Kalimantan ‘land tenure issues have been more complex than first thought and resolving the land tenure issues has taken longer than first thought.’ (Blair Cromley).

1. What is AusAID doing to ensure this issue is addressed? Will recognition of land tenure in all villages, including the rights and land of the local Dayak people at the project site be a precondition for the project continuing?
2. Is the government aware of Governor Regulation No 13/2009 about adat land and adat rights on land? If so,
 - a. Does the government intend to action these regulations in the KFCP implementation?
 - b. What steps have been taken toward the objectives of the Governor Regulation No 13/2009?
3. Please provide a map of the canal system in the KFCP project site detailing
 - a. Which canals have been blocked to date
 - b. Which canals are proposed to be blocked during the lifetime of the project?

Answer:

1. KFCP is committed to recognising relevant ownership of land where KFCP activities are implemented. Any extension to KFCP would continue this commitment.

KFCP has provided assistance to local villages, district and provincial governments to define village boundaries, which are necessary for recognising land use rights. This has involved providing technical support to assist with surveys and mapping of boundaries.

KFCP has also supported villages interested in establishing ‘village forests’ under Indonesian law. Designated ‘village forests’ provide a legal basis for a village to manage a specific area of forest for an initial period of 35 years with the possibility of renewal or extension. KFCP’s support has included working with local communities to provide assistance with the ‘village forest’ application process, as well as providing assistance with mapping and documentation of boundaries. Participation by villages is entirely voluntary.

2. Yes.
 - a. Yes.
 - b. KFCP is working with the provincial Dayak Customary Council to increase local customary leaders' understanding of their roles and responsibilities under Governor Regulation No 13/2009. KFCP is also supporting the documentation and mapping of adat land and land use within the KFCP area in accordance with Governor Regulation No 13/2009.

3.
 - a. No canals have been blocked yet.
 - b. A pilot of canal blocking is planned to commence in 2013 and planning is currently underway to determine which canals will be blocked.

Question No. 87

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

Protective Security Policy Framework: Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

AusAID is currently compliant with the requirements of the Protective Security Policy Framework. Risk is managed in accordance with AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management – Principles and Guidelines and the Protective Security Policy Framework. AusAID security policies and procedures have been revised and updated in order to ensure compliance with the mandatory requirements. Agency specific policies are as per the requirements of the Protective Security Policy Framework.

Question No. 88

Senator McKenzie asked in writing

- a) For the financial year 2011-12, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume? What was the total cost?
- b) What does this cost work out to per employee?
- c) In reference to QON #68, DFAT had received information indicating that the cost of electricity was to increase by approximately 2.3 cents per kWh due to the carbon tax, for a total expected increase of \$341,000 pa in carbon tax related electricity costs.
- d) Has this advice proved accurate? What increases in electricity costs has DFAT experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax?
- e) How has this changed the Department's spending pattern? What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs?
- f) What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had?

Answer:

- a) AusAID's Canberra usage in 2011-12 was 1,883,345 KWh at a total cost of \$315,953
- b) \$242.85 per person (based on a 30 June 2012 staffing figure of 1301 staff in Canberra)
- c) Refer to DFAT.
- d) Refer to DFAT.
- e) Refer to DFAT.
- f) Refer to DFAT.

Question No. 89

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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).
- b) What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12?
- c) What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

Answer:

- a) There has been no change to AusAID's electricity purchasing agreement.
- b) Electricity costs for 2011-12 was \$315,953
- c) Electricity costs for this financial year to date (as at 31 October) is \$154,957

Question No. 90

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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:

See table below for response to Question part a, b, c, d, e and f below. Figures are as of 30 September 2012.

All AusAID office properties are leased except for temporary building in Harare, Zimbabwe. See response to question part h below.

Location	Size (square metres)	Number of Staff and Classifications	Annual Rent / Square Metre (AUD)
DOMESTIC OFFICE ACCOMMODATION			
Canberra (255 London Cct)	9167	588 (31 x SES, 76 x EL2, 208 x EL1, 170 x APS6, 82 x APS5, 14 x APS 4, 7x APS 3)	\$536.17
Canberra (20 Allara St)	9929	528 (19 x SES, 84 x EL2, 175 x EL1, 133 x APS6, 69 x APS5, 42 x APS4, 6 x APS3)	\$402.35
Canberra (40 Allara St)	3062	227 (11 x SES, 26 x EL2, 54 x EL1, 95 x APS6, 41 x APS5)	\$397.03
OVERSEAS OFFICE ACCOMMODATION			
Accra, Ghana (Chancery)	31.6	7 (3 x O-Based; 1 x EL2; 2 x EL1; 1 x APS6)	\$177.43
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Chancery)	153	7 (6 x O-Based; 1 x EL1)	\$887.11
Apia, Samoa (Chancery)	115.1	12 (8 x O-Based; 1 x EL2; 1 x EL1; 2 x APS6)	\$443.50
Baghdad, Iraq (Chancery)	30.1	3 (1 x O-Based; 1 x EL1; 1 x APS6)	\$96.15
Bangkok, Thailand (Chancery)	241.5	13 (12 x O-Based; 1 x EL1)	\$203.44
Beijing, China (Chancery)	378	11 (10 x O-Based; 1 x EL2)	\$541.22
Colombo, Sri Lanka (Chancery)	124.8	12 (9 x O-Based; 1 x EL2; 1 x EL1; 1 x APS6)	\$788.08
Dhaka, Bangladesh (Chancery)	194.3	16 (13 x O-Based; 1 x EL2; 1 x EL1; 1 x APS6)	\$274.23
Dili, East Timor (Chancery)	173.9	21 (11 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 2 x EL2; 4 x EL1; 3 x APS6)	\$35.03
Dili, East Timor (Program Office)	180	14 (12 x O-Based; 2 x EL1)	\$46.63
Geneva, Switzerland (Chancery)	66.9	5 (3 x O-Based; 2 x EL2;)	\$1,058.03
Hanoi, Vietnam (Chancery)	559.9	30 (22 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 1 x EL2; 4 x EL1; 1 x APS6)	\$344.57
Harare, Zimbabwe (Chancery)	8.4	0 (Access to restricted area only)	\$48.33
Harare, Zimbabwe (Annex)	220	7 (5 x O-Based; 1 x EL2; 1 x APS6)	Owned by AusAID
Honiara, Solomon Islands (Chancery)	164	35 (24 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 3 x EL2; 4 x EL1; 2 x APS6)	\$281.10
Honiara, Solomon Islands (White House)	110	10 (6 x O-Based; 3 x EL1; 1 x APS6)	\$263.96
Honiara, Solomon Islands (RAMSI)	570	35 (24 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 3 x EL2; 4 x EL1; 2 x APS6)	\$463.16
Islamabad, Pakistan	145.6	12 (10 x O-Based; 1 x EL2; 1 x EL1)	\$295.66

Location	Size (square metres)	Number of Staff and Classifications	Annual Rent / Square Metre (AUD)
Jakarta, Indonesia (Chancery)	584.5	60 (38 x O-Based; 2 x SES; 5 x EL2; 9 x EL1; 4 x APS6)	\$362.62
Jakarta, Indonesia (Program Office)	1878.3	106 (89 x O-Based; 3 x EL2; 9 x EL1; 5 x APS6)	\$259.52
Jakarta, Indonesia (AIFDR)	647.16	20 (13 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 2 x EL2; 3 x APS6)	\$213.58
Kabul, Afghanistan (Chancery)	26.4	6 (1 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 0 x EL2; 3 x EL1; 1 x APS6)	\$0
Kathmandu, Nepal (Chancery)	59.1	7 (6 x O-Based; 1 x EL1)	\$569.59
Lima, Peru (Chancery)	96.7	2 (2 x O-Based)	\$344.85
Manila, Philippines (Chancery)	693	49 (43 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 3 x EL2; 2 x EL1)	\$483.28
Nairobi, Kenya (Chancery)	33.2	Access to restricted area only	\$114.34
Nairobi, Kenya (Annex)	322	18 (13 x O-Based; 1 x EL2; 2 x EL1; 2 x APS6)	Nil rent as AusAID funded construction
Nauru, Republic of Nauru (Chancery)	134	2 (1 x O-Based; 1 x EL1)	\$116.42
New Delhi, India (Chancery)	68.7	4 (3 x O-Based; 1 x EL1)	\$894.91
New York (Chancery)	62.3	6 (4 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 1 x EL2)	\$771.51
Noumea, New Caledonia (Chancery)	27.1	1 (1 x O-Based)	\$495.17
Nuku'Alofa, Tonga (Chancery)	135	12 (10 x O-Based; 1 x EL1; 1 x APS6)	\$216.93
Paris, France (Chancery)	76.8	4 (3 x O-Based; 1 x EL2)	\$765.60
Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Chancery)	261.8	23 (19 x O-Based; 1 x EL2; 1 x EL1; 2 x APS6)	\$531.96
Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (Chancery)	24	2 (2 x O-Based)	\$256.04
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (Chancery)	949.8	79 (60 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 3 x EL2; 8 x EL1; 5 x APS6; 1 x APS5)	\$463.50
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (Deloitte)	958	56 (28 x O-Based; 3 x EL2; 11 x EL1; 14 x APS6)	\$441.83

Location	Size (square metres)	Number of Staff and Classifications	Annual Rent / Square Metre (AUD)
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago (Chancery)	35.7	5 (4 x O-Based; 1 x EL1)	\$267.48
Port Vila, Vanuatu (Chancery)	259.3	23 (18 x O-Based; 2 x EL2; 3 x EL1)	\$704.34
Pretoria, South Africa (Chancery)	249.5	21 (11 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 3 x EL2; 5 x EL1)	\$224.60
Ramallah, Palestinian Territories (Chancery)	20.5	4 (3 x O-Based; 1 x EL1)	\$179.32
Rangoon, Burma (Chancery)	63	15 (10 x O-Based; 1 x EL2; 2 x EL1; 2 x APS6)	\$1,819.29
Rome, Italy (Chancery)	47.8	2 (1 x O-Based; 1 x EL2)	\$638.72
Santiago, Chile (Chancery)	27.5	3 (2 x O-Based; 1 x EL1)	\$379.85
Suva, Fiji (Chancery)	305.5	41 (26 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 4 x EL2; 8 x EL1; 1 x APS6)	\$264.10
Tarawa, Kiribati (Program Office)	82.0	11 (10 x O-Based; 1 x EL1)	\$426.83
Tarawa, Kiribati (Chancery)	43.8	4 (3 x O-Based; 1 x APS6)	\$189.43
Vientiane, Laos (Chancery)	297.1	20 (16 x O-Based; 1 x EL2; 1 x EL1; 2 x APS6)	\$168.50
Washington (Chancery)	52.7	3 (1 x O-Based; 1 x SES; 1 x EL2)	\$514.49

h.) AusAID owns one demountable office located in Harare, Zimbabwe. The total cost of construction of this facility was AUD 1,010,839.47. As at 30 September 2012 the written down value was \$855,694.78 meaning the total depreciation to date is AUD 155,144.69.

i.) In Canberra and overseas AusAID staff manage Australia's overseas aid program and provide advice to the Government on development policy. We plan and coordinate poverty reduction activities, collect, analyse and publish data relating to development, and evaluate and improve Australia's aid programs. We represent Australia in international development and are the lead agency responsible for coordinating Australia's response to natural and humanitarian disasters in developing countries.

Question No. 91

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- 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.
- Why were coffee machines purchased?
- Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?

- d) 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:

- a) AusAID has purchased one coffee machine. The machine is a Saeco Royal that was purchased for approximately \$1,740 in 2010. The cost of coffee beans is approximately \$1,800 per year.
- b) The machine is located in the agency's Executive area and is used for hospitality purposes.
- c) The funding for the coffee machine was sourced from the agency's departmental operating budget.
- d) AusAID is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machine. No maintenance costs have been incurred.

Question No. 92

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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.
- b) 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:

- a) AusAID purchased six shredders during the financial year 2011-12.
- i. The total cost of the shredders was \$17,930 at an average of \$2,988 per shredder.
 - ii. Shredders were purchased to provide the new tenancy areas with classified paper destruction capabilities.
 - iii. The shredders are used to destroy superfluous classified paper.
- b) AusAID has purchased two shredders during the financial year 2012-13.
- i. The total cost of the two shredders was \$6,050
 - ii. The new shredders were purchased to provide staff with classified paper destruction capabilities
 - iii. The shredders are used to destroy superfluous classified paper.

Question No. 93

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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?
- b) What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?

Answer:

- a) Nil
- b) AusAID's stationery costs were \$0.596m for the financial year to 31 October 2012.

Question No. 94

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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?
- b) What are the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12?

Answer:

- a) Nil
- b) AusAID's stationery costs were \$1.985m for the 2011-12 financial year.

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- d) 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.
- e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?

Answer:

- a) AusAID spent \$51,757 to date for the financial year to 31 October 2012 on hospitality, entertainment and overseas representation events. Details of hospitality, entertainment and overseas representation events costing over \$1,000 are provided at Attachment A.
- b) Hospitality and entertainment expenditure by the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary offices are not funded by AusAID.
- c) See answer to question a) above.
- d) See answer to question b) above.
- e) AusAID expects to spend around \$150,000 on hospitality, entertainment and overseas representation events in the 2012-13 financial year. It is impractical to provide a detailed breakdown of the date, location, purpose and cost for planned events, as each event is subject to approval on a case by case basis.
- f) See answer to question b) above.
- g) See answer to question e) above.
- h) See answer to question b) above.
- i) No. It is not possible to provide an amount for estimated expenditure over the forward estimates.

AusAID's Official Hospitality expenditure between 1 July 2012 and 31 October 2012
Hospitality events costing over \$1,000

Date of event	Location	Purpose of event	Catering, Food, Beverages and Venue(AUD)	Total attending ²	AusAID officials attending ²
22/06/2012 ¹	Canberra	Dinner with relevant stakeholders involved in PNG elections 2012	1,010	60	6
20/06/2012 ¹	Canberra	Launch of Civil Society framework at Parliament House	4,604	160	20
23/08/2012	Canberra	Reception in partnership with UN Women Australia for Michelle Bachelet, Under-Secretary- General and Executive Director of UN Women	5,091	118	46
3/09/2012	Canberra	Official Reception for AusAID - Asian Development Bank High Level Consultations	2,479	25	11
20/08/2012	Canberra	Official event on 2012 World Humanitarian Day.	1,505	163	100
10-11/09/2012	Apia, Samoa	Representative functions associated with 2012 Samoa - Australia Partnership Talks	2,346	90	10
15/08/2012	Kabul, Afghanistan	Official function for Uruzagan Capacity Building Coordination and Transition Response Planning	1,076	39	2
30/07/2012	Brisbane	Representative function associated with 2012 Solomon Islands - Australia Partnership for Development Talks	1,902	14	8
Total hospitality over \$1,000 threshold			20,012		
Total hospitality under \$1,000 threshold			31,744		
Total official hospitality between 1 July 2012 and 30 September 2012			51,757		

Notes

The above list for hospitality, entertainment and overseas representation events includes functions that further the conduct of official business and include participants external to AusAID.

Footnotes:

¹ Although these events were held in June 2012, the payments were made in the 2012-13 financial year.

² The number of attendees are estimated where necessary

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- d) 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:

- a) AusAID spent \$193,956 on hospitality, entertainment and overseas representation events for the 2011-12 financial year. Details of hospitality, entertainment and overseas representation events costing over \$1,000 are provided at Attachment A.
- b) Hospitality and entertainment expenditure by the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary offices are not funded by AusAID.
- c) See answer to question a) above.
- d) See answer to question b) above.

AusAID's Official Hospitality expenditure for the 2011-12 financial year
Hospitality events costing over \$1,000

Date of event	Date of payment	Location	Purpose of event	Catering, Food, Beverages and Venue (AUD)	Total attending ²	AusAID officials attending ²
17/06/2011 ¹	18/07/2011	Canberra	Reception for the second gathering of Canberra Women in Development Network	1,300	150	Not available
6/07/2011	2/08/2011	Canberra	Reception for Aid Review implementation launch	4,946	120	20
7/07/2011	1/08/2011	Canberra	Launch of the green growth seminar series with universities and independent experts	2,236	110	30
12/07/2011	18/07/2011	Canberra	Briefing of Diplomatic Corps on release of Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness and the Government's response	1,250	87	8
19/07/2011	10/08/2011	Santiago, Chile	Reception for Chilean stakeholders including country partners, NGO representatives, academics and business representatives	3,576	65	5
28-29/7/11	10/08/2011	Canberra	Workshop for accreditation and Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme assessors to promote understanding of Child Protection and Anti-Terrorism	2,327	25	8
3/08/2011	17/08/2011	Canberra	NGO round table seminar/conference to discuss Australia's objectives for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting 2011 and G20 development agenda	1,785	70	7
3/08/2011	5/09/2011	Sydney	Function for the 2010-11 AusAID /NGO Cooperation Program Annual Thematic Review	1,235	36	3
5/08/2011	7/09/2011	Jakarta, Indonesia	Reception for Indonesian officials attending discussions on the future developmental prospects and challenges for Indonesia	3,427	150	80
10/08/2011	24/08/2011	Colombo, Sri Lanka	Reception for Key Sri Lankan government contacts, NGOs, aid agencies and UN organisations	1,539	100	17
11/08/2011	24/08/2011	Port Vila, Vanuatu	Reception for Vanuatu-Australia Partnership Development talks	3,764	120	Not available
16/08/2011	31/10/2011	Canberra	Seminar with Chief Financial Officers of other government departments on implementation on the whole of government aid budget strategy	3,441	56	17
18/08/2011	30/09/2011	Port Moresby, PNG	Reception with PNG government officials and NGOs (co-funded with DFAT)	1,133	150	Not available
15/09/2011	31/10/2011	Canberra	Parliamentary lunch for visit of Head of UN Capital Development Fund	4,051	31	4
23/09/2011	31/10/2011	Port Moresby, PNG	Official dinner launching the Prime Ministers XIII rugby league match in PNG to promote the government's anti violence message to the audience and players	1,758	8 ³	2
6/10/2011	3/11/2011	Lombok, Indonesia	Function for AusAID scholarship alumni	1,216	32	6
14/10/2011	26/04/2012	Beijing, China	Function for Australia and New Zealand School of Government Advanced Leadership Program and Chinese officials	3,053	41	5
9/11/2011	23/11/2011	Manila, Philippines	Dinner reception for volunteers to provide an overview of AusAID's programs in the Philippines	1,556	58	18
9/11/2011	29/02/2012	Maputo, Mozambique	Dinner with key donor representatives in Mozambique	1,293	14	5
11/11/2011	9/11/2011	Harare, Zimbabwe	Opening Ceremony for new AusAID building in Harare	4,518	141	10
15/11/2011	6/03/2012	Melbourne	Catering for Aid Communicators Conference with NGO representatives	1,818	67	2
17/11/2011	21/12/2011	Jakarta, Indonesia	AusAID reception as co-chair of the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GDFRR)	2,818	66	5
26/11/2011	30/11/2011	Port Moresby, PNG	Dinner for the PNG-Australia Alumni Association (PNGAAA) as part of the broader Australia Awards strategy	1,441	10 ⁴	9
2/12/2011	14/12/2011	Beijing, China	Reception celebrating 30 years of Australia and China's development co-operation	1,230	100	14
2/12/2011	14/12/2011	Hanoi, Vietnam	International Volunteer Day function to highlight the contribution of Australian volunteers to development work in Vietnam	1,445	96	11
2/12/2011	21/12/2011	Dili, East Timor	Function for volunteers and scholarship alumni in East Timor	9,767	338	28
8/12/2011	21/12/2011	Nairobi, Kenya	Dinner for the Australia Africa Community Engagement Scheme (AACES) Steering Committee	1,425	25	4
16/12/2011	4/01/2012	New York, USA	United Nations function in conjunction with the 2011 High Level Conference on the Central Emergency Relief Fund and official launch of Australia's new Humanitarian Action Policy	9,802	94	6

14/02/2012	15/02/2012	Tarawa, Kiribati	Reception for key Kiribati government officials to discuss AusAID's economic, infrastructure, gender and disability portfolios	1,365	56	6
23/02/2012	22/03/2012	Port Moresby, PNG	Dinner with PNG government representatives and aid counterparts	1,180	71	13
24/02/2012	8/03/2012	Port Vila, Vanuatu	Farewell function for the Vanuatu-Australia Police Project	1,094	48	10
21/03/2012	5/04/2012	Canberra	Reception at the Australian National University(ANU) in conjunction with an AusAID-ANU public lecture to support the vaccination of women in development countries	1,809	70	25
27-28/3/12	27/03/2012	Honiara, Solomon Islands	1st Health Development Partners Coordination Group Meeting for 2012	1,435	33	8
28/03/2012	18/04/2012	Kabul, Afghanistan	Reception with senior representatives from key implementing partners and programs and Australian-Afghan scholarship alumni.	1,935	44	4
26/04/2012	26/04/2012	Santiago, Chile	Reception for high level officials involved in the Paraguay Entre Todos project - building capacity within the Paraguayan government to design, develop and implement improved social services	2,099	50	2
8/05/2012	8/05/2012	Canberra	Budget Night briefing to key stakeholders on the aid program	1,364	100	20
19/05/2012	23/05/2012	Dili, East Timor	Reception for Governor General as part of her official visit to Timor Leste	1,332	50	7
24/05/2012	31/05/2012	Canberra	Anti-corruption forum with representatives from Transparency International	1,145	50	Not available
26/06/2012	27/06/2012	Jakarta, Indonesia	Meeting with Ministry of Home Affairs to facilitate better cooperation on program administration	1,397	13	7
Total hospitality over \$1,000 threshold				95,305		
Total hospitality under \$1,000 threshold				98,651		
Total official hospitality between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012				193,956		

Notes

The above list for hospitality, entertainment and overseas representation events includes functions that further the conduct of official business and include participants external to AusAID. It does not include catering for working lunches, conferences or other internal functions that do not include participants external to AusAID.

Footnotes:

¹ Although this event was held in June 2011, the payment was made in July 2011 and is included in the total hospitality expense for the 2011-12 financial year.

² The number of attendees are estimated where necessary

³ The cost represents 8 attendees paid by AusAID - total attendees at the function were 300

⁴ The cost represents a table of 10 paid by AusAID - total attendees for the function were around 400.

Question No. 97

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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

Answer:

AusAID payments are considered to be Official Development Assistance and do not fall within the definition of grants under the *Financial Management and Accountability Regulations*.

Question No. 98

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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.
- b) Were all grant agreement details published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.

Answer:

AusAID payments are considered to be Official Development Assistance and do not fall within the definition of grants under the *Financial Management and Accountability Regulations*.

Question No. 99

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) To date, how much of the 2012-13 budget appropriations has your department received?
- b) For 2012-13 please list each grant program your department administers, and the total funding of each program.
- c) Please list each grant program that has not been paused as part of the Government wide grants pause.
- d) Please provide the total cash value of each program that has not been paused?
- e) Please list each grant program that has currently been “paused” as part of the Government wide grants pause.
- f) Please provide the total cash value of each program that has been paused, and the total value of all grants paused?
- g) 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?

- h) 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
- i) From what date was your department told to implement the grants pause?
- a. When did it do so?
- j) 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?
- k) Please provide the advice your department gave to Department of Finance regarding which programs should be included in the grants pause.
- l) 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?
- m) 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.
- n) 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?
- o) How many staff are employed to administer grant programs within the department?
- p) During the Grants Pause what activities are these staff involved with?
- a. Have staff been moved to other divisions during the grants pause?
- q) During the Grants Pause are decisions on grants being made, but applicants not being alerted?

Answer:

AusAID payments are considered to be Official Development Assistance and do not fall within the definition of grants under the *Financial Management and Accountability Regulations*.

Question No. 100

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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)?
- b) If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.
- c) For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?
- d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer:

a) AusAID paid 95.28 per cent of its accounts within 30 days for the period from 1/7/2012 to 31/10/2012. A breakdown of payment timeframes is provided below:

b)

	Paid within 30 days	Paid between 31-44 days	Paid within 45-60 days	Paid greater than 60 days
% of invoices by number	95.28	3.13	1.26	0.33
% of invoices by value	97.66	1.55	.31	0.48

c) There were two instances of interest on late payments being invoiced and paid during the period from 1/7/2012 to 31/10/2012. The total amount of interest paid was \$855.40.

d) The calculation of interest is based on the Department of Finance and Deregulation Circular 2012/02 – Procurement On-Time Payment Policy for Small Business.

Question No. 101

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

a) 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)?

b) 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)

c) 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?

d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

e) Have all accounts from 2011-12 been paid? If no, why not?

Answer:

a) AusAID paid 94.28 per cent of its accounts within 30 days in 2011-12. A breakdown of payment timeframes is provided below.

b)

	Paid within 30 days	Paid between 31-44 days	Paid within 45-60 days	Paid greater than 60 days
% of invoices by number	94.28	3.08	1.34	1.30
% of invoices by value	97.52	1.51	.39	.58

c) No interest payments have been made for 2011-12.

d) N/A

e) All accounts from 2011-12 have been paid.

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
- b) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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:

- a) For details on departmental officers who accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on travel between 01 Jul – 30 Sep 2012, please see attachments A and B respectively. AusAID does not itemise separately the amounts spent on food, beverages and incidentals for each departmental officer for each visit.
- b) From 01 Jul to 30 Sep 2012 AusAID departmental expenditure on travel by all employees was \$3,675,425. This included \$2,269,755 on airfares, \$682,326 on accommodation, \$177,051 on medical, passport & visas, and \$546,292 on meals, incidentals and other costs which could not be further broken down. Employees are entitled to travel allowances which cover food, beverages and incidentals and it is not possible to itemise separately the amounts spent on these items.
- c) AusAID officers are required to follow the Lowest Practical Fare (LPF) and the International Best Fare (IBF) guidelines. Officers provide a booking code to our Travel Management Company (TMC) to advise the reason a particular fare is chosen. Booking codes apply to each ticket purchased under the Whole of Australian Government requirements and are reported to Department of Finance and Deregulation.
Both policies are available on the AusAID travel intranet pages. Further communication to all staff is advised in written format and through travel specific training. The LPF is monitored through reporting supplied by the TMC through a 45 minute time window to assess potential missed savings.
The IBF is monitored through a 24 hour time window with three quotes recorded by the TMC.

- d) Lounge memberships are provided to SES officers as part of their employment agreements. AusAID currently pays for 8 x Qantas Club memberships for AusAID SES officers. Total cost \$2,320.
Virgin Australia has provided 29 x Gold memberships to SES officers. The memberships have been at no cost to AusAID.
- e) From 01 Jul – 30 Sep 2012 the cost of support staff accompanying SES officers was \$46,434. Supporting staff provide essential administrative support, such as meeting and briefing management, travel management, and media liaison.

Question on Notice 102 Travel with the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Travel Costs - AusAID Departmental Officers 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012

Costs of accompanying AusAID staff from Canberra											
Country	Location	Dates Visited	AusAID staff from Canberra	Position	Division	Airfares	Ground Transport	Total Transport	Accommodation	Travel Allowance	Total AusAID Officers' Costs
Indonesia	Jogjakarta & Jakarta	13-17 Jul 12	Roderick Brazier	First Assistant Director General	East Asia Division	\$ 3,283.64	\$ 60.78	\$ 3,344.42	\$ 1,097.00	\$ 96.21	\$ 4,537.63
Indonesia	Jogjakarta	13-15 Jul 12	Jacqui De Lacy	Minister	EAD (Jakarta Post)	\$ 394.67	\$ 7.74	\$ 402.41	\$ 189.06	\$ 90.57	\$ 682.04
Indonesia	Jogjakarta	13-15 Jul 12	Scott Guggenheim	Senior Advisor	EAD (Jakarta Post)	\$ 182.37	\$ 7.53	\$ 189.90	\$ 387.90	\$ -	\$ 577.80
Indonesia	Jogjakarta	13-15 Jul 12	Diastika Rahwidiati	Manager, Tertiary & Knowledge Sector	EAD (Jakarta Post)	\$ 181.06	\$ -	\$ 181.06	\$ 153.60	\$ 191.61	\$ 526.27
Indonesia	Jogjakarta	14-15 Jul 12	Petra Karetji	Director, Decentralisation, Poverty Reduction, Rural Development	EAD (Jakarta Post)	\$ 235.83	\$ 7.53	\$ 243.36	\$ 76.80	\$ 100.48	\$ 420.64
Solomon Islands	Honiara	17-19 Aug 12	James Batley *	DDG CPG	Executive	VIP	\$ 31.85	\$ 31.85	\$ 494.00	\$ 87.26	\$ 613.11
						\$ 4,277.57	\$ 115.43	\$ 4,393.00	\$ 2,398.36	\$ 566.13	\$ 7,357.49

* James Batley travelled on VIP flights with the Minister therefore no airfare costs were incurred

QoN 102 Attachment B

Question on Notice 102 Travel the Parliamentary Secretary

Travel Costs - AusAID Departmental Officers 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012

Costs of accompanying AusAID staff										
Country	Location	Dates Visited	AusAID staff from Canberra (Name)	Position	Airfares	Ground Transport	Total Transport	Accommodation	Travelling Allowances	Total AusAID Officers' Costs
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	09 -15 Jul 12	Jamie Isbister	Minister Counsellor - Africa	\$ 2,038.76	\$ -	\$ 2,038.76	\$ 3,083.28	\$ 104.08	\$ 5,226.12
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	09 -13 Jul 12	Michael Wilson	Minister-Counsellor, Mekong & Regional	\$ 793.00	\$ -	\$ 793.00	\$ 924.00	\$ 337.00	\$ 2,054.00
Tuvalu	Funafuti	01 - 02 Aug 12	Robert Tranter	FADG PACD	VIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28.27	\$ 28.27
Kiribati	Tarawa	02 - 03 Aug 12	Robert Tranter	FADG PACD	VIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81.70	\$ 31.50	\$ 113.20
Cook Islands	Rarotonga	28 Aug - 02 Sep 12	Robert Tranter	FADG PACD	\$ 3,848.48	\$ 47.39	\$ 3,895.87	\$ 130.94	\$ 598.73	\$ 4,625.54
Total					\$ 6,680.24	\$ 47.39	\$ 6,727.63	\$ 4,219.92	\$ 1,099.58	\$ 12,047.13

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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).
- b) 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:

- a) For details on departmental officers who accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on travel between 01 Jul 2011 – 30 Jun 2012, please see attachments A and B respectively. Note there were no costs for departmental officers for security or gifts. AusAID does not itemise separately the amounts spent on food, beverages and incidentals for each departmental officer for each visit.
- b) From 01 Jul 11 to 30 Jun 2012 AusAID departmental expenditure on travel by all employees was \$17,005,120. This included \$11,151,174 on airfares, \$3,157,932 on accommodation, \$425,590 on medical, passport & visas, and \$2,270,424 on meals, incidentals and other costs which could not be further broken down. Employees are entitled to travel allowances which cover food, beverages and incidentals and it is not possible to itemise separately the amounts spent on these items.

Costs of accompanying AusAID staff from Canberra												
Country	Location	Dates Visited	AusAID staff from Canberra (Name)	Position	Division	Airfares	Ground Transport	Total Transport	Accommodation	TA	Total AusAID Officers' Costs	
Burma	Rangoon	30 Jun - 02 Jul 11	Richard Moore	First Assistant Director General	Asia Division	\$ 4,539.56	\$ -	\$ 4,539.56	\$ 130.57	\$ 351.37	\$ 5,021.50	
Indonesia	Bali	02 - 23 Jul 11	Chris Elstoft	Assistant Director General	Asia Division	\$ 2,883.72	\$ -	\$ 2,883.72	\$ 295.83	\$ 80.93	\$ 3,260.48	
USA	Washington DC	23 Sep 11	Robin Davies *	First Assistant Director General	International Programs and Partnership Division	\$ 16,351.06	\$ 75.53	\$ 16,426.59	\$ 1,657.05	\$ 1,775.52	\$ 19,859.16	
PNG	Port Moresby	30 Sep - 01 Oct 11	James Batley	Deputy Director General	Asia Pacific and Program Enabling Group	\$ 1,054.13	\$ 78.07	\$ 1,132.20	\$ 341.51	\$ 179.86	\$ 1,653.37	
Philippines	Manila	20 - 21 Oct 11	Chris Elstoft	Assistant Director General	Asia Division	\$ 4,832.95	\$ -	\$ 4,832.95	\$ 106.42	\$ 20.86	\$ 4,960.23	
USA	Honolulu	10 - 11 Nov 11	Chris Elstoft	Assistant Director General	Asia Division	\$ 7,135.56	\$ 91.23	\$ 7,226.79	\$ 885.48	\$ 354.84	\$ 8,467.11	
India	Bangalore	14 - 15 Nov 11	Paul Nichols **	Assistant Director General	North & South Asia	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,298.72	\$ 132.78	\$ 1,431.50	
Libya	Tripoli	08 Dec 11	Tony O'Dowd	Director	Africa	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,800.00	
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	25 Jan - 27 Jan 12	James isbister	Minister Counsellor	Pretoria Post	\$ 1,490.87	\$ -	\$ 1,490.87	\$ 736.95	\$ 155.50	\$ 2,383.32	
Mexico	Los Cabos	19 Feb - 21 Feb 12	Paul Wojciechowski	Assistant Director General	International Programs & Partnerships	\$ 8,581.00	\$ 61.72	\$ 8,642.72	\$ 2,414.70	\$ 468.00	\$ 11,525.42	
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	25 Mar - 27 Mar 12	Roderick Brazier	First Assistant Director General	East Asia Division	\$ 5,948.54	\$ 117.01	\$ 6,065.55	\$ 406.24	\$ 76.25	\$ 6,548.04	
Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City	27 Mar - 28 Mar 12	Roderick Brazier	First Assistant Director General	East Asia Division	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255.68	\$ -	\$ 255.68	
Vietnam	Hanoi	28 Mar - 29 Mar 12	Roderick Brazier	First Assistant Director General	East Asia Division	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169.87	\$ -	\$ 169.87	
Burma		05 Jun - 08 Jun 12	Roderick Brazier	First Assistant Director General	East Asia Division	\$ 4,417.60	\$ 71.48	\$ 4,489.08	\$ 284.83	\$ 64.48	\$ 4,838.39	
						\$ 65,734.99	\$ 495.04	\$ 66,230.03	\$ 9,183.65	\$ 3,760.39	\$ 79,174.07	

* This trip was not previously reported

** Cost of airfares are recorded on against travel with the Parliamentary Secretary to Bangladesh 12-13 Nov 11

QoN 103 Attachment B

Question on Notice 103: Travel with the Parliamentary Secretary

Travel Costs - AusAID Departmental Officers 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

Costs of accompanying AusAID staff										
Country	Location	Dates Visited	AusAID staff from Canberra (Name)	Position	Airfares	Ground Transport	Total Transport	Accommodation	Travelling Allowances	Total AusAID Officers' Costs
Vanuatu	Port Vila	26 - 27 Jul 11	Susan Connell	Assistant Director General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 207.91	\$ 287.91
Maldives	Addu City	09 - 11 Nov 11	Paul Nichols	Assistant Director General	\$ 12,852.00	\$ 34.91	\$ 12,886.91	\$ 1,098.75	\$ 194.04	\$ 14,179.70
Bangladesh	Dhaka	12 - 13 Nov 11	Paul Nichols	Assistant Director General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 188.57	\$ 139.36	\$ 327.93
Guyana	Georgetown	29 - 31 Jan 12	Hannah Bleby	First Secretary	\$ 198.07	\$ -	\$ 198.07	\$ 303.13	\$ 95.45	\$ 596.65
Barbados	Bridgetown	31 Jan - 01 Feb 12	Hannah Bleby	First Secretary	\$ 172.05	\$ -	\$ 172.05	\$ 232.07	\$ 158.32	\$ 562.44
Australia	Sydney	13 Apr 12	Bill Costello	Assistant Director General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 264.96	\$ -	\$ 110.25	\$ 375.21
Qatar	Doha	19 - 26 Apr 12	Bob Quiggin	A/g Assistant Director General	8260.72	70.51	8331.23	2157.66	639.69	\$ 11,128.58
Total					\$ 13,222.12	\$ 34.91	\$ 13,521.99	\$ 1,902.52	\$ 905.33	\$ 27,458.42

Question No. 104

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May2012):

- 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 for this financial year to date?
- e) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?

Answer:

a) AusAID owns 137 vehicles, all based overseas.

b) AusAID owned vehicles are located at:

Addis Ababa	1	Accra	1	Apia	1
Bangkok	1	Beijing	1	Colombo	2
Dhaka	4	Dili	12	Geneva	1
Harare	3	Hanoi	3	Honiara	5
Islamabad	3	Jakarta	12	Kabul	6
Kathmandu	2	Manila	3	Nairobi	4
Nauru	19	New Delhi	1	Nuku'alofa	3
Phnom Penh	4	Port Moresby	27	Port Vila	3
Pretoria	4	Ramallah	1	Suva	4
Tarawa	3	Vientiane	3		

- c) AusAID owned vehicles are used for work related travel, which is often into remote areas requiring 4 wheel drive access.
- d) The cost for cars for the 2012/13 financial year to 31 October 2012 is \$124,107.61.
- e) AusAID does not maintain records on the distance travelled by each vehicle in a financial year.

Question No. 105

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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 for this financial year to date?
- e) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?

Answer:

a) AusAID owns 137 vehicles, all based overseas.

b) AusAID owned vehicles are located at:

Addis Ababa	1	Accra	1	Apia	1
Bangkok	1	Beijing	1	Colombo	2
Dhaka	4	Dili	12	Geneva	1
Harare	3	Hanoi	3	Honiara	5
Islamabad	3	Jakarta	12	Kabul	6
Kathmandu	2	Manila	3	Nairobi	4
Nauru	19	New Delhi	1	Nuku'alofa	3
Phnom Penh	4	Port Moresby	27	Port Vila	3
Pretoria	4	Ramallah	1	Suva	4
Tarawa	3	Vientiane	3		

c) AusAID owned vehicles are used for work related travel, which is often into remote areas requiring 4 wheel drive access.

d) The cost for cars for the financial year to 30 June 2012 was \$395,900.44

e) AusAID do not maintain records on the distance travelled by each vehicle in a financial year.

Question No. 106

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

a) 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.

b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

a) The total spend on taxis for the period 1 July 2012 – 30 September 2012 was \$80,862.19.

Business Group	Total
Africa & Community Programs Division	\$14,161.00
Corporate Enabling Division	\$10,051.37
East Asia Division	\$9,509.96
Executive Division	\$5,144.86
Government Finance & Information Services Division	\$4,525.88
Humanitarian & Stabilisation Division	\$7,674.39
International Programs & Partnerships Division	\$4,100.83
Pacific Division	\$9,316.95
Policy & Sector Division	\$7,857.75
Program Effectiveness & Performance Division	\$3,514.84
South & West Asia Division	\$5,004.36
Grand Total	\$80,862.19

- b) Reasons for taxi travel vary and include trips to Parliament House and offices of other departments, meetings and conferences in Canberra and at posts, and transfers from airports and hotels. Staff are expected to comply with AusAID travel policies, which state that “official travel should only be undertaken where there is a demonstrated business need and where other communication tools, such as teleconferencing and videoconferencing, are not appropriate alternatives”.

Question No. 107

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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

Answer:

- a) The total spend on taxis for the 2011-12 was \$391,653.95.

Business Group	Total
Africa & Community Programs Division	\$67,279.25
Corporate Enabling Division	\$30,219.67
East Asia Division	\$52,809.98
Executive Division	\$9,764.87
Government Finance & Information Services Division	\$42,272.11
Humanitarian & Stabilisation Division	\$13,333.28
International Programs & Partnerships Division	\$41,469.75
Pacific Division	\$74,589.30
Policy & Sector Division	\$42,249.54
Program Effectiveness & Performance Division	\$7,833.63
South & West Asia Division	\$9,832.57
Grand Total	\$391,653.95

- b) Reasons for taxi travel vary and include trips to Parliament House and offices of other departments, meetings and conferences in Canberra and at posts, and transfers from airports and hotels. Staff are expected to comply with AusAID travel policies, which state that “official travel should only be undertaken where there is a demonstrated business need and where other communication tools, such as teleconferencing and videoconferencing, are not appropriate alternatives”

Question No. 108

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.
- b) Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012):

- i. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?
- ii. How is corporate credit card use monitored?
- iii. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?
- iv. How many instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
- v. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?

Answer:

- a) As at 30 September 2012, AusAID had 847 active corporate credit cards held by AusAID staff or waiting to be collected.

Substantive Classification	Count of Credit Card Holders
APS 3	19
APS 4	9
APS 5	54
APS 6	205
EL 1	324
EL 2	172
SES 1	46
SES 2	14
SES 3 and above	4

- b) AusAID has no recorded instances of misuse of corporate credit cards this financial year and its policy and procedures for handling and monitoring of misuse have not changed since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012).

Question No. 109

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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:

AusAID has no recorded instances of misuse of corporate credit cards for 2011-12.

Question No. 110

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

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:

AusAID utilises dual Internet connections that provide automatic failover if one carrier Internet service fails.

During 2012 there have been two instances where there has been a failure of the Primary Internet connection – in both instances the failover systems have taken over resulting in minimal impact to the business. These failures occurred in September and October of 2012.

Question No. 111

Senator Eggleston asked on notice

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

- a) AusAID does not provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.
- b) AusAID does not provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.
- c) Yes.
Details of electronic equipment provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of staff and staff classification who receives it (as at October 2012).

Equipment type	Purchase Cost	Ongoing cost (per unit)	Classification of staff who are able to access
Desktop computers	\$289,607		All staff
Laptop computers	\$4,109,608		All staff
Blackberry devices	\$260,157	\$49 per month	Primarily EL2 level and above. Assistant Director General approval for other staff based on role requirements.

Equipment type	Purchase Cost	Ongoing cost (per unit)	Classification of staff who are able to access
iPads	\$90,067	\$15 per month	Senior Executive Staff officers with First Assistant Director General approved business case. Other staff with First Assistant Director General /Chief Information Officer approved business case based on role requirements.
Smart phones (iPhones, Lumia & Galaxy)	\$271,862	\$35 per month	Senior Executive Staff officers with First Assistant Director General approved business case. Other staff with First Assistant Director General /Chief Information Officer approved business case based on role requirements.
Video conference units	\$588,381		All staff
Good for Enterprise licences providing secure access to corporate applications on mobile devices	\$134,520		Senior Executive Staff officers with First Assistant Director General approved business case. Other staff with First Assistant Director General /Chief Information Officer approved business case based on role requirements.
Desktop telephones	\$730,000		All staff
Printers & multifunction devices	\$400,741	\$23,944 per month	Shared devices for all staff
Satin High terminals	\$613,891	\$1,145,419 per year	Selected staff based on role requirements
Satellite Infrastructure & Communications	\$50,643	\$26,800 per year	Selected staff based on role requirements. Staff from the Humanitarian Emergency Response Team and the Australian Civilian Core Program.
Encrypted Iron Key USB Drives	\$9,751		Selected staff based on role requirements
Security tokens	\$42,297	\$8,500 per year	Selected staff based on role requirements
Desktop monitors	\$435,418		All staff
TOTAL	\$8,026,943		

d) No.

Question No. 112

Senator Eggleston asked on notice

- a) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12.
- b) For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of electronic equipment was provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12.

- c) 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.

Answer:

- a) AusAID does not provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.
- b) AusAID does not provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.
- c) Yes.
Details of electronic equipment provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of staff and staff classification who receives it for 2011-12 Financial Year:

Equipment type	Purchase Cost	Ongoing cost (per unit)	Classification of staff who are able to access
Desktop computers	\$262,600		All staff
Laptop computers	\$3,587,621		All staff
Blackberry devices	\$257,845	\$49 per month	Primarily EL2 level and above. Assistant Director General approval for other staff based on role requirements.
iPads	\$30,955	\$15 per month	Senior Executive Staff officers with First Assistant Director General approved business case. Other staff with First Assistant Director General /Chief Information Officer approved business case based on role requirements.
Smart phones	\$31,544	\$35 per month	Senior Executive Staff officers with First Assistant Director General approved business case. Other staff with First Assistant Director General /Chief Information Officer approved business case based on role requirements.
Good for Enterprise licences providing secure access to corporate applications on mobile devices	\$39,620		Senior Executive Staff officers with First Assistant Director General approved business case. Other staff with First Assistant Director General /Chief Information Officer approved business case based on role requirements.
Video conference units	\$588,381		All staff
Desktop telephone	\$730,000		All staff
Printers & multifunction devices	\$400,741	\$23,749 per month	Shared devices for all staff
Satin High terminals	\$613,891	\$855,855 per year	Selected staff based on role requirements.
Satellite Infrastructure &	\$50,643	\$26,800 per	Selected staff based on role

Equipment type	Purchase Cost	Ongoing cost (per unit)	Classification of staff who are able to access
Communications		year	requirements. Staff from the Humanitarian Emergency Response Team and the Australian Civilian Core Program.
Security tokens	\$42,297	\$8,500 per year	Selected staff based on role requirements.
Desktop monitors	\$432,918		All staff
TOTAL	\$7,069,056		

Question No. 113

Senator Eggleston asked in writing

- a) 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:

- b) How will reductions in air travel spending be achieved? What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
- c) What restrictions will be implemented for business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
- d) 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?
- e) How will the department/agency manage moving recruitment advertising online? Will all future recruitment advertisement be online only? If not, explain why. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
- f) 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 no longer be printed? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates

Answer:

- a) AusAID will achieve savings over the forward estimates by:
- i. ceasing non-campaign recruitment advertising in metropolitan and national newspapers by shifting to online advertising
 - ii. reducing printing and publishing costs by shifting to more ‘on-line only’ publications except where required under legislation or for accessibility reasons
 - iii. reducing contractor and consultancy expenditure
 - iv. reducing air travel expenditure.

- b) Reductions in AusAID's air travel spending will be achieved through:
- i. reducing domestic business class travel, particularly on the Canberra-Sydney-Melbourne flights, by using economy class fares
 - ii. reducing the use of fully flexible economy fares through greater use of the lower cost semi-flexible economy fares
 - iii. reducing international air travel expenditure including through greater use of teleconferencing and other technological alternatives.

In each of the forward estimate years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16) savings of approximately \$960,000 are forecast on air travel expenses.

- c) Restrictions to business flights and expected savings are covered in (b) above.
- d) AusAID will reduce its use of contractors and consultants through greater reliance on AusAID staff and reviewing the necessity of assignments. AusAID will focus on reducing the use of contractors and consultants in the areas of: information services, property management, human resources management, legal services and financial management. AusAID will also reduce its contractor and consultants costs by seeking lower daily rates. In each of the forward estimate years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16) savings of approximately \$660,000 are forecast on consultants and contractors expenses.
- e) AusAID Corporate Enabling Division has managed the move of non-campaign recruitment to online advertising. AusAID has ceased advertising non-campaign recruitment in metropolitan and national newspapers. In the future all AusAID non-campaign recruitment advertising will be on-line only. In each of the forward estimate years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16) savings of approximately \$70,000 are forecast on recruitment advertising expenses.
- f) To reduce printing and publishing costs AusAID is introducing 'on-line only' publication of documents, except where required under legislation or for accessibility reasons. AusAID expects to achieve an annual reduction of approximately 5 per cent in printing and publishing costs. In each of the forward estimate years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16) savings of approximately \$90,000 are forecast on printing and publishing expenses.

Question No. 114

Senator Kroger asked on notice

- a) Can you provide us with figures where aid has been provided - not through AusAID but by other government departments which has gone towards building our profile in nations or regions that has coincided with the [UNSC] bid over the last 4 years?
- b) What stage are these projects at? Will these projects continue to be funded after the announcement?
- c) It will be interesting to see whether there is a change in the direction of aid funding if there is a negative outcome for the government tomorrow.

Answer:

- a) All funding under the aid program goes to advance the Government's objective of helping people overcome poverty. This also serves Australia's national interests by promoting stability and prosperity both in our region and beyond. We focus our effort in areas where Australia can make a difference and where our resources can most effectively be deployed.

Expenditure relating to diplomacy is not eligible to be counted as Official Development Assistance under Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Development Assistance Committee Reporting Directives.

b) N/A

c) N/A

Question No. 115

Senator Kroger asked on notice

Is the government still committed to its revised timetable for achieving a 0.5 per cent of GNI spend on foreign aid? And can you tell me the year?

Answer:

The Government remains committed to increasing Official Development Assistance (ODA) expenditure to 0.5 per cent of Gross National Income (GNI) by 2016-17.