

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2008–09 (May 2008)**Questions on Notice index—Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

Please note for questions F1a to F9 Senator Murray has requested, where possible, for answers to be provided by Wednesday, 28 May 2008: Answers to all other QON taken during the Budget Estimates hearings, or written QON submitted thereafter, are due on 11 July 2008.

QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard Reference/Written	Question	Comments/date answer received
F1a-c	ARIA	MURRAY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 13/06/08.
F2	ARIA	MURRAY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 13/06/08.
F3	ARIA	MURRAY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 13/06/08.
F4a-c	Future Fund	MURRAY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 13/06/08.
F5	Future Fund	MURRAY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 13/06/08.
F6	Future Fund	MURRAY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 13/06/08.
F7	Future Fund	MURRAY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 13/06/08.
F8	Future Fund	MURRAY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 13/06/08.
F9	Future Fund	MURRAY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 13/06/08.
F10	DFD / CAPS	RONALDSON	F&PA 14	<p>Senator RONALDSON—...If you could provide me with details of the vacancies within that establishment number as of 1 May 2008. I am happy for that to be taken on notice.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—That is fine, Senator. I have just checked with officials, and we certainly do not have that information available for</p>	Answer received 09/07/08.

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F11	DFD / CAPS	RONALDSON	F&PA 15	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Perhaps if you could take on notice the tabling of the letter, [relating to party status and staffing uses] which I am happy for you to provide when you believe that it is more than likely that Senator Brown has received a copy.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I think it would be more appropriate if I table it for the benefit of the committee and take on notice the staffing arrangements for the Greens once they achieve party status on 1 July. I am not 100 per cent certain that that letter has been received by Senator Brown. That is the only reason I have some caution in this. It is just a courtesy more than anything else. But I will certainly provide that information for you. I would make the point, obviously, that the same constraints apply to minor parties that have party status in the Senate that apply to government and opposition staffing. You would appreciate the impact of the government’s policy in relation to cutting ministerial staff.</p>	Answer received 09/07/08.
F12	DFD / CAPS	RONALDSON	F&PA 16	<p>Senator RONALDSON—...Minister, how many personal classifications, including special advisers, have been created?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—As of 1 May this year, there are four ministerial staff with personal classifications. As of the same date, there are no opposition staff with personal classifications. There is, however, one non-government staff with a personal classification. That is a total of five personal classifications.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—On what basis was that breakdown done?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Do you mean on what basis are the decisions made?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Yes.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—These decisions are made by the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—When were those decisions made in relation to those adviser positions?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—We would need to take that on notice...</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Can you also advise me when the meetings of this group were?</p>	Answer received 10/07/08.
F13	DFD / CAPS	RONALDSON	F&PA 20	Senator RONALDSON —What determinations, Minister, have	Answer received

				<p>been made under the MOP(S) Act since February 2008, and can you list them and what they give effect to?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Yes, we can do that, and I will ask officials. I assume we have got the determination?</p> <p>Ms Clarke—We will need to take that on notice, but all determinations that affect a class of people made under the MOP(S) Act are in fact published on the MOPS intranet site.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am sorry, but we do not have them with us. They are published. But if you would like us to take it on notice separately I am happy to do that. Would you like us to take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Yes, please.</p>	09/07/08.
F14	DFD / CAPS	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 23	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—If you have an arrangement in Victoria, have you thought about looking at arrangements in other areas, particularly when there is a non-sitting period in the New South Wales parliament?</p> <p>Mr Miles—It is certainly something that we can look at. You are right. I guess you are referring to the fact that parking can be quite restricted there.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Particularly the location of the CPO, which, as you know, is in Phillip Street and, apart from the limitation of parking in and around that area, let alone the expense of parking, a day's parking in Phillips Street, if you can get it, is very expensive.</p> <p>Mr Miles—We will follow it up.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—There are reciprocal parking arrangements organised at the parliamentary level as opposed to the ministerial and parliamentary services level and, for the payment of a fee, a member of the Commonwealth parliament can park on non-sitting days in Macquarie Street. I can confirm this. I have done it.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Thank you for that information. Thank you, Mr Miles. You will take that on notice and let us know.</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.
F15	DFD / CAPS	RONALDSON	F&PA 23–24	<p>Senator RONALDSON—I will put some of these matters on notice. What capital works or alterations have been undertaken at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices in Melbourne since 25</p>	Answer received 09/07/08.

				<p>November?... So you are not aware of any work being done involving major alterations in the CPO, such as the addition of bathrooms or other things?</p> <p>Mr Miles—I am not aware of that.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—But you will take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Miles—Certainly.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—In a general sense, would you take on notice any capital works or alterations carried out to any Commonwealth parliamentary offices?</p>	
F16	DFD / CAPS	RONALDSON	F&PA 24	<p>Senator RONALDSON—In response to question F71, which was on notice, I think from February, we were supplied with a determination made by the Prime Minister to employ senior staff under the MOP(S) Act. Are there any differences in the terms and conditions of employment—excluding salary levels, phones and cars—under the PM’s new senior staff certified agreement that are not available to non-senior staff employed under the Commonwealth Members of Parliament Collective Agreement, such as leave arrangements? Are there any differences under that certified agreement that are not relevant to others?</p> <p>Ms Clarke—To analyse the difference between the collective agreement for staff level-adviser level and the determination made for staff above the adviser level, we would have to take that on notice. The only thing that stands out as being a difference between the two is the availability of a car for senior advisers that is not available—</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—I am happy for that to be taken on notice... I acknowledge that it is a matter of definition as to whether it is a certified agreement or an agreement. If you could provide me with that information with or without those words, I would be very grateful.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—We will do that, Senator.</p>	Answer received 28/07/08.
F17	DFD	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 29&31	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Thank you. So the question I asked you is: yesterday, when we were asking what the responsibility was of this person, you said to me that this person’s responsibilities were to deal with paper. My concern is that there are a lot of people in the Prime Minister’s office who deal with paper, and I am particularly interested in how this is delineated. What are the roles and</p>	Answer received 09/07/08.

				<p>responsibilities of each of these positions? I ask about these positions: there are four people who are delineated as executive assistant, assistant personal secretary, senior personal secretary and private secretary to the Prime Minister...</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—...What I can do—and I think this is reasonable—is that I will certainly take the questions on notice for you...</p> <p>Senator Faulkner - ... However, in relation to the question that Senator Fierravanti-Wells has asked about the roles and responsibilities of three members of staff in the Prime Minister’s office, I have said I will take it on notice. I do not have that information available to me.</p>	
F18	DFD / CAPS	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 33–34	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Do you have travel documents relating to the travel assistant to the Prime Minister that demonstrate where and how much he travelled with the Prime Minister since he commenced his employment?...</p> <p>Ms Mason—We would probably hold documents that would partially answer your question. Certainly, Ministerial and Parliamentary Services is involved in the processing of accounts related to travel undertaken by ministers and staff engaged under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act. There are sometimes delays between when the travel is undertaken and when that information becomes available to us. Also, I might add that the information we get is not necessarily attributable to a particular individual. It may be accounts that are rolled up for the travelling party. We would potentially be able to partially answer your question, but not necessarily to attribute a particular amount of money to all aspects of travel by a particular staff member...</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Do you have records of when the travelling assistant commenced employment with the Prime Minister?</p> <p>Ms Hughes—We do not have that with us.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—No?</p> <p>Ms Mason—We do hold that information, but we do not have it with us.</p>	Answer received 09/07/08.
F19	DFD / CAPS?	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 36–38	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Ms Hughes, can I ask you to produce for me all the documents relating to the travel of the</p>	Answer received 09/07/08.

				<p>travelling assistant of the Prime Minister? I would like to know the travel patterns of the travel assistant to the Prime Minister...And for each particular trip—thank you...And, while we are at it, can we throw in who else travels with the Prime Minister and in what capacity that person has been travelling with the Prime Minister since 24 November 2007. Thank you—that is on notice. Does the travel assistant to the Prime Minister also assist the Prime Minister’s wife, if they are travelling together? Is that part of his duties?...</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—...But, in relation to a proportion of the questions that you are asking, there is no absolutely no knowledge at this committee—which is Ministerial and Parliamentary Services in the Department of Finance and Deregulation—about these matters. There is more capacity, obviously, in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to answer these questions. When either I or officials are unable to answer your questions, and they are more appropriate—or are appropriate—to be placed on notice for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, I have done so. So, in relation to your last question, I will take that on notice.</p>	
F20	DFD / CAPS?	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 37	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—When the travel assistant does travel with the Prime Minister, does he stay in the same place as the Prime Minister or nearby?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I will take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 09/07/08.
F21	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	F&PA 38	<p>CHAIR—...My question relates to senators’ and members’ entitlements as far as the PDAs are concerned. I am following up from previous questions in estimates in relation to why we had the two brands that we had available to us. What I am interested in is the number of those PDAs that have been returned and the number of senators and members who have resorted back to having to use mobile phones because the PDAs have been inadequate. I would also be interested to know—on the new PDAs, the HTC’s, that have been handed out recently—the number of senators and members who have had the option of taking these up, and also the number of these that have had to be replaced, what the budget has been that was allocated for these PDAs and whether or not that was exceeded because of the problems associated with the PDAs.</p> <p>Mr Quester—I will have to take that question on notice because there is a fair bit of information contained in it. I can get all that</p>	Answer received 28/07/08.

				information for you, Senator, and I will provide it as soon as possible.	
F22	DFD / AMG (Medibank Private)	CORMANN	F&PA 45	<p>Senator CORMANN—I go back to reporting. You mentioned corporate plans. When did you submit your last corporate plan?</p> <p>Mr Savvides—It was June-July last year.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN—Can you confirm the exact date for us, please, and provide us with a copy of that?</p> <p>Mr Savvides—I can. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN—Yes, please take that on notice and provide us with a copy of that corporate plan.</p> <p>Dr Watt—I think we can probably get it here and now, can't we?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN—Could you table it?</p> <p>Dr Watt—We will see if we can get one up and table it for you.</p>	<p>Although the date was provided (see p. 79.) the corporate plan was not tabled at the hearing.</p> <p>Answer received 17/07/08.</p>
F23	DFD / AMG (Medibank Private)	FIELDING	F&PA 49	<p>Senator FIELDING—Can we have a look at that at all? [Medibank's submission regarding a rate rise]</p> <p>Mr Savvides—It is a department of health process, and I am sure they have that documented. Are you talking about our submission?</p> <p>Senator FIELDING—Yes, your submission.</p> <p>Mr Savvides—I think that is a highly sensitive commercial document in terms of—</p> <p>Senator Sherry—I will take it on notice. I think it is highly unlikely to be provided but I will take the question on notice.</p>	<p>Answer received 31/07/08.</p>
F24	DFD / AMG (Medibank Private)	MOORE	F&PA 52	<p>Senator MOORE—I do the PHIAC stuff to look at the wider impact, but I wonder about your own company—the impact in Medicare, in Medibank Private itself, to see what the impact was when MLS came in—to see what your figures were, to see what your rate increases of members if there were any, and how long it took and who came in, just to get a snapshot.</p> <p>Mr Savvides—I can take that on notice and come back.</p> <p>Senator MOORE—I knew it was a notice question, but it is a wider kind of impact to build a full picture. Is that something I can leave with you?</p> <p>Mr Savvides—Absolutely.</p>	<p>Answer received 17/07/08.</p>
F25	DFD /AMG	BERNARDI	F&PA 52–53	<p>Senator BERNARDI—I will put it to the minister. Mr Savvides</p>	<p>Answer received</p>

	(Medibank Private)			<p>has advised us that the board members have already been advised of this, Minister, so would you be prepared to share that with us?</p> <p>Senator Sherry—No. I will have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—So you do not know the answer?</p> <p>Senator Sherry—I do not know. I will take it on notice.</p>	23/07/08.
F26	DFD / FMG	ABETZ	F&PA 59	<p>Ms Campbell—In previous years there have been no clear mandatory requirements on any element of the document; some agencies have chosen to go with some statements and not include other statements. That means there is no change to previous arrangements.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—How do we determine ‘significant investments’?</p> <p>Ms Campbell—Because the requirements are not mandated, that would be a decision for the portfolio agency.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—But was the term ‘significant changes’ part of the document that has just been tabled in advice to the various departments?</p> <p>Ms Campbell—We will have a look at that and get back to you.</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.
F27	DFD / CAPS	FIFIIED	F&PA 64–65	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Dr Watt, do you have a consolidated list of all of the government’s election commitments for your portfolio? ...But, just purely in relation to your own portfolio, is there a consolidated list of all of the election commitments for which your portfolio is responsible, and which ministers within your portfolio have responsibility for those that could be made available?</p> <p>Dr Watt—We do keep what I call a running sheet of the portfolios....</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—If it would be possible to provide that to the committee, that would be appreciated.</p> <p>Dr Watt—Sure, we can provide that.</p>	Answer received 25/07/08.
F28	DFD / FMG	BRANDIS	F&PA 66	<p>Ms Campbell—Finance is conducting the review. We are going out to each of the agencies and giving them guidelines, and when they come back the Minister for Finance and Deregulation will approve the outcomes.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—Are these guidelines published guidelines?</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.

				<p>Ms Campbell—No, they are not published at this stage.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—Can we have a copy of them, please?</p> <p>Ms Campbell—We will take that on notice, Senator...</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—It is a very impressive policy, but the implementation seems to be shrouded in darkness, Senator Sherry...</p> <p>Senator Sherry—...We are six months in, and the new government has correctly focused on delivering the budget. I will not go through the various parameters, because you are familiar with our approach to budget fiscal discipline et cetera in the delivery of the budget. I will take your question on notice.</p>	
F29		BRANDIS	F&PA 67	<p>Senator BRANDIS—Can I have a list of all agencies that have so far been interviewed and all agencies that are yet to be interviewed?</p> <p>Mr Loudon—We have only just commenced consultation. We have only had some preliminary discussion with agencies. We have done some preliminary work with specific agencies to look at further developing how we would approach the broader task. Approximately 170 agencies are involved, and so we are taking a very consultative approach.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—That is good. Can I have a list of all the agencies, please, that you intend to consult?</p> <p>Mr Loudon—Yes.</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.
F30	DFD / FMG	BRANDIS	F&PA 67–68	<p>Senator BRANDIS—So there is no government agency which will not be subject to this process? Is that what you are telling me? We can do it by exclusion. I just want the most efficient response to my question.</p> <p>Mr Loudon—The answer is that there are two acts in which agencies are commonly gathered—the Financial Management and Accountability Act and the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act. Not all of those agencies are in the government general sector, and it is only the government general sector agencies which are covered by the outcomes framework.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—Whichever is more convenient to you: either a list of all the agencies that will be consulted as part of Operation Sunlight or, if there are only a few exceptions, a list of the agencies that will be excluded from Operation Sunlight, and you can explain to me why those particular agencies are not being included in Operation</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.

				<p>Sunlight.</p> <p>Senator Sherry—We can provide that on notice.</p>	
F31	DFD / Budget	CORMANN	F&PA 69	<p>Senator CORMANN—Can you confirm for us on what dates you first provided advice in relation to this budget measure? [The Medicare levy surcharge threshold budget measure].</p> <p>Dr Grimes—No, I would not be able to—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN—Why is that?</p> <p>Dr Grimes—give you that date. It would have been during the budget process, but I just do not have the date available.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN—The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet the other day like a flash was able to say, ‘11 March’. Can you take it on notice?</p> <p>Dr Watt—We can take it on notice.</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.
F32	DFD / FMG	CORMANN	F&PA 73	<p>Senator CORMANN—Can you tell me what proportion of that line item accords for Medibank Private?</p> <p>Mr Youngberry—Not here, Senator.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN—Can you tell me whether there has been any variation in that line item as a result of the policy change?</p> <p>Mr Youngberry—I would have to take it on notice.</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.
F33	DFD / Budget	CORMANN	F&PA 74	<p>Senator CORMANN—When do you expect that to be adjusted?</p> <p>Dr Watt—I would assume that any change in valuation will be taken into account—when, Tim?</p> <p>Mr Youngberry—We would need to check—my understanding is the investments in other public sector entities are total assets less total liabilities. It does not reflect the market valuation.</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.
F34	DFD / FMG	BRANDIS	F&PA 77	<p>Senator BRANDIS—In the next section, ‘Expanding the reach of Budget reporting’, on the second page after the heading, there is a series of commitments. Rather than delay, because time is pressing, you might care to take it on notice and provide me with a written answer in respect of each of those items.</p> <p>Dr Watt—We can do it very quickly.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—All right. Let us do it.</p> <p>Ms Campbell—Special accounts: in Budget Paper No. 4 there is a</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.

				<p>register of special accounts moving to a register next year, as well as balances. Standing or special appropriations are included in Budget Paper No. 4. Tax expenditure—</p> <p>Dr Watt—That is a matter for Treasury. We cannot help you with that one.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—You can tell me what steps have been taken.</p> <p>Dr Watt—You would have to ask Treasury that.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—I am asking you. If you do not know the answer, can you take it on notice?</p> <p>Dr Watt—I can take it on notice, but I will give it to the Treasury portfolio.</p>	
F35	DFD / AMG (Medibank Private)	COLBECK	F&PA 79	<p>Senator COLBECK—Dr Watt and Senator Sherry, you were saying there will be a report coming back to the relevant minister from Medibank Private, in due course—once they have done their calculations on the impact of the government’s decision in the budget. Will there be a public disclosure of that information?</p> <p>Dr Watt—That is something we will have to ask the minister.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—So are you happy to take that—</p> <p>Dr Watt—We can take it on notice.</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.
F36	DFD / AMG (Medibank Private)	COLBECK	F&PA 80	<p>Senator COLBECK—It would be nice to have some parameters around the time given. [For the delivery of the corporate plan]. If there is no formal due date and you are asking for an extension to an unknown date, my issue is, ‘At what point in time do I expect to have some understanding of what is going on?’</p> <p>Dr Watt—We will see what we can get you.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—Thank you.</p>	Answer received 23/07/08.
F37	DFD / Budget	BRANDIS	F&PA 81	<p>Senator BRANDIS—What other costs are associated with FuelWatch?</p> <p>Dr Watt—I do not have that information with me at the moment.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—Are there other costs associated with it? There are, aren’t there?</p> <p>Dr Grimes—These are the administration costs for the measure, but I do not have that level of detail with me.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—Can you take that question on notice and</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.

				<p>come back to me?</p> <p>Dr Grimes—We can take those items on notice...</p>	
F38	DFD / Budget	BRANDIS	F&PA 81	<p>Senator BRANDIS—Sure. I just want to know, in addition to the advances to the ACCC for this proposal—which two years ago the ACCC told the Senate was unnecessary and now we are having an appropriation of \$20 million over four years—what additional costs there are. Has the ACCC been asked to absorb any of the costs within its existing budget or is it entirely being funded by new advances?</p> <p>Dr Grimes—That would be something I would have to take on notice.</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.
F39	DFD / FMG	BRANDIS	F&PA 81–82	<p>Senator BRANDIS—Was any consideration given to the question of compliance costs, particularly by small operators...What was the Treasury’s assessment of the compliance costs, please?</p> <p>Ms McCluskey—I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.
F40	DFD / FMG	BRANDIS	F&PA 83	<p>Senator BRANDIS—This is not time sensitive. It is not urgent that I know this, so would you please take on notice and provide, in a comprehensive written answer, a list of all of the steps being taken by your department in implementing the deregulation agenda, including all consultations, naming each agency or, if appropriate, each person being consulted and each measure that is being introduced. Would you do that for me, please?</p> <p>Ms Campbell—We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Watt—It is a very comprehensive response, Senator. We will do our best.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—I would hope it is, Dr Watt—a very comprehensive response. That is what I am looking for.</p>	Answer received 21/08/08.
F41	DFD / FeSG	BRANDIS	F&PA 83–84	<p>Senator BRANDIS—Let us do this, Dr Watt: you take the following questions on notice. What activities have you stopped? What activities have you reduced the cost of, and by how much? If the cessation of those activities, or the reduction of outlays on them, has resulted in a reduction of staffing levels, what has been the reduction of staffing levels in each case? You take all of that on notice. But, nevertheless, I am sure you can give us some examples off the top of your head of activities within your department that you have stopped. So can you give us the ones that are the most important.</p> <p>Dr Watt—I can perhaps not give you the ones that are the most</p>	Answer received 25/07/08.

				<p>important but I can give you a number. I would like our CFO to mention three or four to you...</p> <p>Dr Watt—I am sure I have missed a great deal, but at the moment—</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—You will give that to me in writing, won't you, Dr Watt.</p> <p>Dr Watt—Yes...</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—In your written answer you will give me the cost savings on those measures?</p> <p>Dr Watt—As best we can, acknowledging that the exercise was much broader than just the efficiency dividend.</p>	
F42	DFD / FMG	BRANDIS	F&PA 88	<p>Senator BRANDIS—What I would like, please—and I want you to interpret my question liberally, not pedantically—is for you to provide me, in writing, a list of all the reviews being carried out by the department at the moment or for which the department is providing a secretariat elsewhere in government or to whole-of-government reviews, and a short description of what is the task of each review. Would you do that for me please, Dr Watt?</p> <p>Dr Watt—We will see what we can do.</p>	Answer received 06/08/08.
F43	DFD / FMG	ABETZ	F&PA 92	<p>Mr Plowman—It was put to me, I think—and my memory is not completely clear on this—that it was not absolutely essential that I use this person but it was a person who had relevant skills in this area. I looked at my panel, which is not an exclusive panel, and determined that that was the correct person for the job...</p> <p>Mr Plowman—I am sorry, Senator, I cannot remember exactly the manner of how it happened. [In relation to the appointment of Mr McDonald].</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Could you take that on notice for us? I think it is important whether it was written or verbal. If verbal, from whom in Minister Macklin's office did it come? If it was in writing, one would imagine a name would be on the document. But for that intervention from the minister's office, you would have undoubtedly gone through your panel to select somebody from the panel?</p>	Answer received 25/07/08.
F44	ARIA	WATSON	F&PA 96	<p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan—As I said, we provide members with the information in the annual report that we are required to provide to them. We also provide an annual report to the parliament, which is</p>	Answer received 07/07/08.

				<p>tabled each year. There is a section in that report on our investment activities and the types of investments that we make. There is also a listing in that annual report—for example in the 2006-07 report on page 17 there is a list of our investment managers for that year. Again, that report complies with the requirements that are stipulated by the government, the parliament and the minister. If there was a particular requirement to report a specific matter, we would obviously do that. If there are matters of particular public interest that come up from time to time, that may cause us to report on that as well.</p> <p>Senator WATSON—At the next estimates hearing, or the one following the trustee’s deliberation on this question of scrip lending, when that matter is finalised, could you table that document to the parliament or to the estimates committee?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan—Sorry, can I take that question on notice?</p>	
F45	ARIA	WATSON	F&PA 97	<p>Senator WATSON—Perhaps next year, I think, you could enhance the reputation of the funds if that information were included there...On page 95, ARIA has a long-term target of at least seven per cent. You could just explain that you have met the targets in the past.</p> <p>Senator Sherry—Wouldn’t that be more appropriate in the annual report? Why would you put it in both?</p> <p>Senator WATSON—There is a lot of information in the annual report that is also in here, Senator Sherry, so it is a question of—</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—Given your interest, Senator, I will take it on notice. We will think about it.</p>	Answer received 07/07/08.
F46	DFD / Budget	BRANDIS	F&PA98	<p>Senator BRANDIS—When was the advice [to the Government about the fuel watch scheme] provided? I am only after a date now.</p> <p>Dr Watt—I would have to take that on notice because I do not know.</p>	Answer received 21/08/08.
F47	DFD / FMG	BRANDIS	F&PA 82	<p>Senator BRANDIS—Do you have a copy of the impact statement to hand?</p> <p>Ms McCluskey—I do not have one with me.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—Well, I am rather troubled that these questions kind of disappear into the ether. There is a great deal of interest in the community about this at the moment. I wonder if you could ask one of your officers to make a telephone call back to your office, please, so that the information can be provided by 5.30 pm.</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.

				Ms McCluskey —Certainly, we can do that.	
F48	FFMA	BRANDIS	F&PA 107&110	<p>Senator BRANDIS—I am sorry—since 1 July 2007. I was asking about the equities and the debt portfolios. But the aggregate value of the fund—what did it get up to this financial year at its highest valuation?</p> <p>Mr Costello—We would need to apply the same basis to that question. We would need to provide you with an aggregate answer to that question similar to your question about a specific component of it.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—It was more than \$52.4 billion, was it not?</p> <p>Mr Costello—We would need to check on that and get back to you with our answer...</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—That is my point. I just wondered. I would like a chart by reference to value at close of trade on each day since 1 July 2007. Since you will be taking this on notice, can I trouble you to provide charts both for the aggregate value of the fund and the values of the equity and debt portfolios, allowing for the fact that those portfolios have grown with acquisitions during the course of that period. That was all I wanted to ask about the Future Fund.</p>	Answer received 23/07/08.
F49	FFMA	FIFIELD	F&PA 117	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Fair enough. In terms of the Building Australia Fund, what other countries have a sovereign wealth fund, future fund, type of arrangement? I should know this.</p> <p>Dr Watt—A number of countries have sovereign wealth funds. Each of them has different characteristics. I do not pretend to be able to enumerate to you—</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—One that focuses on infrastructure?</p> <p>Dr Watt—I am unable to answer the question...</p> <p>Dr Watt—We would be happy to take the question on notice and get you an answer.</p>	Answer received 23/07/08.
F50	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	F&PA 118	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Which brings me back to my earlier question about whether pre-election commitments would be funded through this mechanism. We have got one example where that is the case, and I guess there could be other examples. Your previous answers about considering the rate of return and the risk profile of capital expended need to be qualified to the extent that there are some pre-existing programs which the government will commit this money to regardless</p>	Answer received 23/07/08.

				<p>of...</p> <p>Dr Watt—It was also indicated that would be specifically carved out and handled differently from the rest of the Building Australia Fund. I am not aware the government said anything about any other component.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Is it possible to take on notice just to double-check that there are no other ones that some of us may have missed?</p> <p>Dr Watt—We can take the question on notice, yes. I am happy to do that.</p>	
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F51	AEC	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 7	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Perhaps you might like to take this on notice. The concerns, as we heard the evidence, were in terms of the operations and processing of things like new electors and new voters and where people lived and potential bogus voters in those seats. I would like to know the number—and to have a breakdown of the number—of new voters into the four electorates and in particular Bennelong, and in effect the paperwork and statistics regarding the paperwork processed by that office in the lead up to the election.</p> <p>Mr Campbell—I will do that. But I will also add that they are processing after polling day. After polling day is very important as well, of course.</p> <p>Mr Campbell—I will cover the whole period from just before the election was called by the then Prime Minister until the return of the writs on 21 December.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
F52	AEC	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 7–8	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I would also be interested to know the number of new voters that came on to the electoral roll, say, between the two elections into the four seats but in particular in Bennelong. I would also like to know the number of electors, people who moved off the electoral roll in those four seats, in particular in Bennelong, after the election. If you could do that for me I would be most grateful.</p> <p>Mr Campbell—Yes.</p>	Answer received 17/07/08.
F53	AEC	MURRAY	F&PA 17	<p>Senator MURRAY—This is a huge increase, [in electoral roll management costs] though, from \$35.1 million to \$49.8 million. I am not suggesting that it is not proper. It just seems to me unusual. Are you saying that it is similar to the years that have followed election</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>years on previous occasions?</p> <p>Mr Campbell—Yes. The same thing occurred after the 2004 election.</p> <p>Senator MURRAY—Do you have the comparative figures for that? If you do not, perhaps—</p> <p>Mr Campbell—We can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MURRAY—If you could just expand in some detail as to exactly what constitutes the increase?</p> <p>Mr Campbell—Yes.</p>	
F54	AEC	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 20–21	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Have you done an assessment in each of the electorates as to the double votes, where you have had a vote early, vote often situation?...</p> <p>Mr Campbell—We are in the process of finalising all of that. There is a substantial number of letters. We will be providing a full report to the joint standing committee. If you wish, at the next hearing we will give you a copy, too.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—This can be taken on notice. I would be interested to see the breakdown per electorate [of multiple votes].</p> <p>Mr Campbell—We will do that.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
F55a– F55b	DFD / CAPS	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F56a	DFD / FMG	CORMANN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F56b	DFD / FMG	CORMANN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 25/07/08.
F56c	DFD / FMG	CORMANN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F56d	DFD / FMG	CORMANN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F56e	DFD / FMG	CORMANN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F56f	DFD / FMG	CORMANN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 25/07/08.

F56g	DFD / FMG	CORMANN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F57a– F57d	DFD / FMG	CORMANN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 21/08/08.
F58a– F58b	DFD / CAPS	ABETZ	Written	See attachment	Answer received 09/07/08.
F59a– F59c	DFD / CAPS	RONALDSON	Written	See attachment	Answer received 09/07/08.
F59d	DFD / CAPS	RONALDSON	Written	See attachment	Answer received 23/07/08.
F60a– F60o	AEC	RONALDSON	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
F61	DFD / Budget	MOORE	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F62	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 23/07/08.
F63	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 14/08/08
F64	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 14/08/08
F65	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 14/08/08
F66	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 06/08/08.
F67	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 25/07/08.
F68	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F69	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F70	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 23/07/08.
F71	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 23/07/08.
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F73	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
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F75	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F76	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 23/07/08.
F77	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F78	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F79	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F80	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F81	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 25/07/08.
F82	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F83	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F84	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F85	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F86	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F87	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F88	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F89	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.

F90	DFD / FMG	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F91	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F92	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F93	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F94	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F95	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F96	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F97	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F98	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F99	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F100	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F101	DFD / FeSG	POLLEY	Written	See attachment	Answer received 28/07/08.
F102	DFD / CAPS	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 31/07/08.
F103	DFD / CAPS	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F104	DFD / Budget	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 31/07/08.
F105	DFD / Budget	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 31/07/08.
F106	DFD / Budget	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 31/07/08.
F107	DFD / CAPS	FIERRAVANTI-	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.

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F108	DFD / CAPS	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
F109	DFD / CAPS	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 06/08/08.
F110	DFD / CAPS	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 06/08/08.
F111	DFD / CAPS	KEMP	Hansard–F&PA 26 (from 28/05/08).	<p>Senator KEMP—Before I conclude mine, can I ask Senator Faulkner this: will he contact all his colleagues [Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries] and seek an assurance that all their staff have complied with this direction [to complete declarations of private pecuniary interests], as of this day?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am more than happy to.</p>	Answer received 09/07/08.
F112	DFD/MAPS	RONALDSON	Hansard–F&PA 36–37 (from 27/05/08).	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Can you provide the committee—you may need to take this question on notice; I appreciate that—with the number of top-secret security clearances obtained at the following dates: 1 January 2008; 1 February 2008; 1 March 2008; 1 April 2008; 1 May 2008 and today’s date, 27 May...</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet cannot assist you with the first part of your question, in relation to security clearances. That is not a matter for this department... I indicate to you that, in providing a response to the first part of your question, I am going to treat that as a question on notice to Ministerial and Parliamentary Services.</p>	Answer received 09/07/08.
F113	DFD/MAPS	RONALDSON	Hansard–F&PA 37 (from 27/05/08)	<p>Senator RONALDSON—I am not uncomfortable with that. You may want to do likewise with this. As it stands on 27 May, does each minister or parliamentary secretary’s office have one or more staffers that have a top-secret security clearance and, if not, which officers are awaiting clearances? If you want to take that on notice for tomorrow, that is fine.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I will certainly take it on notice. Given that you are asking these questions now, no doubt someone might well bring to the attention of Ministerial and Parliamentary Services officials the nature of your question and we might be able to provide some answers to these questions tomorrow, as I have indicated.</p>	Answer received 09/07/08.
F114	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.

F115	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F116	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F117	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F118	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F119	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F120	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F121	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F122	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F123	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F124	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F125	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F126	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F127	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F128	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F129	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.
F130	DFD	COLBECK	Written	See attachment	Answer received 17/07/08.

Written QON

F1a–ARIA (MURRAY)

Please outline ARIA's policy (failing a formal policy, ARIA's views) with respect to margin lending.

F1b–ARIA (MURRAY)

Please outline ARIA's policy (failing a formal policy, ARIA's views) with respect to short selling (various types).

F1c–ARIA (MURRAY)

Please outline ARIA's policy (failing a formal policy, ARIA's views) with respect to stock lending (for profit-taking and for voting).

F2–ARIA (MURRAY)

Is ARIA concerned at the practice of lending shares when held in trust, either directly or indirectly, without the permission of the ultimate beneficial owners of the shares, particularly when share lending can produce market falls in share value?

F3–ARIA (MURRAY)

Specifically, is ARIA concerned at the practice of lending shares for voting purposes-giving away the rights of shareholders without their permission, when those shares are held in trust, either directly or indirectly?

F4a–Future Fund (MURRAY)

Please outline the Future Fund's policy (failing a formal policy, the Future Fund's views) with respect to margin lending.

F4b–Future Fund (MURRAY)

Please outline the Future Fund's policy (failing a formal policy, the Future Fund's views) with respect to short selling (various types).

F4c–Future Fund (MURRAY)

Please outline the Future Fund's policy (failing a formal policy, the Future Fund's views) with respect to stock lending (for profit-taking and for voting).

F5–Future Fund (MURRAY)

Is the Future Fund concerned at the practice of lending shares when held in trust, either directly or indirectly, without the permission of the ultimate beneficial owners of the shares, particularly when share lending can produce market falls in share value?

F6–Future Fund (MURRAY)

Specifically, is the Future Fund concerned at the practice of lending shares for voting purposes-giving away the rights of shareholders without their permission, when those shares are held in trust, either directly or indirectly?

F7–Future Fund (MURRAY)

Would it be fair to characterise the Future Fund as essentially a passive investor, rather than trying to take part in management decisions? If so, would the Future Fund be concerned if shares were lent, and the borrower voted differently to the Future Fund's view?

F8–Future Fund (MURRAY)

Is the Future Fund a share lender to those who want the shares for voting purposes? If so, does the Future Fund see any risks in this activity and how do you address them?

F9–Future Fund (MURRY)

Is the Future Fund allowed to 'short sell' shares if the Future Fund's investment managers believe the market is likely to fall? If so, how does the Future Fund limit its exposure?

F55a–DFD (FIFIELD)

Are you able to provide in table format please a list of all Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries showing which vehicle (make, model and year) they have chosen as their private-plated vehicle for their home base?

F55b–DFD (FIFIELD)

Are you able to provide in table format please a list of all Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries showing which vehicle (make, model and year) they have chosen as their private-plated vehicle for their use in Canberra?

F56a–DFD (CORMANN)

I refer to the Government's budget announcement that it would establish by January 2009 a Build Australia Fund of \$20 billion, an Education Investment Fund of \$11 billion and a Health and Hospitals Fund of \$10 billion, and ask when will each fund be established?

F56b–DFD (CORMANN)

By what mechanism and under which legal authority will they be established?

F56c–DFD (CORMANN)

What will be the criteria for distributing funds from each Fund?

F56d–DFD (CORMANN)

Who will be approving the criteria?

F56e–DFD (CORMANN)

Will the criteria be published and when?

F56f–DFD (CORMANN)

How will applicants be able to apply for funding from each Fund?

F56g–DFD (CORMANN)

Who will be auditing each Fund?

F57a–F57d–DFD (CORMANN)

Referring to reported comments by Senior Law lecturer Bryan Pape in the Adelaide Advertiser of 23 May 2008 stating that under sections 81 and 94 of our Constitution surplus revenue collected by the Commonwealth and not appropriated for the purposes of the Commonwealth has to be paid to the States I ask:

F57a(CORMANN)

Has the Government sought legal advice to provide assurance on the status of surplus revenues directed into the above three funds in as far as they relate to non-Commonwealth purposes, and if not why not?

F57b(CORMANN)

Will the government seek such advice before finalising the establishment of those funds by January 2009?

F57c(CORMANN)

Is the Government confident that the establishment of those three funds is consistent with the requirements of sections 81 and 94 of the Constitution?

F57d(CORMANN)

If the funds are surplus and for non-Commonwealth purposes, when will the Government pay the funds to the States for the States to allocate for their purposes as they see fit?

Advertisement for jobs in office of Senator Bob Brown

F58a–DFD (ABETZ)

Is it the normal practice of M&PS to approve advertisements for positions vacant in Senators and Members offices?

F58b–DFD (ABETZ)

Did the department approve the specific advertisement for positions vacant in his office advertised in the Weekend Australia on Saturday, 31 May, 2008?

F59a–DFD (RONALDSON)–DFD

The outline of the responsibilities of the CCSTU also states that the CCSTU gives advice on the Pecuniary Interest declarations of Members and Senators:

F59b–DFD (RONALDSON)

Did anyone from the CCSTU have contact with the Prime Minister’s office in relation to his non disclosure of Ms Rein’s active subsidiary company?

F59c–DFD (RONALDSON)

Did anyone from the CCSTU come up with the “inactive” line – that has been shown to be wrong and false?

F59d–DFD (RONALDSON)

In a response to question F71 on notice in February 2008 – the Committee was supplied with the determination the Prime Minister made to employ senior staff under the MOPS Act.

Are there any differences in the terms and conditions of employment under the PM’s new Senior Staff CA that are not available to non senior staff employed under the Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff collective Agreement, except for salary levels, phones and cars – say leave arrangements?

F60a–F60o(RONALDSON)–AEC

The requirements for the authorisation of electoral material raising electoral matters is well known, but there may be some areas where material falls within gaps in the law or its common interpretation, are the following items required to be authorised:

F60a(RONALDSON)–AEC

An invitation extended to branch members of a political party for a public meeting?

F60b(RONALDSON)–AEC

An invitation extended to branch members of a political party for a private meeting?

F60c(RONALDSON)–AEC

An invitation extended to employees of a company or individuals not being a member of a political party to attend a fundraiser?

F60d(RONALDSON)–AEC

A community related newsletter informing electors of the activity of the local Member or Senator?

F60e(RONALDSON)–AEC

A fridge magnet sent to electors informing them of emergency phone numbers?

F60f(RONALDSON)–AEC

A writing pad in the form of a shopping list with a Member or Senators face and or contact details on it?

F60g(RONALDSON)–AEC

A pen with a Member or Senators name on it?

F60h(RONALDSON)–AEC

A reusable shopping bag that has the name, face or slogan of a local member or senator on it?

F60i(RONALDSON)–AEC

A paper shopping bag that has the name, face or slogan of a local member or senator on it?

F60j(RONALDSON)–AEC

A poster containing information about local services within a Member electorate or a Senators state?

F60k(RONALDSON)–AEC

Greeting cards?

F60l(RONALDSON)–AEC

Christmas cards from a Member or Senator?

F60m(RONALDSON)–AEC

Personalised stationary for Members and Senators – including letterhead, with complement slips and note pads?

F60n(RONALDSON)–AEC

Mouse pads with a Member or Senator's name, contact details and or slogan?

F60o(RONALDSON)–AEC

Email newsletters ?

F61(MOORE)–DFD

Please provide complete list of details (including breakdown by programs) of all Official Development Assistance (ODA) expenditure by the Department for each financial year since 2000 - 01 until the current financial year.

F62-F90(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

I refer to the Building Australia Fund, to be established by 1 January 2009.

F62(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

What are the key differences with how the Building Australia Fund, Education Investment Fund and Health and Hospitals Fund will be administered compared with the Future Fund?

F63(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

How will the capital and earnings of the Building Australia Fund be drawn down?

F64(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

The Building Australia Fund will be managed by the Future Fund Board of Guardians. Will the Future Fund Board of Guardians invest the funds of the Building Australia Fund until they are drawn down?

F65(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

How will the Rudd Government inform the Future Fund Board of Guardians of the schedule and profile of the draw down of the Building Australia Fund?

F66(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Is the drawing down of the capital of the Building Australia Fund consistent with comments by the then Opposition before the election?

Labor's Building Australia Fund policy does not involve raiding anything. The government's assets would be maintained, and only its income stream, only the return on investments, would be made available for investment in productive infrastructure. The Treasurer knows this and he chooses to ignore it for his own political purposes."

Chris Bowen, House Hansard, 11 Oct 2006

And again:

Under Labor the assets in the government's Future Fund would be retained in the Building Australia Fund. However, under Labor the income stream from the fund would be applied to productive purposes including infrastructure investment, not set aside solely to offset the cost of bureaucrats' superannuation payments, which are already in decline."

Wayne Swan, House Hansard, 7 February 2006.

F67(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

How will you ensure that the Building Australia Fund does not crowd out private sector investment? Can you guarantee that the Building Australia Fund will not crowd out private sector investment?

F68(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

What effect will spending the capital of the Building Australia Fund have on the Budget surplus?

F69(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will spending from the Building Australia Fund be brought on Budget or will it be treated as off balance sheet financing? That is, will it be off-budget?

F70(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

What effect will spending the capital of the Building Australia Fund have on inflation and interest rates and wage and cost pressures in the industry in which the money is being targeted?

F71(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will the Building Australia Fund be funding Labor's election promises?

F72(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

In terms of the Building Australia Fund, what other countries have a sovereign wealth fund / Future Fund type arrangements?

F73(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Of these countries, which sovereign wealth funds have a draw-of-capital provision and for what purposes is capital deployed?

F74(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will the Rudd Government consider the rate of return on capital when making decisions as to how and where the capital is to be expended?

F75(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will the Rudd Government consider the risk profile the capital will be subject to, when making decisions as to how and where the capital is to be expended?

On what basis will these calculations be made?

F76(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Do you intend to use any macroeconomic modelling when to assess the effects of accumulating these funds and then spending them? Will you release the modelling?

F77(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will Infrastructure Australia be involved in the National Broadband Network?

If so, in what way will Infrastructure Australia be involved?

F78(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

How will the Building Australia Fund and Infrastructure Australia report on the activities and investments of the Fund?

F79(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

How will you decide if you are investing in a new technology, what is the right timing of the investment?

F80(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will the Building Australia Fund be used to buy Australian Government bonds issued by the Australian Office of Financial Management?

F81(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

What types of infrastructure will the Building Australia Fund potentially fund?

F82(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will the Building Australia Fund be involved in private –public partnerships or will it take 100% financing of various projects?

F83(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will the Building Australia Fund invest using debt or equity instruments or both? How will the Building Australia Fund decide whether to buy equity or to buy debt?

F84(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will the investments of the Building Australia Fund be structured so that risk is minimised? Will it diversify its investments? Across what margin will it diversify?

F85(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

What is the minimum size of infrastructure in which the Building Australia Fund will invest?

F86(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will the Building Australia Fund be funding projects that are the responsibilities of the States?

F87(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Does the Building Australia Fund represent an acknowledgement that Labor State Governments have failed to meet their infrastructure responsibilities?

F88(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

What is the maximum size of infrastructure in which the Building Australia Fund will invest?

F89(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will the investments mainly be in ALP marginal seats? Can you guarantee that the majority of spending will not be in ALP marginal seats?

F90(Fifield)– DFD, Building Australia Fund

Will the funds be used as a substitute for spending on infrastructure that would have otherwise come out of recurrent funding?

F91 (Polley)–DFD

What is the budget expenditure for the maintenance of, and replacement, of Members and Senators PDA's?

F92 (Polley)–DFD

What is the total cost associated with using the telephone facility only on the PDA?

F93(Polley)–DFD

Have any members or senators handed back in their PDA; and/or requested going back to using a mobile phone solely instead of the PDA; or requested an additional mobile phone; as a result of their PDA being too unreliable?

F94(Polley)–DFD

Could you provide a list of all the features available on the current PDA used by Senators and Members?

F95(Polley)–DFD

Could you also provide a list of the features available on other model options, including;

Blackberry
HTC Touch
I Mate 9502 Ultimate

F96(Polley)–DFD

Could you provide a list of the advantages and disadvantages of each model?

F97(Polley)–DFD

Could you please also provide supporting information as to the reasons why the PDA currently in use was selected other models?

F98 (Polley)–DFD

I understand that the HTC Touch model is currently being deployed, is that correct? If so who to?

F99(Polley)–DFD

I also understand that the I Mate 9502 Ultimate is currently under evaluation is that correct? If so, can you please provide details of the evaluation process?

F100(Polley)–DFD

Has there been a survey conducted to measure customer satisfaction with the PDA's currently in use by senators and members?

If yes, could you please provide a copy of the results?

If no, will such a survey be conducted? And when is it likely to occur?

F101(Polley)–DFD

Will senators and members have the option of changing to one of the proposed new models referred to in question 6, or any other model not specified?

If yes, when will such an option be available?

F102(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–DFD

What appointments have been made to boards, advisory committees, or any other quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisations (quangos) within the agencies of the Finance and Deregulation Portfolio since 24 November 2008?

F103(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–DFD

Please list all quangos within the responsibility of agencies within the Finance and Deregulation Portfolio.

F104(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS) –DFD

In relation to the agencies the Finance and Deregulation Portfolio, please answer the following questions in relation to each of the Federal seats of Banks, Lowe, Bennelong, Macquarie, Cunningham, Throsby, Barton, Watson, Charlton and Werriwa:

What programs, initiatives or other undertakings of the Howard Government will be maintained under the Rudd Government?

F105(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS) –DFD

In relation to the agencies within the Finance and Deregulation Portfolio, please answer the following questions in relation to each of the Federal seats of Banks, Lowe, Bennelong, Macquarie, Cunningham, Throsby, Barton, Watson, Charlton and Werriwa:

What programs, initiatives or other undertakings of the Howard Government will be reversed under the Rudd Government?

F106(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS) –DFD

In relation to the agencies within the Finance and Deregulation Portfolio, please answer the following questions in relation to each of the Federal seats of Banks, Lowe, Bennelong, Macquarie, Cunningham, Throsby, Barton, Watson, Charlton and Werriwa:

What new programs, initiatives or other undertakings will be allocated to these seats under the Budget?

F107(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS) –DFD

Please advise whether the list of items under the policy heading on the ALP website <http://www.alp.org.au/> constitutes the total sum election "promises" made by the Rudd Government within the Finance and Deregulation Portfolio.

If not, please provide a comprehensive list which includes all promises referred to on the ALP website as well as those that were made but are not contained on the ALP website?

F108(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS) –DFD

Further to questions regarding CMAX Communications, please provide details of the process, nature and outcome of the investigation by the Government Staffing Committee referred to by Senator Faulkner on 27 May 2008.

F109(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS) –DFD

Please provide a list of firms or individuals on the government communications panel list

F110(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS) –DFD

Is Maximum Communications Pty Ltd (Formerly CMAX Communications Pty Ltd) still on the government communications panel list? If not, when were they removed?

F114–F130(COLBECK)–DFD

The Treasurer has announced a \$10 billion Health and Hospitals Fund in the Budget, to “fund improvements in hospitals and the health care systems.”

F114–(COLBECK)–DFD

How will the Fund operate?

F115–(COLBECK)–DFD

Will the fund replace all other federal allocations for capital improvements and equipment purchases in public hospitals?

If not, which funding allocations for such purposes will continue, outside the Fund?

F116–(COLBECK)–DFD

Will the fund be used for funding the supply of other equipment to hospitals, particularly expensive medical devices?

F117–(COLBECK)–DFD

How will the States make application for allocations from the Fund?

F118–(COLBECK)–DFD

Will hospitals be able to directly seek small grants from the Fund, or will they have to do that through their State Health Departments?

F119–(COLBECK)–DFD

Will private not-for-profit hospitals be able to make applications to the Fund and, if so, how?

F120–(COLBECK)–DFD

What guidelines will there be for grants – for instance can money from the Fund be used to improve office facilities at a hospital, or only surgical and clinical areas?

F121–(COLBECK)–DFD

Will there be a limit to the amount payable in grants?

F122–(COLBECK)–DFD

Will hospitals be able to make multiple applications or will they be limited to a certain number or a certain number per year?

F123–(COLBECK)–DFD

Will the Fund be available to employ clinical staff – nurses, doctors, and ancillary staff?

F124–(COLBECK)–DFD

Will money from the Fund be distributed through a population or needs formula, and if so what are the details?

F125–(COLBECK)–DFD

What modelling has been done in regard to payments from the Fund?

F126–(COLBECK)–DFD

How will allocations from the Fund affect the Australian Health Care Agreements with the States and Territories? For instance, a capital grant from the Fund will logically lead to significant on-going costs to the State or Territory hospital concerned – in such cases will provision be made from the Fund for out-year grants?

F127–(COLBECK)–DFD

Apart from the statutory oversight of the Auditor-General, what parliamentary oversight will there be of allocations from the Fund, for instance is it proposed that allocations from the Fund be reported to the Senate and the House of Representatives, just as other appropriations, including the Advance to the Minister for Finance, are?

F128–(COLBECK)–DFD

Given that the Treasurer has said that both the capital and the interest can be drawn down from the Health and Hospitals Fund, what instructions will be given to the Trustees on how the Fund will be managed?

F129-(COLBECK)-DFD

Will the Government agree to refer the operation of this Fund to the Auditor-General for an ongoing probity audit?

If not, why not?

F130-(COLBECK)-DFD

Will the Government commit to tabling in the Senate details of all draw-downs from this Fund, whether from the accrued interest or the capital, on, say, a three monthly basis?

If not, why not?