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1	Medibank	Cormann	Value of Medibank Private	<p>Senator CORMANN: The value of Medibank Private is, of course, a matter of public interest. Minister, I have asked questions about this to the Department of Finance and Deregulation before... I am asking questions about the value of Medibank. I can well understand that Mr Sammells is in a difficult position where he cannot assist me, but I am asking you as the shareholder minister, you as the representative of the owners of Medibank, why it is that you are not prepared to disclose what the commercial value of Medibank Private is?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will take it on notice until the department arrives, because I think it is not unreasonable for a minister at the table, if asked about a question on notice provided a different agency than the one sitting next to them, to ask that that be dealt with at the appropriate time in the agenda.</p>	Page 66 25 May 2011	13/07/11	25/08/11
2	Medibank	Cormann	Regulatory minimum requirement in terms of capital reserves	<p>Senator CORMANN: I am very interested in these matters.</p> <p>Senator Wong: You clearly are. You are very happy to continue to traverse the same ground.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am very interested in how these things develop. So, it is \$2.2 billion. What is your regulatory minimum requirement in terms of your capital reserves?</p> <p>Mr Sammells: Now you are asking for information that is not publicly available. The regulator understands that information. That is their formula. We run a prudential capital policy that provides for the minimum required under the capital adequacy and solvency requirements. We have a buffer that sits on top of that, which any responsible private health insurer would have, and ultimately that is their prevailing capital policy. Whilst you can look at our balance sheet and derive, as I said to you, that we have about \$2 billion to \$2.2 billion in total reserves, the value of the minimum requirement is not publicly available information.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Maybe you need to take this on notice. I am very confident that Mr Savvides has shared this with us in the past. A figure of about \$800 million to \$1 billion above the minimum requirements, in terms of regulatory requirements, springs to mind as a figure that Mr Savvides has mentioned in the past. I can understand why you would be a bit more cautious and that maybe Mr Savvides feels that he is more at liberty to share some of these things, but you might want to take</p>	Page 69-70 25 May 2011	11/07/11	25/08/11

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				that on notice to see whether you can assist the committee any further.			
3	Medibank	Cormann	Medibank – percentage of members with hospital cover.	Mr Sammells: I could not quote the exact number. I think we have 3.7 million resident members all up, of which the very large majority of those have hospital cover. Senator CORMANN: When you say a ‘very large majority’, is that 80, 85 or 90 per cent? Mr Sammells: I will have to take that one on notice.	Page 70 25 May 2011	11/07/11	25/08/11
4	Medibank	Cormann	Medibank rebate.	Senator CORMANN: Are you able to provide a copy of your modelling in relation to the impact of the private health insurance rebate changes? Mr Sammells: I am happy to take that one on notice.	Page 72 25 May 2011	11/07/11	25/08/11
5	Budget	Cormann	Percentage of savings that are funding referrals.	Senator CORMANN: What percentage of the savings are actually funding deferrals? We have \$6.2 billion worth of savings that are new taxes or tax increases. Which of the savings, rather than spending cuts, are deferrals in funding into later years? Mr Tune: I do not think we have that number. We will take that on notice. Senator Wong: Do you want us to disaggregate this and give you some sense of how much was deferral? Senator CORMANN: I want to know how much of it is spending cuts. Senator Wong: If you are not spending it in the year, that is a spending cut. Senator CORMANN: If you just defer it, then it is cash-flow management really. Senator Wong: Why don't you tell us what you are asking and we will take it on notice. Senator CORMANN: Exactly. We know that \$6.2 billion was new taxes, tax increases or revenue measures. So, that leaves another \$15-plus billion. How much of that was actual cuts in spending where the spending is not expected to ever happen again? How much of it is a deferral into the out years or later years, into years beyond the budget, but where the expenditure is still actually going to happen? That is what I am getting at. Mr Tune: I understand your question. I do not have that number with me so we will take that on notice.	Page 75 25 May 2011	11/07/11	25/08/11
6	Budget	Cormann	Stimulus spending.	Senator CORMANN: Treasury advised last year that \$10 billion of stimulus spending was to be outlaid in 2011-12. Are you able to provide us with a detailed breakdown of the spending? Senator Wong: In which program? Senator CORMANN: Stimulus spending in 2011-12. Mr Tune: We will need to take that one on notice as well.	Page 76 25 May 2011	14/07/11	25/08/11

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7	Deregulation	Ryan	Exemptions from RIS requirements.	<p>Senator RYAN: I would like to explore, if I could, the issue of exceptional circumstances for the purposes of an exemption from RIS requirements. Is that a power that can only be exercised by the Prime Minister declaring exceptional circumstances?</p> <p>Mr McNamara: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Are there any criteria that you are aware of? I appreciate that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet might have some, but are there any in the department of finance for the exercise of that?</p> <p>Mr McNamara: No.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Are you provided with written reasons for the exercise of exceptional circumstances exemptions by the Prime Minister?</p> <p>Mr Tune: The Prime Minister would write to the portfolio of the minister who has requested an exemption.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Are they published?</p> <p>Mr Tune: No, they are not.</p> <p>Senator Wong: The fact of.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: But the reasons themselves are not?</p> <p>Mr Tune: No.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Have they been asked for before? Is there a reason why they would not be supplied if I put those questions on notice?</p> <p>Senator Wong: There may be a reason. If you wish to put them on notice, that is your right.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: The point I am making is that there is no cabinet type blanket exemption with respect to these that I am unaware of.</p> <p>Senator Wong: They may be cabinet in confidence.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: I appreciate that.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I suggest that rather than dealing in the abstract and in the hypothetical that if you want to put that on notice then we will take it.</p>	Page 83 25 May 2011	07/07/11	25/08/11
8	Deregulation	Ryan	Exemptions from RIS requirements.	<p>Senator RYAN: That is subject to a post-implementation review which is required within one to two years of proposals to grant an exemption?</p> <p>Mr McNamara: It is required within one to two years of implementation of the regulation, so not of announcement of the decision.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: When does the two years expire on that?</p> <p>Mr McNamara: In terms of the PM's exemption it will be from when that regulation is actually implemented. I would have to take that on notice in terms of when we determine that essentially it has been implemented.</p>	Page 84 25 May 2011	06/07/11	25/08/11

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9	Deregulation	Ryan	RISs – post implementation review	<p>Mr McNamara: Essentially, what we determine and what requires post-implementation review is what would have been required in arrears at the time, so the scope of what is in the post-implementation review, including the different topics within it, would determine what would have been required in a RIS at the time.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: So can you take on notice when you think that two years expires for various RIS elements of this particular legislation?</p> <p>Mr McNamara: Yes, I can take that on notice.</p>	Page 84 25 May 2011	06/07/11	25/08/11
10	Deregulation	Ryan	Non-compliance with annual regulatory plans	<p>Senator RYAN: Can you take on notice whether you were provided any reasons for non-compliance by the agencies listed on page 26 of the 2009-10 annual report, which are the Australian Securities and Investment Commission; the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and whether you were provided any answers by your own department?</p> <p>Mr McNamara: Yes. I can take that on notice.</p>	Page 86 25 May 2011	07/07/11	25/08/11
11	Deregulation	Ryan	Treasury's non-compliance with RIS requirements.	<p>Senator RYAN: ... I would like to refer to the office's annual report where it outlines that Treasury did not comply with the Australian government's best practice regulation requirements in 2009-10 and lists the legislation for which RISs were not prepared at the decision making stage. Are all the reasons provided by Treasury available publicly on the website?</p> <p>Mr McNamara: No... The agency may have a reason, but we do not publish that reason.</p> <p>Senator Wong: It is open to you to put that to the relevant agency.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: I can. Mr McNamara, can you provide to me on notice—and I will put some more in writing on this—of all the 15 proposals that came from Treasury for which RISs were not prepared, how many did they provide reasons for? You have said that on occasions they do not provide reasons, they just do not comply. I would be interested in knowing how seriously the Treasury takes this and whether or not they actually went to the trouble of explaining to you why they did not comply?</p> <p>Mr McNamara: They will have formally responded. The process we have in putting the annual report together is that I write to each secretary and essentially say this is our findings for the financial year. I cannot recall if Dr Henry wrote back, but if it was not Dr Henry I think someone senior from Treasury wrote back outlining their views on the outcome for 2009-10, so we would be able to provide some answers out of that correspondence.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Again, presuming there is no other exemption applying under the public interest immunity claim, am I missing something here as to why those</p>	Page 88 25 May 2011	07/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>documents would not be publicly available or available if I asked for copies of those documents?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Again, let us not do it in the abstract. If you want to put that on notice we will consider that.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: The question I asked was not whether I could get them all. The question I asked was, again, have I missed something here?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I am not going to prejudice any argument we may or may not make. I do not particularly have a view on that yet, but I am not going to get into having that argument in the abstract. If you put it on notice we will consider that. Obviously, if we assert a reason to not provide I am aware of the view that you are putting and the standing orders.</p>			
12	AMPS	Cormann	Sale of assets	<p>Senator CORMANN: Leaving the digital rollout to one side for a moment, I will go back to the question that I asked before the minister interrupted me. Is there anything else in that figure that is not business as usual when it comes to the sale of non-financial assets other than what relates to the digital rollout?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes, there is a further issue around where we deal with spectrum licences, which is a different part of the spectrum.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: But that is still related to—</p> <p>Mr Tune: That is coming up for renewal, so in a sense it is business as usual. But there are other things in there; I do not want to leave the impression that all of it relates to those—</p> <p>Senator Wong: We are not going to provide information that puts the Commonwealth at a commercial disadvantage.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am not asking you to put the Commonwealth at a commercial disadvantage; I am asking questions that are quite responsible. Mr Tune obviously thought it was okay to tell us that some of it relates to the move to digital spectrum. If he can tell me that, I am sure he can tell me what other things are in those figures related to sales of non-financial assets.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice, but I have listed the two big ones that caused the lumpiness for you.</p>	Page 93 25 May 2011	07/07/11	25/08/11
13	AMPS	Cormann	Act of grace payments	<p>Senator Wong: In the absence of another scheme, Senator. So within line portfolios there might be arrangements for people to seek something, there might be a program where people can seek recompense for something.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Okay, so are there any pending claims?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I do not know, Senator; I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: If you take it on notice, obviously I would like to know—</p>	Page 101 25 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Senator Wong: Sorry, is that any act of grace claim?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: No—it was in relation to this, yes.</p> <p>Mr Tune: The officer will be here tomorrow, so we might be able to come back to it then if you want more</p>			
14	Budget	Cormann	Cost of immigration processing	<p>Senator CORMANN: Regarding the processing overall—onshore and offshore—by how much has the annual cost of that increased since 2007-08?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I do not have that number, Senator.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Could you provide to us on notice how much was spent on processing of illegal maritime arrivals in 2007-08, and then how much is going to be spent, on an annual basis, over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes, we can take that on notice.</p>	Page 106 25 May 2011	08/08/11	25/08/11
15	Budget	Cormann	Costing for set top boxes	<p>Senator CORMANN: I am desperate to get to a couple of questions about set top boxes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can you explain to us how this was costed?</p> <p>Mr Tune: How it was costed? It was costed in the normal way that we cost policy proposals coming before government in the ERC.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You are now telling me the process, but I am interested in the substance of the costings. What did you assess as part of your costings? What is involved in the costings?</p> <p>Senator Wong: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Why would you take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Because to be honest with you, I want to consider the extent to which we are going to get into—this is the path you were going—every assumption underpinning every Commonwealth costing.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So why am I not allowed to ask about assumptions underpinning Commonwealth costings on a measure like this?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I do not recall that generally being disclosed by governments and I would want to consider that. I am happy to consider it and we will take it on notice.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am interested in the costings of the measure done by Finance. What is involved? Which aspects are going to cost how much? What is the breakdown? Surely the department has involved themselves in how much is going to be paid for each set top box and how much is going to be paid for contractors to go into people's homes to set them up?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Some of that is subject to tender, Senator, so again I will take that on notice if this is the sort of information you want.....</p>	Page 108 25 May 2011	07/07/11	25/08/11

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16	Budget/FMG	Cormann	Advertising campaign – set top boxes.	<p>Senator CORMANN: So how much have you allocated for the advertising campaign for this set-top boxes policy?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I will take that on notice along with the other assumptions.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: That is not an assumption; it is a question about a specific expense.</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will take all the issues around the costings process on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So you are not going to answer any questions about the set-top boxes?</p> <p>Senator Wong: We did not say that; we said we would take it on notice. I keep saying this, but these are matters that really should be dealt with by the relevant departments.</p>	Page 111 25 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
17	Budget	Cormann	Efficiency dividend – impact on APS staffing numbers	<p>Senator CORMANN: Give me a number for natural attrition over the forward estimates on the basis of this increase in efficiency dividend. What would be the number?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We do not have a number in that sense, but we looked at it in its totality and natural attrition—I have forgotten the number now—is reasonably high. This number we came up with, which I cannot recall now, was way below that, so it was a very comfortable fit.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So on notice you are going to tell me how much?....</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So on notice you are going to give us a number as to what your expectations are?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes, I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 118 25 May 2011	29/08/11	22/09/11
18	Budget	Cormann	Greens and crossbenchers costings.	<p>Senator CORMANN: Are you doing any costings for the Greens or the crossbenchers?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We have done some, yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Since we last met?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Can I take that on notice?</p>	Page 121 25 May 2011	11/07/11	25/08/11
19	ARIA	Cormann	Trustees on the ARIA board	<p>Senator CORMANN: Are there just two, three or four that sit on more than one board?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: There are probably three trustees that sit on other, what might be described as superannuation, boards.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Three out of how many?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: Seven.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Three out of seven sit on other boards. How many other boards would they sit on?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: In the case of two of them I think it is one other trustee board,</p>	Page 4 26 May 2011	30/06/11	25/08/11

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				<p>and in the case of one other I think it is two other trustee boards, but I can clarify that.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You keep those details?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Is it public information which trustees on the ARIA board sit on other superannuation related boards?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: That would be disclosed by the other boards. I do not know if there is a register of which boards the trustees sit on that is maintained by APRA. I can follow that up for you if you wish?...</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: The question is: do we have to hunt around or are you at liberty to give us the details of the trustees that are sitting on other boards?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: We can provide you with that information. That is public information.</p>			
20	ARIA	Cormann	Industry average of the share of total assets in hedge funds	<p>Senator CORMANN: How does that compare to industry average?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: We are probably slightly higher than other funds.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What do you mean by slightly higher?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: We probably have a slightly higher asset allocation to that asset sector.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So you say you are on 10 per cent approximately, but what is the industry average?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: I will have to get that information for you. I do not have it with me.</p>	Page 6 26 May 2011	07/07/11	25/08/11
21	ARIA	Cormann	Share of total assets invested in private equity	<p>Senator CORMANN: Art? Okay, you got the art of investing in hedge funds right where others obviously did not get it quite so right. What share of your total assets are invested in private equity?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: I will get you the exact numbers. It will be the order of 10 to 15 per cent.</p>	Page 6 26 May 2011	30/06/11	25/08/11
22	ARIA	Cormann	Hedge funds	<p>Senator CORMANN: What about the other asset classes—shares, property, bonds, cash? Give us a sense of where you sit with all of them compared to the industry average and the reasons.</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: I can get you some contemporary information on that which I do not have with me but which I will provide to you as part of—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You will provide on notice?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: That is correct.</p>	Page 6 26 May 2011	07/07/11	25/08/11
23	ARIA	Cormann	Merger of ARIA and the	<p>Senator CORMANN: Okay. How many times has ARIA or its representatives met with the Defence Force Welfare Association in the past 12 months?</p>	Page 9 26 May 2011	07/07/11	25/08/11

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			MSB boards	<p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: I do not know the answer to that question.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So there may not have been any meetings at all?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: That is quite possible. On the other hand there may have been, of which I am not aware.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Are you aware then of the concerns of the Defence Force Welfare Association about inadequate veterans representations on the board of trustees after the merger of ARIA with various other boards? Is that something that you are involved in as a management process?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: No, that is a government policy process. You are talking about the merger of the ARIA and the MSB boards and the consultation process with relevant groups that has gone on about that process; that is a government policy issue and probably not one that is appropriate for me to make comment on.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I was interested to know whether you had been involved in any way, shape or form in that process, that is all.</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: Not personally.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: People from ARIA?</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: I do not know about our board members.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You will take on notice whether ARIA has such involvement, what the nature of that involvement has been, what the outcomes of any discussions have been and how any concerns that may have been raised are proposed to be addressed.</p> <p>Senator Carr: Yes, I can take that on notice.</p>			
24	ComSuper	Cormann	Membership Fraud	<p>Senator CORMANN: Can you give us a flavour of a value range? What is the biggest fraud and what is average?</p> <p>Mr Bridge: The numbers are very small.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: That is all relative.</p> <p>Mr Bridge: As I said, we have 700,000 members. Over the past three or four years that I have been in ComSuper we have had perhaps half a dozen cases of overpayments of pension. The biggest I am aware of would be in the range of \$200,000 or \$300,000.</p> <p>Mr Cormack: I think we need to take on notice to provide the details of those.</p>	Page 12 26 May 2011	30/06/11	25/08/11
25	ComSuper	Cormann	Percentage of contributions of ComSuper members	<p>Senator CORMANN: Would it be fair to say that nearly all members of ComSuper would get the 15.4 per cent?</p> <p>Mr Ramsden: That is only one scheme. People within ComSuper can be members of either the CSS, PSS or PSSap. Of those people that are not members of the PSS or CSS I would suggest – but I would have to check – the vast majority of those are</p>	Page 12 26 May 2011	30/06/11	25/08/11

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				members of PSSap and would receive the 15.4 per cent contributions.			
26	ComSuper	Cormann	Staff turnover within ComSuper	<p>Senator CORMANN: What has been the level of staff turnover within ComSuper?</p> <p>Mr Cormack: Year-to-date is about 17 per cent. About half of that is transfers to other agencies, so it is about eight per cent voluntary.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Is there a demographic within ComSuper that is more prone to staff turnover than others—for example, SES level, middle management or junior positions?</p> <p>Mr Cormack: There will be but I do not have the numbers now. We have it split between operating groups, various levels of staff on APS grades and ACS and so on. I can provide that but I do not have it at the moment.</p>	Page 13 26 May 2011	30/06/11	25/08/11
27	ComSuper	Cormann	Efficiencies through IT systems	<p>Senator CORMANN: What sort of investments have you made in achieving efficiencies through your IT systems in the past three years?</p> <p>Mr Cormack: IT investments?</p> <p>Mr Ramsden: I would not have those exact numbers, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 13 26 May 2011	30/06/11	25/08/11
28	Future Fund	Cormann	Investment in emerging market currencies.	<p>Senator CORMANN: How much does the Future Fund currently hold in foreign exchange holdings, in emerging market currencies?</p> <p>Mr Neal: In emerging market currencies we have roughly 10 per cent of the portfolio.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Ten per cent of your portfolio, which is about \$7.4 billion?</p> <p>Mr Neal: Correct.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What sort of emerging market currencies are these funds invested in?</p> <p>Mr Neal: I would have to take on notice the exact number but my recollection is they are quite deliberately and specifically diversified across 15 or 16 different currencies—so a very, very broad basket.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Such as?</p> <p>Mr Neal: Such as the Asian nations, Latin American nations and some of the Eastern European nations. It is a very broad representation with roughly equal weights across all of those currencies. The idea is to get exposure to those currencies because they should over the long term do well as those nations continue to develop, but to be highly diversified, recognising that any individual currency could have a fair amount of risk specific to that nation.</p>	Page 16 26 May 2011	29/08/11	22/09/11
29	Future Fund	Cormann	Current Australian	<p>Senator CORMANN: What is the current Australian dollar value of the exposure in each of those countries? You might have to give that to me on notice.</p>	Page 16 26 May 2011	29/08/11	22/09/11

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			dollar exposure.	<p>Mr Neal: I cannot give you the individual currencies now, no.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Excuse me. Thank you.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Thank you for what?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Thank you for giving me a minute to speak.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You are now going to provide the answer, are you?</p> <p>Mr Neal: Yes. I can tell you that the total is roughly 10 per cent of the total fund. I Page 16 26 May 2011 cannot give you a breakdown here today; I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: On notice you will give us a breakdown including what the current Australian dollar value is of exposure in terms of each one of those 15 currencies? That will be of interest.</p>			
30	Future Fund	Cormann	Market currency foreign exchange	<p>Senator CORMANN: Can you tell me how much the Future Fund has gained or lost on emerging market currency foreign exchange positions over the past three financial years?</p> <p>Mr Neal: I cannot give you the precise figure on that. I would have to take that on notice. That is a complicated question.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: A complicated question is it?</p> <p>Mr Neal: It is a complicated question. I do not have the detailed numbers.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am sorry about asking complicated questions. As you have taken that on notice, I suspect you will take this on notice too. I am interested in relation to each emerging market which firm or firms hold the mandate for the positions taken by the Future Fund, or are you able to tell me that now?</p>	Page 16 26 May 2011	29/08/11	22/09/11
31	Future Fund	Kroger	Military Contractors	<p>Senator KROGER: Can I go back to that for a moment? Can you on notice provide a list of those companies? It is a fairly transparent process in terms of what you ultimately have shareholdings in, is it not?</p> <p>Mr Neal: It is. We have published a list of the companies that we have excluded. I have the full list here. My colleague would be able to tell me which were the first two.</p>	Page 18	07/10/11	
32	Future Fund	Kroger	Lockheed Martin – military contractor	<p>Senator KROGER: How would you determine whether they were involved in the development of cluster munitions? What is that definition of being involved in cluster munitions? There are many companies that make components that are used for a whole swathe of things that could be used for cluster munitions, and would be prejudiced by that definition. How do you make that definition?</p> <p>Mr Neal: That is absolutely right. This is certainly not a black and white area. Rarely is it an area of black or white. There are shades of grey. We engage an</p>	26 May 2011	07/10/11	

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				external research firm that specialises in making those assessments. ... Senator KROGER: Is it possible for the delineation to be provided, because it is a huge, grey area? Could you table that? I think that would be very helpful for us to understand the process. Mr Neal: I am sure that we could summarise that, yes.			
33	Future Fund	Kroger	Lockheed Martin – military contractor	Senator KROGER: That would be terrific. In relation to Lockheed Martin, which is clearly the No. 1 military contractor in the US and which is involved in the Joint Strike Fighter project and huge, huge contracts, can you take me through the reason why we divested our interest in Lockheed Martin on the basis of their alleged involvement in cluster munitions? Mr Neal: I cannot take you through the detail of the Lockheed Martin research. I am afraid I do not have that to hand. We can certainly take that on notice. The only thing I can say is that the process that I tried to outline identified Lockheed Martin as being involved in a significant way in the production of those types of products.	Page 18 26 May 2011	07/10/11	
34	Future Fund	Ludlam	Nuclear Weapons - treaties	Senator LUDLAM: ... I am going to draw your attention to a couple of instruments and treaties that Australia is a party to that relate directly to the issue of nuclear weapons, and directly contradict the statements that your spokesperson has made in the press today. If those statements were inaccurately quoted I am happy for you to contradict them or clarify them. The key one really is the nuclear non-proliferations treaty, and specifically article VI. The South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty Act 1986 and the Weapons of Mass Destruction (Prevention of Proliferation) Act 1995 explicitly prohibit the economic activity of manufacturing nuclear weapons in Australia. That contradicts one of the statements that has been made. The other thing I would want to draw your attention to is the decision of the World Court in July 1996 which ruled that the threat or use of nuclear weapons is generally illegal, and that states have an obligation to conclude negotiations on their elimination. Were any of those treaty obligations discussed by the fund before the decision was made to make the statements that were made this morning? Mr Neal: I think I would like to take the bulk of that on notice. The one comment that I would make is that we are not aware of any of the companies in our portfolio manufacturing nuclear weapons in Australia. Other than that I think that is a detailed question with some detailed points that I would need to take on notice. I would find that difficult to answer here.	Page 20 26 May 2011	07/10/11	

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				<p>Senator LUDLAM: I think there is a distinction being drawn that I am not sure is appropriate. The very same companies that you made a welcome decision to divest in because they are manufacturing, or may be involved through subsidiaries of manufacturing cluster weapons overseas, nobody has accused any of those companies of fabricating those weapons in Australia. I do not think the distinction is accurate to say just because they are not making nuclear weapons in Australia it means you are off the hook.</p> <p>Senator Wong: That is not what I was saying. In terms of your questioning you were conflating the two, and I was attempting to communicate what I understand to be the board's position. I think Mr Neal has taken on notice the propositions you have put, so I am sure the Future Fund will consider them.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is wonderful. Can I invite you, Mr Neal, to seek legal advice on this question, and perhaps clarify the position of the fund down the track?</p> <p>Mr Neal: I will put that to the board.</p>			
35	Future Fund	Fifield	Cluster munitions	<p>Senator FIFIELD: I was just interested as to the mechanisms that you use to seek advice on those matters. With something like the cluster munitions issue, did the agency seek advice from the department of foreign affairs, or what were the sources of advice on that issue?</p> <p>Mr Neal: Not having conducted that research personally, I do not know for sure whether there was a conversation with DFAT or not. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 22 26 May 2011	07/10/11	
36	FMG	Mason	Education Investment Fund	<p>Senator MASON: Well, changed the name. How much money has the current government put into the Education Investment Fund?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice, about what was new money vis-a-vis—</p> <p>Senator MASON: Yes, new money. You might want to have a look at that.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I will take it on notice.</p>	Page 24 26 May 2011	06/07/11	25/08/11
37	FMG	Cormann	Administration costs of funds	<p>Mr Greenslade: Yes, essentially. For all three funds, as well as for the Future Fund, the Future Fund Management Agency's expenses of managing the funds and getting earnings from those investments are deducted from the fund.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: On notice, as I do not expect you to go through this now, can you give us the detail on the administration costs of each fund for each financial year since 2007-08?</p> <p>Mr Greenslade: Yes, I can.</p>	Page 27 26 May 2011	06/07/11	25/08/11
38	AMPS	Cormann	Government agencies and	<p>Senator CORMANN: On notice, perhaps, can you provide us with a list of all of the government agency offices and list their work place square metres of space</p>	Page 32 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11

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			workplace square metres allocation	allocated per person and the efficiency in dollar amount each agency office has achieved, and maybe provide details of what the work point space was in 2009? You talked about having had a benchmark set. Senator Wong: We will take that on notice, but I am going to flag with you, if that is going to be an unreasonable amount of resources to compile that answer, that is the answer you may get. I am going to be upfront with you about that.			
39(a)	AMPS	Fifield	Appointment of Mr Quigley	Senator FIFIELD: Do you know how many times Dr Watt met with Mr Quigley? Mr Edge: I understand that he met with him on one occasion. Senator FIFIELD: Was that in Canberra? Mr Edge: I think so. I expect it would have been. Senator FIFIELD: Do you know how long the meeting went for? Mr Edge: No. Senator FIFIELD: I am just wondering if it was just over a cup of coffee, 'G'day, good to put a face to a name' or if it was something that was of a more intense and methodical nature. Mr Edge: I do not know what the duration of the meeting was. Senator FIFIELD: Could you take that on notice?	Page 36 26 May 2011	07/07/11	25/08/11
39(b)	AMPS	Fifield	Appointment of Mr Quigley	Senator FIFIELD: So Dr Watt did not ask you to undertake any research or pull together any material in relation to Mr Quigley's employment background? Mr Edge: No, not in addition to the material he would have been provided through the executive search process. Senator FIFIELD: He did not ask you even so much as to do a bit of googling of Mr Quigley? It is amazing what you can find out from Google. Mr Edge: He did not specifically ask. Senator FIFIELD: Did you do any? Mr Edge: We may have at the time. Senator FIFIELD: Could you take on notice whether you did? Senator Wong: Do you want him to take on notice whether he googled? Senator FIFIELD: Whether he googled anything about Mr Quigley which he may have had printed off for the secretary.	Page 37 26 May 2011	07/07/11	25/08/11
39(c)	AMPS	Fifield	Appointment of Mr Quigley	Mr Edge: I do not have any recollection of doing that. My recollection is that the material that Dr Watt would have considered would have been the material that would have been prepared by the executive search firm, and I would be pretty surprised if I would have printed anything off Google and put that with it. Senator FIFIELD: So the material which Dr Watt had was the work that Egon Zehnder had undertaken?	Page 37 26 May 2011	07/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Mr Edge: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Was there any other documentation of which you are aware that Dr Watt had before him as part of this process?</p> <p>Mr Edge: Not that I can recall.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: If you could take on notice if there were any other documents, whether it be from the department of communications and broadband or any other government agencies which Dr Watt had before him and considered as part of this process?</p> <p>Mr Edge: Yes.</p>			
40	AMPS	Cormann	Detention Centres	<p>Senator CORMANN: In relation to the detention centre network, which detention centres are Commonwealth property?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Villawood and Christmas Island, but I would have to take the rest on notice.</p>	Page 38 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
41	AMPS	Cormann	Detention Centres – Insurance Arrangements (Serco)	<p>Senator CORMANN: Yes. You said that Serco has their own insurance so if there is property damage due to the events that we have experienced in recent times, is there a negotiation, discussion or a settlement conference where you identify who is to blame for what and a sharing of responsibility and costs? How does that work?</p> <p>Mr Edge: That would be the process. There would be a discussion and negotiation between the parties around liability and coverage for the event.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Over the last 12 months how often has that had to happen?</p> <p>Mr Edge: I would have to take that detail on notice if you are asking how often the parties have met and discussed liability for damage to detention centres. I would definitely have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 38 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
42	AMPS	Cormann	Insurance Premiums – Detention Centres	<p>Senator CORMANN: In terms of the amount of claims that has been incurred over the last three years. What sort of impact has that had on your level of insurance premiums? Can you give me some facts and figures around how the level of insurance premiums has been trending?</p> <p>Mr Edge: We would have to take specific details on notice. I think the important thing to get across is that there is a range of issues that are taken into account in terms of premium setting. Experience of claims is clearly very relevant to that and claims history for particular agencies will influence the level of premium that is determined. There is quite a complex actuarial process. We could certainly provide you with some general information about premium increases.</p>	Page 39 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
43	AMPS	Cormann	Insurance Categories – Detention	<p>Senator CORMANN: Are you able to break that down by insurance category, for want of a better word?</p> <p>Mr P Smith: We have a breakdown by category. We do not have it with us now, but</p>	Page 39 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11

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			Centres	we can take that on notice.			
44	AMPS	Cormann	Self-insurance property insurance requirements – Detention Centres	Senator CORMANN: I will rephrase my question. How much did you put aside for your self-insurance, property insurance requirements, for detention centres in 2007-08 and how much are you putting aside for your self-insurance property insurance requirements through Comcover for next financial year? Mr Edge: We could identify the component of the premium paid by DIAC for property and liabilities. We could certainly break that down to the 2007-08 financial year and the current financial year, but we would need to take that on notice because we do not have that detail with us now.	Page 39 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
45	AMPS	Cormann	Claims paid out over the last 12 months – Detention Centres	Have any claims been paid out over the last 12 months in relation to incidents at any one of the detention centres? Mr Edge: Mr Smith may be able to help you with that. Mr P Smith: There would be some claims that have been paid out. The nature of those I would have to take on notice and get back to you.	Page 39 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
46	AMPS	Cormann	List of Detention Centres & insurance arrangements	Senator CORMANN: But you are really providing us with a list of all of the detention centres, their insurance arrangements and how much provision is made within Comcover to insure the risk? Senator Wong: We will take that on notice and provide you with that.	Page 40 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
47	AMPS	Cormann	Financial year 07-08 & consecutive FYRS - Detention Centres	Senator CORMANN: Will you give us that 2007-08 financial year and every financial year moving forward? Senator Wong: We will take it on notice and we will provide what information we can.	Page 41 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
48	AMPS	Cormann	High-level breakdown of the \$36.4 million figure as the extent of the property damage due to the recent natural disasters	Senator CORMANN: What is the extent of property damage to Commonwealth property as a result of the recent Queensland floods? Mr Tune: I can give you a figure for the Queensland floods, the Victoria floods and Yasi— Senator CORMANN: Yes, please do. Mr Tune: It is only a current figure because some claims might still be coming in. It is \$36.4 million. ... Senator CORMANN: Can you provide some high-level detail around how that \$36.4 million is broken down? Mr Tune: The \$36.4 million—	Page 43 26 May 2011	11/07/11	25/08/11

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				Senator CORMANN: A high-level breakdown, yes.			
49	AMPS	Cormann	Acts of Grace Payments pending consideration	Senator CORMANN: Right now you have got the data to 31 March; do you know how many act of grace applications are currently pending for consideration? Mr Edge: We may have that information here. I will just check with my colleague. We do not have that but we could probably get it quite quickly.	Page 46 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
50	FMG	Cormann	Travel Savings	Senator CORMANN: I am asking a different question and you are giving me an answer to a question I am not asking.... Senator CORMANN: What was the saving? Mr Grant: 30 per cent. Senator CORMANN: Yes. What is the dollar figure? Mr Grant: In dollar terms, I do not have that with me. Senator Wong: We do not have that, but we will take that on notice.	Page 52 26 May 2011-	01/07/11	25/08/11
51	FMG	Cormann	Credit Cards	Senator CORMANN: As you are looking at the management of credit card services across government is that a responsibility that gets centralised into the finance department—managing fraud risk—or would that remain with individual departments? Mr Tune: It will remain with the individual departments. I am surmising here a little, but what you might get from centralised usage is better reporting, which might assist an individual CEO to detect fraud that might be going on or incorrect use inside an agency. That might be a side benefit you get from it, but it would not be the primary purpose of our going in there with a coordinated procurement. Senator CORMANN: Are these credit cards available across government departments limited liability cards or are they full government liability cards? Mr Helgeby: We would have to take that question on notice.	Page 54 26 May 2011-	30/06/11	25/08/11
52(a)	FMG	Fifield	Procurement – Australian Disability Enterprises	Senator FIFIELD: I have a question on procurement. This is a question that I ask from time to time about the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines exemption which is available for Commonwealth departments and agencies who seek to purchase goods or services through Australian Disability Enterprises, which first came into being in 2008. As I have previously asked, what has been the take-up of that by Commonwealth agencies? Mr Grant: I do not have any updates since you last asked. Last time you asked we indicated that we had done a range of things to facilitate access, which included the exemption, but also having them meet the buyers. Since then I think we also mentioned that there had been a reasonably sizeable contract with Centrelink for the provision I think of name badges, but I might not be correct on that. I do not have an	Page 55 26 May 2011-	11/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>update since then. One of the issues is that much of the business undertaken by businesses established to assist those with handicaps is below the \$10,000 threshold, which we do not pick up. It is certainly something that we continue to remind procurers about in our forums such as Procurement Discussion Forum. If you like, I am happy to see if I have any further information that I can provide later.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: If you could. Is it something that the government monitors across portfolios? I know the department takes steps to remind purchasing officers across government that there is this exemption available, but is the take-up of that something which is systematically monitored or do you just become aware of particular instances?</p> <p>Mr Grant: We usually do it annually, because working with FaHCSIA we have the ABNs of those businesses. We are able to have a look on AusTender annually at the contracts awarded. That usually takes place around September, because we have six weeks after close of 1 July where we do what we call a wash of information. It is September-October before we have that data. and see what we can provide to you.</p>			
52(b)	FMG	Fifield	Procurement – Australian Disability Enterprises	<p>Senator FIFIELD: What about in relation to the department of finance itself and its purchasing through Disability Enterprises?</p> <p>Mr Grant: We do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator Wong: We are looking behind us in the hope that someone will move, but nothing is happening. I do not think that we can help. We will take that on notice</p>	Page 55 26 May 2011-	11/07/11	25/08/11
53	AMPS	Abetz	Egon Zehnder police checks	<p>CHAIR: Are there any further questions in Program 2? Senator Abetz.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: We will take some time to digest those answers. You might like to take on notice the reason for the considerable delay in answering them, but other than that the actual content of the answers needs to be further researched.</p>	Page 57 26 May 2011-	31/08/11	22/09/11
54	AMPS	Fifield	Caucus Communication s team – travel allowances claimed	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Those figures that were given for the nights of TA claimed were up until 1 February?</p> <p>Ms Clarke: They would have been up until the last estimates, yes.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Given some time has elapsed since then are you able to update those figures for the period from then until now?</p> <p>Ms Clarke: I would have to take that on notice. I have not got them with me.</p>	Page 59 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
55	AMPS	Fifield	Caucus Communication s team incorporated into the PM's	<p>Senator FIFIELD: I understand that the Caucus Communications Team has now been incorporated within the Prime Minister's office by a strategy unit; is that your understanding or is it something outside your knowledge?</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: They are still behind the frosted glass?</p>	Page 59 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11

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			office	Senator Wong: I think so. I will take that on notice. I am not across that.			
56	AMPS	Fifield	Function of the Caucus Communication s team	Senator FIFIELD: While we have got the minister here, are you able to shed any light on what the actual functions of the Caucus Communications Team are? Senator Wong: I can tell you how the department describes it. Just so you are aware, I think Mr Gray handles this. I do not have day-to-day involvement in this. Senator FIFIELD: I appreciate that. Senator Wong: Perhaps I will take it on notice and we can describe it properly. The note I have here is to provide secretariat support to the caucus and its committees; to provide support and training to government members, senators and their staff; and a communications link between ministerial offices, caucus committees and caucus members, but I am happy to get Mr Gray to take that on notice and provide you with a bit more information.	Page 60 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
57(a)	AMPS	Fifield	PM's personal staff	Senator FIFIELD: Most of the Prime Minister's personal staff are full-time positions or are some of them divided into part-time positions? She has an allocation of, what is it, 53 full-time positions at the moment, but are any of those construed as being job share? Ms Clarke: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have it on me. I do not know.	Page 61 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
57(b)	AMPS	Fifield	PM's personal staff	Senator FIFIELD: But there would be nothing to stop the Prime Minister or any minister for that matter splitting one full-time job between two people? Ms Clarke: It is like an electorate office. There many people who actually choose to have two part-timers sharing a position. That is quite normal really. Senator FIFIELD: Could you take that on notice? Also, if there are any part-time positions in the Prime Minister's office—obviously I am not looking for people's names—can you tell me when those positions commenced? Ms Clarke: I will take that on notice.	Page 61 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
58	AMPS	Fifield	PM's personal staff	Senator FIFIELD: You may have this with you now, but you may have to take it on notice. Since the last estimates the dates of any new commencements of people in the Prime Minister's office and the classifications of those commencements? Ms Clarke: We will take that on notice, too.	Page 61 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
59	AMPS	Fifield	Staffing levels – Independents	Senator FIFIELD: There is nodding all around. In relation to the staffing levels of the Independents, excluding those additional nine positions, they have increased over time. I just want to check these figures. Correct me if I am wrong, but I think at 1 May 2010 there was an allocation to Mr Katter, Mr Oakeshott and Mr Windsor of two staff each at that time?	Page 62 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11

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				Ms Clarke: I will actually have to take that on notice. I do not have the year-ago comparisons.			
60	AMPS	Abetz	Former Chief of Staff – PM's office	Senator ABETZ: When was this person stopped from being classified as the chief of staff? Ms Clarke: We answered a question last time on notice about when the new chief of staff was employed, which was February this year. So, I am assuming it would be roughly the same time. Senator ABETZ: One would assume so. Could you take that on notice?	Page 66 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
61(a)	AMPS	Abetz	Employee for the member of Grayndler	Senator ABETZ: Given the number of contracts that he has had—without delaying the committee any further—can you please take on notice the period of each of those contracts and the classification as to whether it was a full-time or part-time position during that time? Ms Clarke: Certainly.	Page 66 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
61(b)	AMPS	Abetz	Employee for the member of Grayndler	Senator ABETZ: Was that person employed in May 2010? Ms Clarke: Not by the member for Grayndler. Senator ABETZ: There was some hesitation in answering. He may have been employed by another member? Ms Clarke: I do not have a contract here. Senator ABETZ: You can take it on notice.	Page 66 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
62	AMPS	Fifield	Staffing of Mr Crook, MP	Senator Wong: I am advised that Mr Crook did not have an additional staffing allocation previously so this brings him up to the same level or complement as other members of the crossbenches. Senator FIFIELD: He was elected at the same time as Mr Wilkie. I am wondering what has changed in the intervening period. Senator Wong: I could not answer that. All I can say is that if you look at the third to last page of the document that was tabled, Mr Crook is at the same staffing allocation as other members of the crossbench and the House of Representatives. Senator FIFIELD: That is right, which is what prompted my question because he was not previously. Senator Wong: I do not have an answer on the sequencing issue. Senator ABETZ: Is it fair to say that the department administers the decision made and the decision is actually made by the Prime Minister as to the extra staff allocations? Ms Clarke: That is correct. Decisions as to staffing allocations are the Prime Minister's prerogative.	Page 67 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11

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			 Senator Wong: I see the point you have made and I have taken that on notice in terms of any additional explanation that I can give.			
63	AMPS	Polley	The transfer of EOIT to DPS	Mr Sheridan: The date for the transfer of EOIT to DPS is set at 1 July. The transfer is proceeding. The team is already working in the DPS premises at the moment. We anticipate there being a generally seamless change. The contracts that provide these services are continuing in the way that they continue now, so we are not anticipating a major change at all in that regard. I understand that as DPS has run the network previously what is really changing is the ownership and support of the assets. I am not anticipating that senators or members will detect a particular change. CHAIR: Will they receive correspondence advising them of the change? Mr Sheridan: I anticipate DPS will do that. I will have to take on notice where they are up to, because I have not spoken to them about that. ¹	Page 68-69 26 May 2011		
64	AMPS	Kroger	ESA Survey Participation	Senator KROGER: Thank you for that. I have another question in relation to the survey that went out, I think it was about a month ago, in relation to the ESA for staff. Firstly, what was the purpose of that survey? Ms Clarke: The survey is actually being conducted as part of the requirements of the current enterprise agreement, which said that within the current life of this agreement a survey of the working hours of electoral officers, in view of whether the ESA as it currently stands is sufficient, would be examined. Senator KROGER: Was there a slow take-up of survey participation? Ms Clarke: I will just call on a colleague who will be able to help you. Senator KROGER: Thank you, Ms Clarke. Mr Whitton: We have actually conducted only the first part of the evaluation of electoral officer working hours, and that was the timesheet exercise where we asked individual electorate officers to provide us with records of their hours over a month. That has been concluded; that was conducted mainly through April. I would have to take on notice the exact number of responses that we got, but we did get in excess of 100 timesheets back....	Page 71 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
65(a)	AMPS	Abetz	Donations received by the Australian Labor Party	Senator ABETZ: At least I know to whom I should be directing the question, so thank you for that. If you do not know, then I daresay when I ask you whether those entities or people have lodged donor returns you would be unable to respond? ... I was going to ask about the steps you had undertaken to trace the donors, and so on.	Page 74 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>...</p> <p>Mr Pirani: There was an article done by Deborah Snow in 2009—that is my recollection—in the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> that pointed to a number of donations that had been made by various companies. One of them was a company that did have an office in Sydney, but the actual donation came from mainland China. The question became about our ability to track down who made that donation, but we were not able to get beyond that the company was not incorporated in Australia and we could not locate the identity of the persons who were behind it. I am more than happy to take it on notice and have a look at it.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: As I understand it, the New Matilda article—and that is what I am going on and I do not know the robustness of it—asserts that the three donors that I have mentioned have been written to and that on the Labor return the supplied street numbers actually do not exist. But if you are not aware of the full details, what I think I will need to do is to put a lot of these questions on notice to the Electoral 26 May 2011-Page 71Commission.</p>			
65(b)	AEC	Abetz	Donations received by the Australian Labor Party	<p>Senator ABETZ: This is after that, clearly, and the Labor Party did disclose it, but as I understand it these entities have not lodged donor returns as required. I understand that you may be aware that the contact address for Shenglong (Australia) Investment Group, which is PO Box 348, Eastwood, New South Wales, is the PO box for Onward Business Consultants Pty Ltd. I am just wondering: have any inquiries been made in relation to that? That does not ring any bells with you?</p> <p>Mr Pirani: No.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Clearly, you would not have spoken to Xen Ky Li of 16 Flagstone Street, Harrison, a director of Pearlsull International either.</p> <p>Mr Pirani: No.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Did any of your staff? Did the AEC send letters to those three entities?</p> <p>Mr Pirani: Again, I would have to take it on notice. We do have a practice of sending out letters where we have an address in Australia to chase up returns. We match the returns that the political parties put in with us with donor returns and we do have a practice whereby follow-up letters are sent out, but I will have to take on notice the specifics that you are mentioning.</p>	Page 74 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
66	AEC	Ronaldson	Mr Thomson – Possible trigger action under Section 137	<p>Senator RONALDSON: Has there been any documentation at all filed by Mr Thomson or provided to the commission that could possibly trigger action under section 137?</p> <p>Mr Pirani: I am not aware of any such documentation because Mr Thomson as a</p>	Page 81 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11

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				candidate did not have the responsibility of filing the candidate return. It was done by his agent. Senator RONALDSON: Can you take that on notice for me, please?			
67	AEC	Ronaldson	Costal Voice Community Group Inc	Senator RONALDSON: When did you start your investigation? Mr Pirani: The allegations were first published in the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> on 10 April 2009 and 11 May 2009. Senator RONALDSON: When did they stop operating? Mr Pirani: I would have to refresh my memory on that. I would have to take that on notice. I do not have the material in front of me. My recollection was that they ceased operating shortly after the November 2007 general election.	Page 84 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
68	AEC	Fifield	Media/ Advertising Costs for Elections	Senator FIFIELD: So those are activities beyond the scope of your own media and public affairs full-time staff? Mr Killesteyn: Yes. We have very competent media people, but Haystac brings a much more intimate knowledge of the media and the connections that we need to be able to get the stories that we want. Sometimes elections are not the most exciting things, from the point of view of process, so we need to get them placed successfully. Senator FIFIELD: Indeed. I guess anyone would develop an intimate knowledge for \$275,000 over five weeks. Mr Killesteyn: The alternative is—and I think this is a serious point—that if you look at 2007, where some \$36 million was spent, I think we got very good value for money. Senator FIFIELD: It would be interesting if you could take on notice and provide the cost for that sort of activity for this election and the two before that.	Page 87 26 May 2011	25/07/11	25/08/11
69	COOG	Fifield	Travel Costs	a) The total number of flight segments flown by employees in the Department, broken down by fare type (<i>flexible, best available fare</i>), airline (<i>Qantas or QantasLink, Jetstar, Virgin, Tiger Airways, other</i>) and city pair route (<i>Melbourne to Sydney, Brisbane to Sydney, Brisbane to Melbourne, Adelaide to Melbourne, Adelaide to Sydney, Melbourne to Perth, Perth to Sydney, Hobart to Melbourne, Canberra to Melbourne, and Canberra to Sydney</i>). b) The total value of the flights flown by employees in the Department, broken down by fare type (<i>flexible, best available fare</i>), airline (<i>Qantas or QantasLink, Jetstar, Virgin, Tiger Airways, other</i>) and city pair route (<i>Melbourne to Sydney, Brisbane to Sydney, Brisbane to Melbourne, Adelaide to Melbourne, Adelaide to Sydney, Melbourne to</i>	Written	29/08/11	22/09/11

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				<p><i>Perth, Perth to Sydney, Hobart to Melbourne, Canberra to Melbourne, and Canberra to Sydney).</i></p> <p>c) The total number of flight segments flown by employees in the Department who have the entitlement to travel on business class, broken down by fare type (<i>flexible, best available fare</i>) and airline (<i>Qantas or QantasLink, Jetstar, Virgin, Tiger Airways, other</i>).</p> <p>d) The total value of the flights flown by employees in the Department who have the entitlement to travel on business class, broken down by fare type (<i>flexible, best available fare</i>) and airline (<i>Qantas or QantasLink, Jetstar, Virgin, Tiger Airways, other</i>).</p>			
70	AMPS	Fifield	Travel Costs	<p>a) For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include what sum was spent on travel, accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.</p> <p>b) For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</p> <p>c) For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</p>	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
71	FMG	Xenophon	Travel	<p>a) Since the removal of frequent flyer points from whole of Australian Government travel program, can the department indicate how much money has been saved?</p> <p>b) How much of this has been in domestic travel?</p>	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
72	COOG	Xenophon	Travel	Does the department undertake any quality control assessments of HRG or other travel providers to ensure that they are offering the full range of available flights, rather than defaulting to one airline and offering the others as alternatives?	Written	07/07/11	25/08/11

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73	FMG	Xenophon	Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What percentage of WOAG business does each domestic airline receive? b) Are you able to provide reasons for this? c) Why does Virgin Blue, for example, not have a larger share on the domestic routes that are the same as QANTAS? 	Written	13/07/11	25/08/11
74	AMPS	Xenophon	Travel	Can the Department provide information on what percentage of QANTAS flights are used by Parliamentarians entitled to business class, as opposed to departmental or other staff who are required to fly economy?	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
75	FMG	Xenophon	Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Does the Department conduct any auditing programs to ensure that employees travelling under the WOAG are abiding by the 'lowest practical fare' guidelines? b) What is the outcome of these audits? Are departments, agencies etc directed to implement changes in response? 	Written	11/07/11	25/08/11
76	COOG	Fifield	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? b) What classification are these staff? c) How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD? 	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11
77	COOG	Fifield	Staffing	This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11
78	COOG	Fifield	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? b) If so, where and at what classification? c) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. d) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc. 	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11
79	FMG	Fifield	Government Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken, or are planning to undertake? b) For each program, what is the total spend? 	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
80	COOG	Fifield	Hospitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? b) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 	Written	07/07/11	25/08/11

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				c) Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs.			
81	COOG	Fifield	Hospitality	a) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. b) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. c) Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs.	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11
82	COOG (CFO)	Fifield	Entertainment Costs	a) What is the Department's entertainment spend FYTD? b) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. c) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend FYTD. d) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written		
83	COOG (PCC)	Fifield	Board Appointments	a) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? b) Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.	Written	31/08/11	
84	COOG (Legal)	Fifield	Freedom of Information	a) Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? b) How many FOI requests has the Department received? c) How many have been granted or denied? d) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11
85	COOG (PCC)	Fifield	Community Cabinet	a) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? b) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? c) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
86	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Reviews	a) How many Reviews are currently being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio?	Written	01/09/11	22/09/11

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) When will each of these reviews be concluded? c) What reviews have been concluded FYTD? d) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? e) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? g) What further reviews are planned for 2010 - 11 FY? 			
87	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Commissioned Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. b) How much did each report 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? 	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
88	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? Please 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). Please also include total value for all consultancies.	Written	13/07/11	25/08/11
89	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Consultancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 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? b) In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. 	Written	13/07/11	25/08/11
90	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Consultancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? b) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website(www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements? 	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11
91	COOG (PCC)	Fifield	Media Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office FYTD? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services? 	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11
92	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Media Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department 	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11

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				and its agencies in FYTD? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?			
93	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Media Subscriptions	a) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. c) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.	Written	06/07/11	25/08/11
94	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2010? Please explain.	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
95	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
96	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
97	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Contractors	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.	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
98	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
99	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
100	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
101	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
102	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
103	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11

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104	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Discretionary Grants	<p>a) Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>b) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
105	COOG	Fifield	Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings	<p>a) How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings?</p> <p>b) How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or resubmitted? Please provide example of why this would happen. (i.e. last minute policy changes or redate papers due to items not being discussed when initially scheduled).</p>	Written	01/07/11	25/08/11
106	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Contractors	<p>a) Has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)</p> <p>b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p>	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11
107	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Stationery	<p>a) What are the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. special type of paper, envelopes)?</p> <p>b) What are the cost of these items?</p> <p>c) Is the Department/portfolio agencies paying for these?</p>	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11
108	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Legal costs	<p>a) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>b) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>c) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>d) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11
109	COOG Co-ord PCC	Birmingham	Funding to organisations	Has the Department provided any funding to any of the following organisations in the current financial year or in any of the previous three financial years? If so,	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11

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				<p>please detail when it was provided and for what purpose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Australian Conservation Foundation b) Australian Council of Trade Unions c) Australian Youth Climate Coalition d) Climate Action Network Australia e) The Climate Institute f) Environment Victoria g) GetUp! h) Greenpeace Australia Pacific i) World Wildlife Fund Australia 			
110	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Training expenses	Please detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the cost and how many participants.	Written	05/07/11	25/08/11
111	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Training expenses	<p>In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification d) The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) The name and nature of the service purchased f) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based g) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification h) The total number of hours involved for all employees i) The total amount spent on the service j) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The location used 	Written	07/10/11	

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				ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
112	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Paid Parental Leave	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) Please list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written	30/06/11	25/08/11
113	COOG Co-ord PCC	Fifield	Accommodation density	a) For each portfolio department and agency office please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person. b) Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain. c) If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were. d) What savings did each portfolio department and agency achieve by meeting the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately. e) How much of these savings has each portfolio department and agency kept? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately. f) If no, please give details why it does not, including whether an exemption has been received by the Finance Minister. g) What funding has been taken from each portfolio department and agency because they do not meet the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately. h) Are there plans to meet the Guidelines? Please explain.	Written	06/07/11	25/08/11
114	Budget	Fifield	Budget Savings	The 2011-12 Budget Paper No. 1 states there is \$21,681m in savings over five years (from 2010-11, see page 3-14). For each of these savings measures, please list their: a) Title; b) Budget paper, including page reference; c) Total saving amount (yearly breakdown).	Written	21/07/11	25/08/11
115	FMG	Humphries	Efficiency Dividend	I refer the minister to her statement of 21 April 2011 entitled "Driving Efficiencies in Government". In this statement the minister says: The Government has today also released the Review of the Measures of Agency Efficiency report. The central recommendation of the Review - to	Written	11/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>apply the efficiency dividend at portfolio level – will be adopted by the Government.</p> <p>The Government acknowledges that some agencies have been concerned about the current efficiency dividend having an unequal effect on some agencies. Adopting this recommendation will provide portfolios with more flexibility in applying the efficiency dividend, including to smaller agencies.</p> <p>I ask the minister:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which agencies qualify as smaller agencies in terms of flexibility? Which agencies, if any, in the 2011-12 budget have had the efficiency dividend applied at a rate other than the prescribed rate? What measures did the Minister and her department take to ensure portfolio departments were aware of this flexibility during the budget process? When were portfolio departments first made aware of this flexibility during the budget process? 			
116	AEC	Ryan	Protected Action Ballots	<p>For the year 2009-10:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many Protected Action Ballots did the Commission conduct? What was the total cost of Protected Action Ballots? Could the Commission provide a list of each Protected Action Ballot conducted, along with the respect cost of that ballot? How did the total cost compare to previous financial years? <p>Estimating outcomes for the years 2010-11 and 2011-12:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many Protected Action Ballots will the Commission conduct? What is the estimated total cost of Protected Action Ballots? Could the Commission provide a list of each Protected Action Ballot conducted or likely to be conducted, along with the estimated cost of that ballot? How does the estimated total cost compare to previous financial years? 	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
117	AEC	Ryan	Industrial Elections	<p>For the year 2009-10:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many industrial elections were conducted? Can the Commission provide a list of the organisations for which industrial elections were conducted? How many of these industrial elections were for unions? How many of these industrial elections were for other bodies? 	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11

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				e) For each industrial election conducted in 2009-10, what was: f) The name of the organisation; g) The number of eligible voters in the election; h) The number of votes cast; i) The number of valid votes cast; j) The cost of the election? Estimating outcomes for the years 2010-11 and 2011-12: k) How many industrial elections are estimated to be conducted? l) Can the Commission provide a list of the organisations for which industrial elections are have been or are likely to be conducted? m) How many of these industrial elections are for unions? n) How many of these industrial elections are for other bodies? o) For each industrial election conducted what are the likely total costs of the election?			
118	AEC	Ryan	Legal costs	a) What was the cost of legal action taken against the AEC in 2009-10? b) How many of the legal actions taken against the AEC were related to industrial elections related to unions in 09-10? c) How many of the legal actions taken against the AEC were related to industrial elections related to employer organisations in 09-10? d) What was the cost of legal action taken against the AEC in 2010-11? e) How many of the legal actions taken against the AEC were related to industrial elections related to unions in 10-11? f) How many of the legal actions taken against the AEC were related to industrial elections related to employer organisations in 10-11?	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
119	COOG	Ryan	Emissions	Has the Department commissioned and/or completed an internal and/or carbon audit of the department? And if so, what are the emissions profiles for total emissions and the breakdown of Scope One and Two emissions for each for the most recent audit?	Written	02/09/11	22/09/11
120	Deregulation	Ryan	Regulation	a) What were the contents of the 2009 departmental circular regarding implementation of a 'one in, one out' approach to regulation? b) Did any agencies respond to this circular? c) What follow-up action was taken to ensure that agencies understood and enacted the 'one in, one out' policy?	Written	13/07/11	25/08/11
121	Deregulation	Ryan	Regulation	a) Do agencies use the Standard Cost Model to estimate the dollar impact of their proposed regulations on businesses and not-for-profit organisations? b) If so, are these calculations verified by the Office of Best Practice Regulation?	Written	07/07/11	25/08/11

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				c) Has the Office of Best Practice Regulation assessed the merits of Victoria's Regulatory Change Measurement?			
122	Deregulation	Payne	Payroll tax and directors' liability reforms	COAG asked the Business Regulation and Competition Working Group to review the payroll tax and directors' liability reforms, with respect to the uniformity/harmonisation across jurisdictions, and report back to COAG by 30 June 2011. a) Have these reviews been completed? b) Have jurisdictions introduced or passed legislation relating to these matters that will now need to be amended?	Written	07/07/11	25/08/11
123	Deregulation	Payne	Funding	The COAG Reform Council has said that the legal profession reforms were incomplete due to unresolved issues about funding leading to a draft intergovernmental agreement remaining outstanding. a) Have funding issues been resolved? b) How much funding is/was required to remedy this? c) Has this IGA been completed?	Written	07/07/11	25/08/11
124	Deregulation	Ryan	Regulation	Are agencies required to consult with businesses and not-for-profit organisations when proposing a new regulation that will affect these parties?	Written	07/07/11	25/08/11
125	Deregulation	Ryan	Regulation	a) Of those four agencies that did not publish an annual regulatory plan in 2009-10, how many gave an explanation for their non-compliance? b) Where these explanations (where given) judged by the Office of Best Practice Regulation to be adequate? c) What were the consequences for those agencies who neither published an annual regulatory plan, nor accounted for their non-compliance?	Written	07/07/11	25/08/11
126	Deregulation	Ryan	Regulation	a) Which agencies failed to publish regulatory impact statements in 2008-9, 2009-10 and 2010-11, where publication was required? b) What were the consequences for those agencies who neither published regulatory impact statements during this period, nor accounted for their non-compliance? c) Which agencies failed to comply with best practice regulation requirements in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? d) What were the consequences for those agencies who neither complied with best practice regulation requirements during this period, nor accounted for their non-compliance?	Written	06/07/11	25/08/11

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127	Deregulation	Ryan	Regulation	<p>a) How many regulations were not accompanied by regulatory impact statements in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p> <p>b) Of these, how many were exempted by the Prime Minister?</p>	Written	06/07/11	25/08/11
128	AMPS	Williams	Comcover – Equine influenza	<p>a) Is it the case there are only 2 claims for damages --1 by Livestock Transport Group which had been in the business of the transport of thoroughbred horses and was forced to shut down for 6 months, and 1 by a horse stud owner for damages relating to no stud service fees being received as result of EI shut down?</p> <p>b) Is it the case that invitations to the Commonwealth since 2009 to discuss the resolution of this matter have been refused?</p> <p>c) Is it the case that the Commonwealth has advised that all claims in relation to EI will never be settled and that if the Court orders the Commonwealth to pay damages the Commonwealth will appeal the Court orders?</p> <p>d) Is it the case the Minister believes the approach taken by the Commonwealth is the financially prudent way to manage the taxpayers money?</p> <p>e) Is it the case that whilst Livestock Transport's claim is minimal to the overall Commonwealth's budget that the approach adopted by the Commonwealth is impractical, costly and unfair?</p> <p>f) Why is it that the Commonwealth is prepared to contest this matter in a court of law when other sectors of the horse industry did receive forms of compensation?</p>	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
129				<i>Question Deleted</i>			
130	Budget	Cash	Irregular Maritime Arrivals Budget	What is the global budget, across all portfolios, for intercepting, transferring, housing, processing (including administrative and judicial review) and removing asylum seekers?	Written (Transferred from DIAC 04/07/2011)	14/07/11	25/08/11