

FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23 AND 24 MAY 2011

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

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1.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Payne	Seamless National Economy – status of development assessment reforms	Senator PAYNE: The CRC says in that performance report for the seamless national economy that I referred to earlier that there are significant risks to that reform, so that would seem to me to be a red flag for the issues in this area. If you can tell me – if not now, then can you find out for me - what the status of that review into the development assessment reforms is; what the new timeframe for completion of those reforms is in light of the comments by the CRC and the timeline for the ongoing review ... If you could come back to me with that information that would be very helpful in terms of the timing and time frames that I asked about.	Hansard, F&PA, p 61, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
2.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Payne	COAG report on measures considered at the February meeting	Senator PAYNE: There is an awful lot sitting in the time frame for mid-2011—the June-July period that we have discussed—plus a potential COAG meeting for mid-2011 as well, and here we are on 23 May, which is not a long way from mid-2011. What status does your department give to preparation of the agenda and knowing where these things are actually up to? Would you ask two weeks before the planned meeting and hope to heaven that they are on track? I might add that they have not been on track in the past. Ms Cross: We were just discussing whether there is any report that required to COAG in the middle of the year on the seamless national economy. There is a report back on the future reform agenda; I would need to check whether there is actually a report back on the measures which were considered in February.	Hansard, F&PA, p 62, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
3.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Payne	Seamless National Economy – development assessment reform process	Senator PAYNE: Thank you. I wanted to ask a question around some of the observations in that report [CRC's report on the seamless national economy] on the electronic development assessment initiative. You mentioned resourcing issues and technical issues. Do you mean in that context resourcing from the jurisdictions or from councils? What is the context in which you make that observation? Mr Elton: Those observations were largely drawn from the advice that governments themselves have given to us. The way this process works is that the governments give us progress reports by the end of	Hansard, F&PA, p 67-68, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>September each year. In those reports in relation to that reform stream some of the governments identified resourcing issues.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE: By that do they mean they are not resourcing it enough or is it a different issue?</p> <p>Mr Elton: I am not sure that we always know the answer to those questions. If you wanted me to elaborate on what those technical resourcing issues were I would need to go back and probably take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE: If you would, I would be grateful. Thank you very much. Then if that leads you to being able to provide the committee with information on how that resourcing should be derived because of what they have said to you, I would be interested in that as well.</p> <p>Mr Elton: Okay.</p>			
4.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Cormann	Western Australia's plans to increase royalties on iron ore finds	<p>Senator CORMANN: I am talking about the heads of agreement that was announced on 2 July 2010 by the Prime Minister together with the Treasurer and the Minister for Resources and Energy, and I think the officer is well aware. Was the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet aware at the time when the Prime Minister signed the deal that Western Australia was considering increasing its iron ore royalties on fines, as they have now announced in the budget, effective 1 July 2012?</p> <p>Dr English: I would have to take on notice the timing at which that change to the royalty regime was provided to the department.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: To the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet .</p> <p>Dr English: Yes. I am not personally aware of the date.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 71, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
5.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Cormann	Western Australia's plans to increase royalties on iron ore finds	<p>Senator CORMANN: So you're not aware then of a letter from the Under Treasurer in Western Australia, Mr Tim Marney, dated 10 May 2010 where he wrote to Dr Henry, the then Secretary of the Treasury: To that end, I seek your urgent confirmation that 'scheduled' increases in Western Australia would include the removal of existing iron ore royalty right concessions, which would see both fine and lump iron ore royalty rights being levied at 7.5 per cent ... by 1 July 2012. You are not aware of that?</p> <p>Dr English: I would need to check whether that letter was provided to the department.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: And you're not aware of an executive Treasury</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 72, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>minute to the Treasurer, Mr Swan, dated 17 May, where he was told: Western Australia indicated at a recent Commonwealth Grants Commission meeting (prior to the announcement of the Resource Super Profits Tax) it was considering increasing the royalty rate on iron ore fines from the current rate of 5.625 per cent, to the 7.5 per cent rate for lump ore.</p> <p>You are not aware of that?</p> <p>Dr English: Again, it is a matter of factual accuracy. I would need to confirm whether or not the department was provided with that material and the date it was provided.</p>			
6.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Cormann	Western Australia's plans to increase royalties on iron ore finds	<p>Senator CORMANN: I appreciate that. Dr English, back in February 2011 was there any discussion at the officials meetings about the MRRT and any plans the state government of Western Australia might have had about increasing their royalties on iron ore finds?</p> <p>Dr English: In the lead-up to COAG, do you mean?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: In the lead-up or around the COAG meeting—around about that time.</p> <p>Dr English: I would need to check the record but my recollection is that there was no discussion in the COAG context, in those COAG meetings, about the WA approach to those finds royalties.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 74, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
7.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Cormann	Western Australia's plans to increase royalties on iron ore finds	<p>Senator CORMANN: Since January or February—have there been any discussions that PM&C have been involved in in relation to WA plans to increase iron ore royalties on finds?</p> <p>Dr English: I can only inform you that I have not participated in any such discussion, and I would need to check the record for any broader question within Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 74, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
8.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Cormann	Western Australia's plans to increase royalties on iron ore finds	<p>Senator CORMANN: Are you aware of any correspondence since the correspondence I read to you dated 10 May 2010 between the Western Australian state government and the federal government about WA plans to increase royalties, or remove the concession on royalties, for iron ore finds?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I am not personally aware of any such further correspondence.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So you will take on notice whether there is such further correspondence and advise the committee?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 74, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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9.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Fierravanti- Wells	COAG health – heads of agreement mark I and mark II	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: For example, in the mark I agreement we talk about the responsibilities of the Commonwealth and it sets out a whole range of responsibilities to 1 July—for example, B10 and B11. How much of B10 and B11 have been superseded by the second agreement, given the general descriptions? What are very specific clauses about responsibilities of the Commonwealth appear to be superseded by more general terms of pursuing further reforms in mental health, dental health and aged care over the next three years. Do you see my point, Mr Rimmer? I am just not sure what survives and what does not, and there are the time frames, particularly in terms of the time frames in the yellow book. We have traversed those.</p> <p>Mr Rimmer: I will enquire as to whether we have information on that question.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Surely, Mr Rimmer. I do not want to trawl through each of the clauses, but you can appreciate what I am trying to get to the bottom of. We have a very detailed mark I agreement, we have a not so detailed mark II agreement, and I am not sure how they compare.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 78, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
10.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Fierravanti- Wells	Health agreements	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: All right. There are a whole series of agreements in health: have you done a stocktake of which agreements—take New South Wales as an example—are now currently in place, and which agreements were signed by the previous government and have not survived the change of government in New South Wales? Are there any agreements which fall into that category?</p> <p>Mr Rimmer: Not to my knowledge. We have not done a stocktake of the kind that you refer to. There are four or five significant COAG agreements, and we are not aware of any particular problems with any one of them in relation to New South Wales.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Can you please take that on notice and tell me which documents were signed, in particular by New South Wales in the time between 13 February and the election?</p> <p>Mr Rimmer: We can take that on notice, or potentially even give you an answer sooner than that.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 78, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
11.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy	Senator Abetz	Leaders' Debate Commission	<p>Senator ABETZ: I assume this is for the domestic policy group: how is the leaders' debate commission going? I understand that the Prime Minister wrote to Senator Brown about that?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Just give us a second to see that we have the</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 78- 79, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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	– Domestic Policy Group			right officer at the table. Mr Lewis: Could you just put that question again, please? Senator ABETZ: The leaders' debates commission—I am not sure of the date, but the Prime Minister wrote to Senator Brown in response to his letter of 16 March 2011. It relates to paragraph 3(a) of the Green-Labor deal after the election, about a leaders' debate commission. Mr Lewis: I understand that that letter did not come from the department. Senator ABETZ: Aha! All right. In that case, Minister, can you take it on notice please. ... Senator Chris Evans: I suspect you ought to ask your questions under SMOS, but I will take the question on notice that you have put.			
12.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Abetz	Public servants in PM&C advising on climate change policy	Senator ABETZ: Thank you for that clarification. So no matter what the government's policy—and sure enough it has shifted a bit—the number of staff has remained constant over the past, let us say, 18 months. Would that be fair? Dr Schreier: Broadly constant over that period. To be accurate I would have to go back and check the organisational structures back beyond 12 months ago when I joined the department myself, but it has been broadly constant.	Hansard, F&PA, p 79, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
13.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Abetz	Public servants in PM&C advising on climate change policy	Senator ABETZ: Thank you for that. How many public servants in PM&C are advising the government on climate change and the carbon pricing mechanism? Mr Lewis: We will just get another officer to the table, Paul Schreier. I am advised that it is five, Senator Senator ABETZ: How many of these five people have science degrees or equivalent type degrees? Dr Schreier: I would have to take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA, p 79- 80, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
14.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Abetz	Contractors advising the government and PM&C on climate change policy	Senator ABETZ: Can I ask how many contractors are advising the government and PM&C on climate change and the carbon pricing mechanisms? Dr Schreier: In PM&C I am not aware of anybody. I would like to take that on notice for accuracy. Senator ABETZ: If you could. Thank you very much.	Hansard, F&PA, p 79- 80, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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15.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Birmingham	Environment and Water Section within PM&C	<p>Dr Schreier: There is a section within my division which covers the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities as a line agency. That includes taking the PM&C's perspective on water policy.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Thank you, Dr Schreier. Has there been any particular expansion or establishment of a unit there that does relate to water policy issues in the last year or two?</p> <p>Dr Schreier: I have been in the department under a year myself, but the size of that section of my division has been broadly constant over that time. To go back earlier than that I would have to take on notice.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Okay</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 87-88, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
16.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Birmingham	Environment and Water Section within PM&C	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: How many staff do you have dedicated to that area?</p> <p>Dr Schreier: Over the course of the last year it has varied between three and five, depending upon the workload. In common with other parts of my division we will veer and haul and flex resources as required, depending upon loaded material coming through in terms of briefing or responding to cabinet material. On average it would be about four. If you need more detail about how that variation has been in terms of dedicated staff, I can again take that on notice and provide you with that detail. It has been broadly constant over that time, though.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Okay, thank you</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 88, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
17.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Birmingham	Water infrastructure projects and arrangements between the Commonwealth and the states	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: That is okay, thank you. In terms of your relationships established with the department, what relationship do you have with the Murray-Darling Basin Authority?</p> <p>Dr Schreier: We do not really have any relationship with the authority per se. The MDBA is an independent statutory authority. In terms of governmental dealings with it, SEWPaC is the lead agency, if you like, for making that connection with them.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Has the department dealt with issues regarding water infrastructure projects and arrangements between the Commonwealth and the states in that matter?</p> <p>Dr Schreier: Not in particular in my time. I would have to take on notice whether it has occurred earlier. The only sort of involvement we have had in this space is just providing the normal briefing, that we do as PM&C, around matters as they arise. We have not been responsible</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 88, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				for water programs or environmental infrastructure programs. Again, that is a matter for SEWPaC.			
18.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Birmingham	COAG discussions regarding water	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Lastly, are there any intentions or plans that water would be a subject matter of COAG discussions again in the near future? Dr Schreier: I am not aware of plans for that at the moment. I would have to take that on notice to give you a completely accurate answer. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Sure, if you could. Thank you very much.	Hansard, F&PA, p 88, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
19.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Fifield	Office of the Not-for-Profit-Sector – staffing	CHAIR: Are there any further questions on Domestic Policy Group? If not, we can dispense with those officers and move on to the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector. Senator Fifield? Senator FIFIELD: I will start with some straightforward matters. It is a relatively new office; how many staff does the office have at the moment? Mr Ronalds: The office currently has around 11 staff. Senator FIFIELD: Thank you. You can take this on notice: are you able to provide a breakdown of their classifications and roles? Mr Ronalds: I am happy to do that, Senator.	Hansard, F&PA, p 88-89, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
20.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Fifield	'Budget measures to strengthen the not-for-profit sector' document	Senator FIFIELD: That is the 'better targeting of not-for-profit tax concessions: The Government will reform the tax concessions provided to not-for-profit (NFP) entities to ensure they are targeted only at those activities that directly further a NFP's altruistic purposes. Mr Ronalds: That measure is encompassed underneath the broader Treasury announcements in relation to the not-for-profit regulator and the statutory definition of charity. So it is captured within that. The idea was to very quickly provide on budget night an outline of the key measures and point people in the direction for further information. Senator FIFIELD: You say 'very quickly', but the government, in the form of departments and agencies, has the advantage of knowing before budget night those things within their portfolio, so one would presume that was prepared before the day. Mr Ronalds: Yes. When I say 'quickly' I mean allow not for profits to quickly get a sense of the whole. That document was not in any way intended to be a comprehensive outline of all of the measures. It was to provide an indication of the key measures impacting on the not-for-profit sector.	Hansard, F&PA, p 90, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Senator MOORE: Does the document say that? It is very difficult for you—I appreciate that you do have it in front of you and it is normal practice to look—but does it say in the document you could look elsewhere for other things?</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: By its very nature the document was clearly an overview of the measures. It was not a detailed investigation of each of the measures. I would need to check the website, but my recollection was that it pointed people to further information on the Treasury website and other places. I would have to check that.</p>			
21.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Fifield	Definition of charity	<p>Senator SIEWERT: There is some confusion in some of the media about minister's statements. They are varied and almost contradictory comments that I have seen in the media and in the minister's statements around this tax concession. There is a comment made that the government believes that it is important that charities use their tax concession only to assist disadvantaged people. Can you clarify for me whether we are using disadvantage people in terms of 'just for people' or are we talking about this issue as it relates to the broader definition of charity?</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 91-92, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
22.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Fifield	Fair Work Australia equal remuneration decision	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Yes. I may need to table this document as well, but we will just play it by ear. Is the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector aware of the equal remuneration case, the decision handed down recently by Fair Work Australia?</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: Yes, we are.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: And you would be aware, in general terms, of the decision itself?</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: In general terms.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Has the office read the decision?</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: I have not personally read the decision; I have read summaries of the decision.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Have any of your staff read the decision?</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: I can take that question on notice and ask them and write a response.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: If you could; thank you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 94, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
23.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy	Senator Fifield	Consultation with PM&C on DEEWR submission	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Thank you. You pre-empted my question, which was: did the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations seek the input of the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector in its submission?</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 94, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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	– Domestic Policy Group			<p>Ms Cross: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet had discussions with DEEWR about that submission.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Including the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I would have to take that on notice, but across the department we consult.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: How many people are there in the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Eleven to three.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: There are eleven people so it should not be too hard to establish if the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector had its views sought in the whole-of-government submission?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Certainly PM&C did and we can confirm who within PM&C, but we will have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: If you could, that would be helpful because I am trying to get a handle on what the scope of the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector is, the extent to which it is an office—the window dressing—and the extent to which it really does have serious input and to which it provides a whole-of-government perspective on issues to do with the sector. So you will take on notice whether the office was consulted?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Yes, we will.</p>			
24.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Fifield / Senator Siewert	Fair Work Australia equal remuneration decision	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Could you take the committee through your understanding of the possible implications for the not-for-profit sector of the decision.</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: I am happy to. Essentially, the decision depending on how the next stage proceeds could obviously have a fairly significant impact for the wages paid to a very large number of employees in the sector. That will obviously flow through to the overall costs of providing programs and that is going to be a fairly significant issue for not-for-profits.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Do you expect that your advice on this issue would continue to be sought by the government?</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: The advice of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, of which the office is a part, would continue to be sought, yes.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: I will wait to hear the response to the questions you have taken on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 95, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Senator SIEWERT: Was any consideration given in the budget to budgeting for the impact this is going to have on the not-for-profit sector?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: We do not discuss the details of what was in the budget or the deliberations that went into those final results. I am sorry; we cannot take that question.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Let me phrase it in another way: what consideration has the office taken in terms of what impact this will have on the not-for-profit sector when they are having to pay significantly higher wage bills and the impact that will have on the contracts they have with government and the services they are expected to deliver under those contracts?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: The officer has given an answer with regard to the offices' initial reaction and the impact they think that legislation has. He has said that he will take further detail on notice, and we will that do</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can you take that on notice, please.</p>			
25.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Siewert	Consultation with not-for-profit sector	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Are you talking to the not-for-profit sector already about it?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think that at this stage it is a discussion within government while the government considers its response.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Okay, and what is the timeline for talking to the not-for-profit sector about it?</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: We can take on notice what consultation arrangements have already been put in place. Again, it is an issue that goes across the whole of government, so I would imagine that a range of agencies are engaged and we would need to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 95, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
26.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Fifield	Volunteer management program – transfer of funds to PM&C	<p>Senator FIFIELD: I have questions on the volunteer management program. In this budget there were funds transferred from FaHCSIA to your office, weren't there?</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: There were, not as part of this budget but as part of the machinery of government changes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Could you take me through the dollar value of what has transferred?</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: Certainly. The total amount of administered funds was, from memory, \$17 million over the forward estimates.</p> <p>...</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 96-97 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Senator FIFIELD: That figure you mentioned was about \$6 million, was it?</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: The figure is about \$17 million in total.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: So that is \$17 million over the—but \$5½ or \$6 million. Could you give me a year-by-year breakdown?</p> <p>Mr Ronalds: I am happy to do that on notice.</p>			
27.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Birmingham	Funding to organisations	<p>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, please detail when it was provided and for what purpose.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Australian Conservation Foundation 2. Australian Council of Trade Unions 3. Australian Youth Climate Coalition 4. Climate Action Network Australia 5. The Climate Institute 6. Environment Victoria 7. GetUp! 8. Greenpeace Australia Pacific 9. World Wildlife Fund Australia 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
28.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Ryan	Carbon audits	<p>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 audits?</p>	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
29.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 – Domestic Policy – Domestic Policy Group	Senator Siewert	Mental Health Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the governance relationship between the Commission and the Department? 2. How independent will the Commission be? 3. How much funding is available for the Commission? 4. How will members be appointed? 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
30.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2	Senator Ludlam	WikiLeaks	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Is it Australian government policy to seek the closure of the WikiLeaks website?</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: Not that I am aware of, no.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 116, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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	– National Security and International Policy			<p>Senator LUDLAM: Minister, do you want to address that? It is probably not fair to ask the department.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I have no knowledge of any such policy, but I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: I am as sure as I can be, Senator, that there is no such policy.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: That would have been my first reaction but, rather than give you evidence that I was not sure was absolutely correct, I thought I should take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Thanks.</p>			
31.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 – National Security and International Policy	Senator Trood	WikiLeaks	<p>Senator TROOD: I just wanted to follow up on some of the matters that we began to speak about last night rather late, and in particular some of the matters relating to WikiLeaks. Mr Lewis, have you see the <i>Age</i> newspaper this morning?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: Yes. I have not actually read the article but I know about it. Are you referring to the article headed 'Gillard slow to read WikiLeaks briefings'?</p> <p>Senator TROOD: Yes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator TROOD: ... Was the Prime Minister in town at this time. Was she in Canberra?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: I do not know. We can find out. I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 5, 9- 10, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
32.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 – National Security and International Policy	Senator Trood	Prime Minister's speech at the official APH lunch for the Malaysian Prime Minister	<p>Senator TROOD: Another matter of policy, Mr Lewis; did you have a hand in preparing the Prime Minister's speech at the official lunch here at Parliament House before the Malaysian Prime Minister?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: I did read it. I will just check. Yes, I am just advised that we did prepare a first draft of that speech. That is fairly typical of speech preparation for the Prime Minister's speeches, wherein we will prepare a draft, send it to the office and then—.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: So your office was responsible for the draft of the speech?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: That is correct. We presented to the office of the Prime Minister a first draft of that speech.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator TROOD: I would like that document, the draft of the document to be presented to the committee, please.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: We will take it on notice. I am not sure that that</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 15- 16 , 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>is appropriate. I am not undertaking to provide that. It would be unusual for drafts of speeches to be made available so that one could track changes made in the Prime Minister's speech as a result of various departmental or speech writer input. I will take advice on whether that has been past practice. I think Mr Lewis has made it clear there was an error in the speech, and he is not aware of the source of that. I am not sure we will be able to provide you with various iterations of the speech preparation.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: I press my request that the draft of the speech be provided.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I am taking that on notice.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: You know the rules, you know the basis on which you will have to find some reason not to provide the document. I cannot for the life of me see that—</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I am happy to have that debate with you, but I have taken on notice your request.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: Thank you.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I am just indicating to you it would not be my inclination to provide it but I will take advice on it.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Lewis: My responsibility is to give advice to the Prime Minister. We provided a draft speech. What happens in terms of the delivery of that speech is not something for which I can account, other than the content of the draft. As the minister has said, we will need to check whether in fact that draft is something that can in fact be released. It is a draft deliberative document, a working document.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator TROOD: ... You have that on notice. I would be grateful if you could get back to me when you can about that.</p>			
33.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 – National Security and International Policy	Senator Ludlam	Independent review of the intelligence community	<p>Senator LUDLAM: ... Do you think there is an expectation that the panel will be able to make recommendations about the resourcing and mandate of your agency, or are they actually excluded from considering your oversight role?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I think you would have to speak to the panel about that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I am not sure that we can call them into these committees.</p> <p>Dr Thom: That is true. Prime Minister and Cabinet are the agency</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 62, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>responsible for it. I am not sure the extent to which they will be looking at oversight arrangements.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Are you able to make an undertaking to find out for us?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I think it is probably better to address that question to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I am prepared to take it on notice on behalf of PM&C.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Thanks, Minister. If the answer to that is no, I would be curious to know the reason why, but I will not pre-empt it.</p>			
34.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 – National Security and International Policy	Senator Boyce	National Security Committee	<p>Would the department please advise –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> when the committee was first formed? membership of the committee (including the name of ministers and the portfolio held) during each successive ministry since the formation of the committee – during the Howard, Rudd and Gillard Governments. 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
35.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Fifield	Prime Minister's spouse/partner – support staff	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Have been, previous to this, dedicated staff members in the Prime Minister's office to provide support to the prime ministerial spouse?</p> <p>Mr Terrell: I will have to take that on notice. I am not familiar with what has happened previously.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: If you could, thank you.</p> <p>Mr Lewis: I can think of one particular case where that was so. But to get a fuller answer we would have to check it out.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 82, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
36.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Fifield	Prime Minister's spouse/partner – reporting of travel costs	<p>Mr Terrell: Just to be clear, for all official travel for Mr Mathieson and the Prime Minister, PM&C will pick up the costs other than, as we indicated, domestic flights.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Given that the department covers these ground transport costs, are they periodically reported? For instance, for members of parliament, their staff and their spouses, the costs that they incur through Department of Finance and Deregulation entitlements are periodically tabled in the parliamentary. Do you know how those equivalent costs for prime ministerial spouses that are picked up by PM&C are publicly reported?</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 84, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Mr Terrell: We are not aware of any reporting that has occurred in this area for Mr Mathieson or any other former prime ministerial spouse.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: That would be information that you would have.</p> <p>Mr Terrell: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Is there information that could be made available to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Terrell: I would probably have to take it on notice, but yes.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: We will take it on notice if it has not been reported previously. But I do not see a problem; we will take the question on notice.</p>			
37.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Fifield	Prime Minister's spouse/partner – recommendations made by the Department	<p>Senator FIFIELD: In relation to the appointment in the Prime Minister's office of a staff member to assist Mr Mathieson, has the department made any recommendations in relation to the need for support to the prime ministerial spouse?</p> <p>Mr Terrell: We have made no formal recommendations.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Any informal recommendations?</p> <p>Mr Terrell: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: If you could.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 85, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
38.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Abetz	Community Cabinet – Minister for Foreign Affairs' attendance since 24 June 2010	<p>Senator ABETZ: Possibly the minister can answer this one for us. Has Mr Rudd attended any community cabinet meetings since Ms Gillard became Prime Minister?</p> <p>Senator Evans: I am afraid that I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure. We have in recent times had a bit of a different mix of cabinet members, outer ministers and parliamentary secretaries at some of these things, depending on locations. I will take that on notice; I am not sure what the answer is.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: All right.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 98, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
39.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Abetz	Ministerial travel - approval process	<p>Mr Sterland: The process for seeking and gaining the PM's approval for the overseas travel for ministers is similar to what applied under previous governments. A minister who proposes the travel must seek the PM's agreement to the proposed travel. It is analysed within PM&C and advice is provided to the Prime Minister and/or her office. PM&C has regard to the ministerial travel guidelines, including whether the visit relates to specific outcomes, whether ministerial level involvement is essential and whether the duration of the visit is reasonable. Ministers are expected to seek value for money when</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 98, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				travelling overseas. They or their chief of staff are required to confirm that that most cost-effective arrangements have been sought for proposed travel. Senator ABETZ: Does PM&C cast any value judgments in relation to these value for money considerations or is that left to the particular minister? Mr Sterland: I will have to take the specifics of that on notice. As I said, PM&C has regard to the general elements in the ministerial travel guidelines in providing its advice. Senator ABETZ: If you can take that on notice and come back to us, that would be good.			
40.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Abetz	Overseas travel – requests from the Minister for Foreign Affairs	Senator ABETZ: Has Mr Rudd put in any requests for overseas travel that have been denied since Ms Gillard has become Prime Minister? Mr Sterland: I think we would have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: All right; if you could, please.	Hansard, F&PA, p 99, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
41.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Abetz	Cabinet – meeting dates	Senator ABETZ: Did cabinet definitely meet in April? Senator Chris Evans: We meet every week when the parliament sits and most weeks when it does not. I would— Senator ABETZ: All right; take it on notice, please. Senator Chris Evans: I would want to take it on notice. We have not had long breaks between cabinet meetings. So we can get that information for you, but I am 99 per cent sure we met in April. It is just that, when you ask directly, I think, 'Well, hang on.' Senator ABETZ: I know it was a long	Hansard, F&PA, p 99, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
42.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Abetz	Deputy Prime Minister's Office - staffing	Senator ABETZ: For five years. Can we confirm that the Deputy Prime Minister—this is in relation to staff in the ministerial offices—has three media contact people in his office? Senator Chris Evans: We would have to take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA, p 99, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
43.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government	Senator Abetz	Community Cabinet meetings - location	Senator FIFIELD: Thank you. Regarding location choice, I assume it is the Prime Minister's call as to where and when they happen. Senator Chris Evans: I think so, Senator. We move around the states and we move around regions inside the states, giving a spread. I am not sure there is anything—	Hansard, F&PA, p 101, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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	operations			<p>Senator ABETZ: The question is: whose call is it?</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: That is right. I assume it is the Prime Minister's. I would be surprised if it were anything else.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I presume it is made inside—</p> <p>Mr Lewis: It is a matter for government. I am sorry I cannot answer.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes, but the minister can. I accept that PM&C cannot.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I was trying to be helpful. To be absolutely correct, I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: You just go along and go where you are told to go.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: It is in my diary and I turn up. I will take it formally on notice. But it is fair to assume the Prime Minister gets the final call. If that is not right, I will come back to you.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Thank you.</p>			
44.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Fifield	Community Cabinet meetings - costs	<p>Mr Sterland: The next one on my list is advertisements. So this is in local newspapers, to advertise the events and publicise how to become involved. I have \$2,839 here as an average cost. Audiovisual staging—so this is building stages up and any of the audiovisual equipment—\$11,841. Then there is the hire of equipment: \$16,937.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Is that chairs and tables?</p> <p>Mr Sterland: I think it would be that, but let me take it on notice in case it is different to that.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Thank you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 102-103, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
45.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Fifield	Community Cabinet meetings – officials in attendance	<p>Senator FIFIELD: How many officials do attend?</p> <p>Mr Sterland: Can I take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Sterland: There is a PM&C contingent operating the event, assisting with security et cetera and servicing the ministers. The relevant ministers bring an official along to assist them in taking notes and that sort of thing for the one-on-one meetings. I can take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 103, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
46.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Fifield	Community Cabinet meetings	<p>Senator Chris Evans: They used to encourage secretaries to attend. Certainly I took to a practice where I encouraged the state manager to be there. Quite frankly, with all due respect to the secretaries, they have a better feel for the local issues and services being provided. So we do not fly an official in. When we did the Perth one we had the WA state director. I think there are fewer officials than there used to be. Clearly,</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 103, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>the organisational side requires a few people.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Fifield, do you have many more questions on this issue?</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: No, I do not.</p> <p>Mr Sterland: If you want that sort of detail, I could take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Sure. If you could, thank you.</p>			
47.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Fifield	Flights – Departmental employees	<p>Please provide the monthly breakdown, from March 2010 to April 2011, for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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>). 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 Perth, Perth to Sydney, Hobart to Melbourne, Canberra to Melbourne, and Canberra to Sydney</i>). 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>). 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>). 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
48.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services	Senator Fifield	Flights – Prime Minister's partner	<p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number of commercial domestic flights taken by the Prime Minister's partner for the current financial year; 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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	for government operations			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) The aggregate cost of all commercial domestic flights taken by the Prime Minister's partner for the current financial year; c) The aggregate cost of all the Prime Minister's partner's commercial domestic accommodation for the current financial year; d) The number of staff travelling with the Prime Minister's partner each commercial domestic journey. <p>2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The number of commercial international flights taken by the Prime Minister's partner for the current financial year; b) The aggregate cost of all commercial international flights taken by the Prime Minister's partner for the current financial year; c) The aggregate cost of all the Prime Minister's partner's commercial international accommodation for the current financial year; d) The number of staff travelling with the Prime Minister's partner each commercial international journey. <p>3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The number of chartered domestic flights taken by the Prime Minister's partner for the current financial year; b) The aggregate cost of all chartered domestic flights taken by the Prime Minister's partner for the current financial year; c) The number of staff travelling with the Prime Minister's partner each chartered domestic journey. <p>4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The number of chartered international flights taken by the Prime Minister's partner for the current financial year; b) The aggregate cost of all chartered international flights taken by the Prime Minister's partner for the current financial year; c) The number of staff travelling with the Prime Minister's partner each chartered international journey. 			
49.	Department of the Prime Minister	Senator Fifield	Support for the Prime	<p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A full position description for the employee whose duties 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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	and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations		Minister's partner	<p>include providing support to the Prime Minister's partner.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The classification of this employee. 3. The salary of this employee. 4. The home base of this employee. 5. The number of domestic flights taken by this employee for the current financial year. 6. The aggregate cost of all domestic flights taken by this employee for the current financial year. 7. The aggregate cost of this employee's domestic accommodation for the current financial year. 8. The number of international flights taken by this employee for the current financial year. 9. The aggregate cost of all international flights taken by this employee for the current financial year. 10. The aggregate cost of this employee's international accommodation for the current financial year. 			
50.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Fifield	Budget measure to create additional positions for Government and non-Governmen t Parliamentarian' s staff	Is there any rationale in addition to that provided in the budget papers; and is it as a result of any further agreement or discussion with the Independents?	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
51.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 – Support services for government operations	Senator Abetz	Media advisers – ministers' offices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the rationale for the provision of between 2 and 3 Media Advisers in the offices of Ministers? 2. Who provided advice that Ministers should have two Media Advisers? 3. For each Minister, how many staff in each office have media duties? 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
52.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.5 – CHOGM 2011	Senator Fifield	CHOGM – opening ceremony costs	<p>Mr Sterland: It is \$1.9 million for the opening ceremony per se. Senator FIFIELD: I know there is a cost to these international events. I thought \$80,000 for a community cabinet meeting was a large figure but I will not prejudge the figure. Are you able to provide a breakdown of what is envisaged at this stage? As I say, I will not prejudge it</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 112, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>because—</p> <p>Mr Sterland: For the whole event—</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: For the opening ceremony.</p> <p>Mr Sterland: We will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: If you could. The breakdown may tell the story and who knows what the view might be after having that breakdown. Would that opening ceremony figure also include the purchase of official gifts for delegates?</p> <p>Mr Sterland: We will take that on notice.</p>			
53.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.5 – CHOGM 2011	Senator Fifield	CHOGM – media staff	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Thank you. Is the department intending on enlisting the help of any external media management professionals for the CHOGM event, given the number of international media who would be attending, or are these details yet to be worked out?</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS: In addition to Premier Barnett?</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: In addition to Premier Barnett, who is the premier of the host state. He does a good job.</p> <p>Mr Sterland: I know there are facilities at the event. I will take on notice the precise details of what contracting is happening.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Okay.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 112, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
54.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.5 – CHOGM 2011	Senator Ludlam	CHOGM – staffing	<p>Senator LUDLAM: It is in my home town. Have you started shifting PM&C staff across to Perth?</p> <p>Mr Sterland: Yes. I believe a small leading contingent has gone—the ones involved with facilities, as I understand it. And then they will progressively transfer there.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay. Can you give us an idea of how many are already there?</p> <p>Mr Sterland: It is changing as we speak. Now is the time when the move is underway. I have not got precise numbers on me. I would say that it is around 10 or under at the moment out of the numbers that I mentioned earlier.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Could you on notice confirm for us whether that is accurate—the number of staff from PM&C that you have there now relative to the numbers that you will have in Perth when the thing actually kicks off.</p> <p>Mr Sterland: When the financial year kicks off—</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Sorry, the event.</p> <p>Mr Sterland: The event. My understanding is that the bulk of the team</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 113, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>will be heading over during the month of June.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay.</p> <p>Mr Sterland: It will be substantially there at the start of the year and then planning intensively.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: So you can provide us with those numbers when you can verify them.</p>			
55.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.5 – CHOGM 2011	Senator Ludlam	CHOGM – law reforms	<p>Senator LUDLAM: The Western Australian government is proposing some fairly severe law reforms, if you could call them that, some of which I understand will be temporary and will be in force only for the duration of the event. Some of them might last a bit longer, as the ones around APEC did in New South Wales. Has the Commonwealth advised the state of Western Australia or has there been contact between the Prime Minister's office and the Premier on the nature of the laws that they are proposing to pass?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: I will have to take that on notice. I am sure that the answer is no. What laws are passed in Western Australia is a matter for the Western Australian government. If they were of the view that laws needed to be adjusted for some reason or other to meet the security needs of this event then that would be a decision for them.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 113, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
56.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.2 – Official and ceremonial support	Senator Faulkner	70th anniversary of the Australian Women's Land Army	<p>Senator FAULKNER: This is also on the recognition issue, and goes to the issue of the Australian Women's Land Army. There has been a longstanding view that there ought to be recognition of the Australian Women's Land Army as a fourth ancillary service. This is something, of course, that the Departments of Defence and Veterans' Affairs have had involvement in. By way of background, it is obviously fair to say it is not a defence honour and it is not in any way related to veterans' benefits. But there has been a suggestion, and I wonder if this has been drawn to the attention of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet—I think it appropriate that the question be raised here, given the circumstances—there are now around 450 living members of the Australian Women's Land Army remaining—of the appropriateness of now presenting to permanent members of the Women's Land Army who enlisted for the duration of World War II a brooch, a booklet and a certificate. Is this something that the department has been engaged in or is aware of? Can you assist me with that?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: I am sorry, I cannot assist you. I am not aware that any approach has been made to the department, but I would not rule it out.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 110-111, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>There may have been some early approaches made. It certainly has not developed any momentum in relation to the work of relevant officers of the department to my knowledge. Perhaps if I could take that question on notice—I need to speak to the precise section that is doing this work—and we could come back to you.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I think that the issue here, which I am sure you would appreciate, Mr Lewis, is that the 70th anniversary, in 2012, of the Australian Women's Land Army is nigh. I support strongly the appropriate recognition of these women, who I think were quite remarkable in what they achieved for our nation. I think the situation we are faced with here is that there is strong support for such recognition broadly within agencies, within government and, I am sure, within the community; but I suspect it is a question of which agency might properly coordinate it. I think in the circumstances it is becoming more and more logical that this is something that falls to PM&C. Minister, I might ask you or Mr Lewis to have a look at this, because I think it is becoming more and more urgent. I stress that it is not a Defence honour, and of course it is not intended that there be a veterans entitlements or benefits issue. It is merely an appropriate acknowledgment and honouring of these extraordinary Australians. I might commend that to the minister at the table to perhaps pass on to the Prime Minister—and yourself, Mr Lewis, to see about some of the spadework that I know has been done in other agencies, particularly Defence where I am sure this has been carried out with very good will but an inability to progress through those agencies because it is effectively not a Defence honour.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: We will make some inquiries and I am sure Mr Lewis will take up the question of PM&C engagement just to see where developments in this matter—</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I hope that, if there has been no communication from either the Department of Defence or the Department of Veterans' Affairs it might be something where PM&C themselves could take an initiative. This is obviously something that would not be at all controversial or costly to government, but in the circumstances I think it is time to act on it.</p> <p>Mr Lewis: Senator, whether the department has or has not been advised is something I will come back to you on as a question on</p>			

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				notice. With regard to the sentiment that you express, I understand that precisely and we will certainly check out exactly where this matter lies.			
57.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.2 – Official and ceremonial support	Senator Fifield	Emergency medal – tax exemption for recipients	<p>Senator FIFIELD: While we are on recognition, if I could go back to the emergency medal for a moment. I neglected to give the minister at the table the opportunity to give his view as to whether he thinks that people who might be recipients of an emergency medal for their actions in flood-affected areas should be exempt from the flood tax.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Senator, that is a policy question that the government may consider when we are further down the track. I do not have any particular information on that. I am happy to take it on notice, but I think the department have indicated they are still in the development stage of the awards process. I think as we move down that path we will get more clarity about these issues, but I will take on notice whether there has been any consideration given to that. It is not primarily an issue in terms of the medal, but I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Thank you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 111, 23 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
58.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.2 – Official and ceremonial support	Senator Fifield	Electricity bills for Kirribilli House and the Lodge	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Could I please have—and this is something that might need to be taken on notice—a quarterly breakdown of electricity bills for Kirribilli House and the Lodge since November 2007?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Sterland: I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 17, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
59.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.2 – Official and ceremonial support	Senator Fifield	Prime Minister's wine cellar	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Are you in a position to give us an update on the current contents of the Prime Minister's wine cellar?</p> <p>Mr Terrell: Again, we provided to the most recent question on notice a detailed list, but we would have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Has there been any change since that answer?</p> <p>Mr Terrell: I assume that there has been consumption and purchases since the last update.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: If you could provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: We can take it on notice, Senator.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: ... Could I ask that any changes to the wine cellar since the last answer was provided be provided on a week-by-week basis, if that is possible?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: A week-by-week basis?</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 18-20, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Senator FIFIELD: A week-by-week basis? Changes from the last answer that was provided to today.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: If you are asking us to do a stocktake every week I think that might be—I will take the question on notice but I am sure whether we could justify doing a stocktake every week in order to answer the question for you but we will come back with what is helpful. We are happy to be transparent but whether it is a good use of time to weekly provide you with a stocktake I am not sure.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: That will depend on the basis upon which this information is updated.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: That is right.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: It may be a simple thing to do.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Yes, clearly we do not want to get to a nightly level. As I say, I am happy to be transparent, happy to see how that information has been provided in the past but I would want to give consideration to whether we are required to do it weekly.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Thank you.</p>			
60.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.2 – Official and ceremonial support	Senator Fifield	Physical alterations to The Lodge	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Thank you for that. Have there been any physical alterations made to either of the official residences since the last estimates?</p> <p>Mr Terrell: As you would be aware, both residences are old and require corrective maintenance from time to time. Most of that work is currently organised by the Department of Finance and Deregulation under an arrangement we entered into with Finance last year. You would have to check with them to get an update on what has happened from their side. From our side, we have done some relatively minor works to both houses.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Terrell: I have not got the details of exactly what but there was an additional \$390 spent at the Lodge and my figures indicate that there has been no additional expenditure at Kirribilli House.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Could you take on notice what that \$390 was for?</p> <p>Mr Terrell: Sure.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 20-21, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
61.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.2 – Official and	Senator Fifield	Functions held at official establishments	<p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A list of all functions held at Kirribilli for the current financial year, including those not attended by Prime Minister 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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	ceremonial support			<p>Julia Gillard.</p> <p>b) The name of the individual/organisation hosting the function.</p> <p>c) Names of the attendees at each function.</p> <p>d) Breakdown of costs including:</p> <p>e) Food</p> <p>f) Non-alcoholic beverages</p> <p>g) Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>h) Catering staff</p> <p>i) Security staff</p> <p>j) Any other costs associated with the function.</p> <p>k) The name of the individual/organisation who met the cost of the function.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>a) A list of all functions held at the Lodge for the current financial year, including those not attended by Prime Minister Julia Gillard.</p> <p>b) The name of the person hosting the function</p> <p>c) Names of the attendees at each function</p> <p>d) Breakdown of catering costs including:</p> <p>e) Food</p> <p>f) Non-alcoholic beverages</p> <p>g) Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>h) Catering staff</p> <p>i) Security staff</p> <p>j) Any other costs associated with the function.</p> <p>k) The name of the individual/organisation who met the cost of the function.</p>			
62.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.2 – Official and ceremonial support	Senator Fifield	Artworks purchased for official establishments	<p>Please provide:</p> <p>1. For any artworks purchased for display at Kirribilli house in the last financial year:</p> <p>a) type (painting, sculpture etc)</p> <p>b) cost</p> <p>c) artist's name</p> <p>2. For any artworks on loan at Kirribilli house in the last financial year:</p> <p>a) type (painting, sculpture etc)</p>	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) cost c) artist's name d) organisation whom the artwork is on loan from (NGA, Australiana fund, external sources etc) <p>3. For any artworks purchased for display at the Lodge in the last financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) type (painting, sculpture etc) b) cost c) artist's name <p>4. For any artworks on loan at the Lodge in the last financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) type (painting, sculpture etc) b) cost c) artist's name d) organisation whom the artwork is on loan from (NGA, Australiana fund, external sources etc) 			
63.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.2 – Official and ceremonial support	Senator Fifield	Queen's Diamond Jubilee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could the Department provide a complete list of all the events that are being considered and planned in order to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in February 2012? 2. Could the Department provide a description of the sorts of events that the Department is considering (eg. concerts, public events etc) to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary in February 2012? 3. Is anything being planned in Parliament House to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee Anniversary in February 2012? 4. Is anything being planned at Government House to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee Anniversary in February 2012? 5. How many staff in the Department are involved in the planning of events to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee? 6. With whom are members of the Department consulting with in preparing and putting these events together? 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
64.	2.1	Senator Humphries	Efficiency dividend – protection for smaller agencies	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: When the broken election promise was announced on 21 April that, despite having promised that the efficiency dividend would remain at 1.25 per cent it was in fact to be increased to 1.5 per cent, following on from the previous broken election promise of 2007 that the dividend would not rise and in fact it rose by two per cent over the 2008-09 financial year, both Senator Wong and then Senator</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 69-70, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Lundy, who is a parliamentary secretary in this portfolio, made comments about measures that would be taken to protect smaller agencies. Senator Lundy said, 'Today's announcement to apply the efficiency dividend at a portfolio level protects smaller agencies.' That was used by a number of members of the government to argue that this would be a device to cushion smaller agencies from the effect of the efficiency dividend. I was surprised to see when these budget papers were released that the full additional quarter per cent dividend cut applied in every one of the small agencies without exception. How does the announcement made by Senator Wong and Senator Lundy actually translate into a device to protect smaller agencies, in this case Screen Australia?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: ... They said that the smaller institutions could be protected by virtue of the efficiency dividend applying at the portfolio level, allowing—I assume she was implying—the dividend to be absorbed by the parent agency, or partly absorbed by the parent agency, rather than by the smaller agency. If that was not her intention, what was her intention and Minister Wong's intention in saying the smaller agencies would be protected?</p> <p>Senator Sherry: The witness cannot go to the intention of ministers or parliamentary secretaries.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: No, but you can.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: I was just going to say, in answering the question—if you would just let me answer it—I can make inquiries on their behalf. I am happy to take the question on notice, but it is not for the officer to do that in the case of a minister or a parliamentary secretary's intention.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: With the greatest respect, this was an important announcement that the government made on 21 April. You have been a minister in finance and Treasury areas previously and still have a connection there. Surely you are aware of the reason that it was announced, on 21 April, that there would be a device to protect smaller agencies? Why can you not tell me now why it is that the agencies are not being protected?</p> <p>Senator Sherry: I can make inquiries for you. I am not on the expenditure review committee anymore. I was up until last November,</p>			

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				<p>so I will have to make inquiries and take it on notice to see what was intended by the statements, assuming they are accurate.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: I can table the media releases now, if you want to see them.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: I said I assumed they were accurate. I do not have them in front of me so I will take your word for it. I can refer it onto the ministers. I am sure they will look at the <i>Hansard</i> and your quotes. But that is the best I can do today, I am afraid.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: We were told it would not be applied.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Sherry: The first point I would make is that the government has announced and applied its policy with respect to the efficiency dividend, which has been canvassed. I think it is generally well known. Secondly, with respect to the statements/press releases you are quoting from vis-a-vis my colleagues Senator Wong and Senator Lundy—I can only take on notice to ask them whether they have any relevant comment to make about the comments they made about the efficiency dividend vis-a-vis the government’s policy outcome in the budget. That is all I can do.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Could I ask you whether you would attempt to obtain an answer for us to this question so that the agencies being examined after the dinner break can be examined, because I want to ask this question of all the agencies?</p> <p>Senator Sherry: I will get my office to put in a call to their office, but they are not going to be here this evening, as I understand it. I will not be, either. I will put in a call. I will get my office to put in a call to Senator Lundy’s office and Senator Wong’s office to see if they have anything to add, but I would just point out it is not in accordance with the normal taking on notice procedures. But I try to be accommodating. We will put a call in and see if they have got anything further to add. I do not even know whether they are here. I assume Senator Wong—</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: I would be surprised if the minister were not here.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: I was just going to say—you keep interrupting—I assume Senator Wong is somewhere here in estimates, but I am not absolutely certain. We will do our best.</p>			

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				<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Thank you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: I was asking you to indicate how a policy applied but, if you cannot do that, all right. Can I take it that the question that Senator Sherry said he would take on notice is still being taken on notice as to an explanation of how exactly this policy announcement—</p> <p>Mr Eccles: I will ensure that it is.</p>			
65.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 2.1 – Arts and Cultural Development	Senator Humphries	Luxury car tax – collecting agencies	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: I come back to the luxury car tax question that we ventilated before dinner. I understand that the tax is meant to ensure that when a collecting institution, such as a museum or art gallery, purchases a luxury car for exhibition purposes or for collecting purposes the luxury car tax for an imported vehicle does not apply to that institute. I understand that is not about general purpose use of luxury cars by the agencies. I also understand that the measure is meant to have a cost to the budget of about half a million dollars per year. Can you confirm whether that is the case?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: No, I cannot confirm that. We would have to take that on notice or it might be better asked of the Treasury officials who are responsible for implementing it. I am not sure if we took the opportunity to speak to one of the museum curators to see whether or not they are across it, but I am certainly not across the details and I would rather take it on notice than guess.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: This is really a question for the arts portfolio because, as I read the policy as it now stands, on average a half million dollars in dispensation from the payment of tax applies for the next few years. That would imply the purchase of several hundred cars each year by collecting agencies across Australia. I honestly cannot imagine the circumstances in which any museum or art gallery would need to make such a large number of purchases to warrant that kind of sum being in the budget. What I have outlined may well be the way that the tax has been conceived, but I assumed that this agency is the one that will be able to tell us why collecting agencies would see the need to import so many cars.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: There are collecting agencies outside the Commonwealth government's purview. As I said, I would like to take it on notice. These are details we need to check with the Treasury. Alternatively the</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 90, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>questions could be put to Treasury when they appear.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: If you could take that on notice to the extent that you can answer it, I would be grateful. Could you also take on notice whether it includes state government agencies, such as the Art Gallery of New South Wales for example. Does it include private collectors acquiring cars for a private collection, such as a private museum of some sort? I assume that in some way this department would have fielded some calls from the collecting institutions sector for such dispensation to be provided. If that is the case, could we have details of any calls that institutions have made on the government for there to be this kind of dispensation?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We will take all of that on notice. That is important context.</p>			
66.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 2.1 – Arts and Cultural Development	Senator Humphries	Desart and Indigenous Art Code Ltd	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: And Desart receives \$1.4 million in government funds, including funding from the Australian government—about half of that is funding from the Australian government. I am led to believe that at the last Desart AGM Mr Oster announced that in 2010 Desart had lost a quarter of a million dollars due to fraud in that organisation. Apparently a staff member under his supervision was responsible for siphoning off funds from that organisation. Can you confirm whether that is the case?</p> <p>Ms Bassar: I am not aware of that. I would need to take that on notice and find out for you.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Okay. As a follow-up question, if the government was not aware of that fact does it have a bearing on the decision to appoint Mr Oster to that role, given that presumably Indigenous Art Code Ltd will be administering Australian government funds? Would there be some concern about the lack of governance in the organisation which Mr Oster previously administered?</p> <p>Ms Bassar: We will look into that whole issue for you.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: I also ask you specifically to take on notice whether your organisation was aware of Desart's problems with fraud before Mr Oster was appointed.</p> <p>Ms Bassar: Okay.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 91, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
67.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 2.1 –	Senator Humphries	Efficiency dividend impact – Australia	<p>CHAIR: Before you do, Senator Humphries, can I just follow on with some questions in relation to those grants? I think it would be helpful for the committee, Mr Eccles, if you could outline to us the sorts of</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 93, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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	Arts and Cultural Development		Council's grants program	<p>grants that will be fulfilled with that \$10 million. Can you outline the program?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Bassar: Yes. There is \$10 million going to funding that will support young and emerging artists. The new program will support up to 150 additional artistic works, presentations and fellowships. It will also assist artists with a disability, artists from non-English-speaking culturally-diverse backgrounds, and artists in regional and remote areas. The Australia Council is at the moment working out the exact development of the program guidelines and that sort of thing. But that is the broad—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Is it also possible that some organisations that receive an increase under this program could also simultaneously receive a decrease in funding, in real terms, by virtue of the efficiency dividend impact on the Australia Council's grant program?</p> <p>Ms Bassar: I think that is a matter for the Australia Council in terms of how they are working that out. It is early days in terms of them working out what the program guidelines are going to be.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: The final details on how it is going to be administered are being sorted through at the moment. We can take that on notice.</p>			
68.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 2.1 – Arts and Cultural Development	Senator Humphries	Luxury car tax – endorsed public museums and art galleries	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Going back to the luxury car tax issue—we are obviously very interested in this issue. I think you were taking on notice a number of questions about how that would work. I gather that there are endorsed public museums and art galleries. I have been told that that is the criterion that you need to have in order to be able to gain the exemption. I assume that means private organisations are not entitled to the exemption. If there is a list of endorsed public museums and art galleries, could we have that list, please?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We will certainly look into it. If there is one, we will provide it.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: If not, what are the criteria to get onto the list—one that is going to be created.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 94, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
69.				<i>Question deleted</i>		08/07/11	25/08/11
70.	Australia Council	Senator Humphries	Grants recipients	Senator HUMPHRIES: How much did you have in the last financial year to hand out to those organisations that are not among the 28	Hansard, F&PA, p 72,	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>exempted organisations?</p> <p>Ms Keele: I can tell you what the total efficiency dividend is.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: That is fine, but it is not what I want to know.</p> <p>Ms Keele: Yes. I do not think I can answer that off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: If you could take that on notice and presumably whatever that figure is, if you add 0.7 per cent to it you will get the figure that you will have for this coming financial year.</p> <p>Ms Keele: Yes.</p>	24 May		
71.	National Film and Sound Archive	Senator Humphries	NFSA staffing levels	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Could you perhaps take on notice what your average FTE staff level was in 2007-08?</p> <p>Ms Landrigan: Yes, I have got 2008-09 but not prior that.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: That would be great if you would not mind.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 78, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
72.	National Film and Sound Archive	Senator Humphries	Efficiency dividend impact	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: ... Could you also take on notice what the cumulative financial impact of the efficiency dividends has been since 2007-08, please?</p> <p>Ms Landrigan: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 78, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
73.	National Film and Sound Archive	Senator Humphries	Nitrate containers	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: ... We have previously discussed the question of the storage requirements of the archive and particularly storage requirements for nitrate film. What is the current state of play with that storage challenge?</p> <p>Ms Landrigan: ... On the nitrate side, we already have the bunker and we have two nitrate containers which we have recently refurbished, but we also just purchased an additional container that we will fit for nitrate. We are fairly confident we have nitrate under control—if you are calling ‘in containers’ under control. We are satisfied that that material is safe and not deteriorating further once in those containers.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: How many films can each container hold?</p> <p>Ms Landrigan: I do not have that answer. Can we take that on notice?</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 78-79, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
74.	National Film and Sound Archive	Senator Humphries	Compulsory collection policy	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: How much are you missing out on by not having a compulsory collection policy?</p> <p>Ms Landrigan: I think in terms of feature films we are doing very well.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: I am sorry?</p> <p>Ms Landrigan: In terms of feature films we are not missing out on too many. I think it is the independent area that involves us having individual relationships with stakeholders to ensure that material comes into the collection.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 79, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Mr Boden: This financial year we set ourselves a target of collecting 100 feature films, which was based on the estimate of funded production from both federal and state. As at the end of April, we have currently acquired 147 feature films.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: That is great, but it does not answer the question as to how many you are not collecting because of a lack of a national compulsory collection policy.</p> <p>Ms Landrigan: We do not have that answer with us, but we can provide it if you would like.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Thank you very much.</p>			
75.	National Museum of Australia	Senator Humphries	Reduction in staffing	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: You mentioned that you had been reducing staffing. I notice that the CPSU believes there has already been a 5.4 per cent cut in jobs at the museum. Would you agree with that figure?</p> <p>Mr Sayers: The voluntary redundancies have reduced the Museum staff by 20 positions. I have not done a precise calculation on that. The full staff complement—let me just be precise and then we can work out the figure—is 292. So it would be 20 of 292. I have not done the calculation.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: I calculate that the effect of the reduction in real terms on your funding is about \$2.4 million over the outyears. That takes into account the effect of forecast CPI and the impact of the enhanced efficiency dividend and the original efficiency dividend and the previous dividends, which have a lag effect on you. I will not ask you to make a calculation about whether that is an accurate figure. You can take that on notice, though, if you would not mind.</p> <p>Mr Sayers: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 81, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
76.	National Museum of Australia	Senator Humphries	Visits to the Museum	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: When was the last time that the Prime Minister or a Prime Minister or a minister for the arts visited your organisation?</p> <p>Mr Sayers: I would have to take on notice the first half of the question, because I am not entirely sure when the last time a Prime Minister visited the National Museum was, but I can tell you that the last time the minister for the arts visited the National Museum was for the opening of the exhibition <i>Not just Ned; a true history of the Irish in Australia</i>.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 81, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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77.	National Library of Australia	Senator Humphries	Efficiency dividend impact	Senator HUMPHRIES: I would be grateful if you could take on notice what the cumulative financial impact of the efficiency dividends has been since 2007-08.	Hansard, F&PA, p 85, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
78.	National Gallery of Australia	Senator Humphries	Staffing levels and efficiency dividends	Senator HUMPHRIES: Can you take on notice what your full-time equivalent staff level was in 2007-08 and what the cumulative financial impact of the efficiency dividends has been since 2007-08? Dr Radford: Yes. I know over different governments since I have been there that we have been cut by about \$7.4 million in the last seven or eight financial years, but I do not know that exact figure, so I will give that to you.	Hansard, F&PA, p 87, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
79.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 3.1 – Sport and Recreation	Senator Kroger	Active after- schools program	CHAIR: I get regular newsletters, which is quite beneficial. I do not know if you do, Senator Kroger— Senator KROGER: No, I don't. CHAIR: but certainly from the committee's point of view they are very worth while. You actually get invited to go along and participate. Mr Eccles: We can certainly make sure you are on the mailing list if you want, Senator Kroger. Senator KROGER: Are these departmental emails? CHAIR: No, they come from the people who run the programs. They are very good. Senator KROGER: I would be interested to know about this by state. CHAIR: Yes, if we could get a breakdown of the state figures, that would be helpful. Mr Eccles: What we will do is provide you with the general breakdown around the nature of the program and its uptake. As Mr Rowe mentioned, the Sports Commission has significant data about that, so we will make sure that it is presented in a format that makes sense. Senator KROGER: You mean you are going to keep it simple and sweet? Mr Eccles: Useful. CHAIR: It would be useful information for us to have and to be able to promote on our websites and on Facebook and the like, because it is a really beneficial program. Mr Eccles: That is a good point. We will certainly talk to the commission about that. CHAIR: That would be really useful.	Hansard, F&PA, p 97, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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80.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 3.1 – Sport and Recreation	Senator Polley	Active after-schools program	CHAIR: Are there any plans to incorporate learn to swim campaigns in this program? That is still an area that I feel is underfunded and not part of— Mr Rowe: There is some swimming involved in the program. I am sorry I cannot give you the detail of how much, but we can take that on notice. There are, of course, some restrictions on access to pools for those schools that do not have pools and have to make arrangements outside of school facilities.	Hansard, F&PA, p 97, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
81.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 3.1 – Sport and Recreation	Senator Kroger	Efficiency dividend - ASC	Senator KROGER: Can I go back to a couple of matters in the budget to get some clarification. It says that \$2.8 million over the forward estimates is to be saved from the ASC through administrative savings. I presume the ASC was subject to an efficiency dividend. Is that saving in addition to the efficiency dividend or is that incorporated in it? Mr Eccles: It is in addition. Senator KROGER: In what areas will those savings be made? Mr Eccles: Again, as the Sports Commission is not here I would be a little reluctant to commit to details on that. It is something we can find out from the commission. We will take that on notice. Senator Arbib: Yes, we are happy to take it on notice. As it is an agency it is probably best that the CEO provides that information. They were not requested by the committee. We are happy to take it on notice for you.	Hansard, F&PA, p 97, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
82.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 3.1 – Sport and Recreation	Senator Kroger	Administrative savings from the ASC	Senator KROGER: ... Under the program supporting football in the World Cup which is on page 237 of Budget Paper No. 2, it states that this measure is partially offset by administrative savings of \$4.6 million over five years from the Australian Sports Commission. I was wanting confirmation that the total amount of administrative savings from the ASC, on the basis of that, will actually total \$7.4 million. Mr Eccles: We had better take that one on notice as well.	Hansard, F&PA, p 98, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
83.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 3.1 – Sport and Recreation	Senator Kroger	Input to Australian Defence Force drugs policy	Senator KROGER: ... I have been advised by the Department of Defence that they are working either through the Australian Sports Commission or the Australian Drug Foundation will both in developing a drugs policy for the Defence Force. Have you been asked to provide any input into that? Mr Eccles: I am not aware of that. Senator KROGER: It might be the Drug Foundation. The policy that they were looking at developing was the one that is developed for	Hansard, F&PA, p 98, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>sporting codes, which is why I thought that the Australian Sports Commission might well have had some input.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: It could well have been ASADA, the Sports Anti-Doping Authority, that they had discussions with. ASADA oversight the regulation of drug testing, the drug-testing regime in sport and the monitoring of athletes. There would be quite a few lessons, I imagine, that could be learnt.</p> <p>Senator Arbib: There was an article about the use of steroids or performance-enhancing drugs on a military installation. So they may have had discussions with ASADA, given that is one of the areas they deal with. We can check for you.</p> <p>Senator KROGER: Yes, that would be interesting because I think it is a bit broader than that. It is in relation to the use of alcohol. There was a parallel drawn between the abuse of alcohol in football by a small number and the Defence Force. They were seeking to develop a code that was similar.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We could get you some information.</p> <p>Senator KROGER: That would be very helpful.</p>			
84.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 3.1 – Sport and Recreation	Senator Kroger	Review into the administration of football	<p>Senator KROGER: Minister, you also announced in a press release a review into the administration of football in the lead-up to Australia hosting the 2015 Asian Cup ...</p> <p>Senator KROGER: Have you got those terms of reference with you or will you take it on notice—</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We will certainly provide them on notice. We just need to make sure we have the right version.</p> <p>Senator KROGER: That would be terrific.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 98, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
85.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 3.1 – Sport and Recreation	Senator Kroger	2015 Asian Cup	<p>Senator KROGER: Ok. Now, the contingency fund that we just spoke of—what is the normal practice in the way in which that will be drawn down? Does that need to be drawn down before the 2012-13 budget? How does that normally work?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: I would need to check with the department of finance about the precise rules around that. The reason why it is in the contingency fund is that, over the next 12 months or so, we will get a much better idea of what the exact costs are, and that will allow us to access only that funding that is truly needed. I imagine we will have an update around Christmas about what the costs might be.</p> <p>Senator KROGER: Sure.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 99, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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86.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 3.1 – Sport and Recreation	Senator Kroger	Budget measures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the \$2.8 million detailed in Budget Paper No. 2 being allocated to the Asian Cup? 2. If not, where will the \$2.8 million be allocated to? And why was this not explained in the Portfolio Budget Statements? 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
87.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 3.1 – Sport and Recreation	Senator Kroger	Australian Sports Commission - savings	<p>Page 265 of Budget Paper's No 2 provides for a new multicultural policy which includes a Multicultural youth Sports Partnership Program administered by the Australian Sports commission. The Budget states that: "the cost of this measure will be met (partially) through savings identified by the Australian Sports Commission."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much are these savings? 2. Do these savings relate to the administrative savings identified in the Budget? If not, where are these savings coming from? 3. What is the total amount of savings being made from the Australian Sports Commission out of this Budget? 4. Given that the Government provided \$195 million of new spending to the ASC last year, and are now clawing back \$7.4 million, is this an indication that the ASC was overbudgeted last year from the Department's perspective? 5. The Department has detailed that there are \$7.4 million of administrative savings to be found at the ASC. Does this mean that if funding levels had continued - in the department's view - there would have been \$7.4 million of wasted expenditure at the ASC? 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
88.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 3.1 – Sport and Recreation	Senator Fifield	2014 Special Olympics	Can the Department please outline what financial support the Government has made available for the Special Olympics in Melbourne in 2014?	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
89.	Australian Sports Commission	Senator Fifield	2014 Special Olympics	Can the Commission please outline what financial support the Government has made available for the Special Olympics in Melbourne in 2014?	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
90.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Fifield	Employment of people with disabilities in the APS	Mr Sedgwick: We do have the state of the service employee survey which is a confidential survey, it is a sample but it is a confidential survey. In that, seven per cent of employees identified themselves as having a disability. So it is somewhere in that range of three to seven. Who knows? It is about where we are, I guess.	Hansard, F&PA, p 22, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Senator FIFIELD: Over what period of time has that survey work been undertaken? I am just wondering whether we can go back further, if we can go back 10 years?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: Would it have declined? I do not have that number in my hand but I would be surprised if it had not.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: If you could take it back year by year for as long as that survey has been done that would be interesting, just to make sure we are comparing like with like.</p>			
91.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Fifield	Employment of people with disabilities in the APS	<p>Senator FIFIELD: ... Graeme Innes, the Disability Discrimination Commissioner, has called the effort in the Public Service to employ people with disability an epic fail. I am not endeavouring to be partisan here; I think this is an issue that has been around for a long, long time. You have given us the percentage of 3.1 per cent up to possibly seven per cent according to the confidential survey of people who identify as having a disability, do you have an actual number of staff that you can cite that that three per cent to seven per cent would represent?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: The number was 4,618 as of last June.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: That is the figure I had. You do not have any more updated figures since that time?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: Not in front of me, no.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Again, please take on notice what the change has been since 30 June. Has</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 22, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
92.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Fifield	Pilot programs	<p>Senator BOYCE: How many pilot programs or programs are currently operating within agencies?</p> <p>Ms Page: I could not tell you that, sorry. We would have to try and retrieve that information for you.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE: If you could retrieve that information? If you could give me a sense of pilot programs, whether they are continuing and whether they have turned into real programs, so to speak, across the whole Public Service?</p> <p>Ms Page: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 23, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
93.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Certificate of dismissal	<p>Senator RONALDSON: Can you please take this on notice and perhaps if you can get back to me by close of business today or close of business tomorrow? I have already asked you what are the grounds for issuing the certificate of dismissal. What has to be satisfied? What is the time line? Is formal counselling required? Are a fixed number of written warnings or sanctions required prior to issue? Once a certificate</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 26-27, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11

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				<p>has been issued, what are the conditions? How long does the certificate give an officer before their dismissal is actioned? What are the terms of a dismissal certificate regarding payment of accrued leave and entitlements, et cetera? Does the officer have the opportunity to explain their situation or actions? You have already answered my question as to how many you have issued. Can you please take on notice again and provide the committee with a breakdown of requests made and those granted by month and agency since November 2007?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We will not be able to deal with all of that by close of business.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Close of business tomorrow?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Senator, there is no requirement and no capacity for you to set deadlines. The committee sets the deadlines for responding to questions on notice.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: I am asking whether it can be done.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: They will be dealt with in the normal way. If Mr Sedgwick is able to help you earlier then I am sure he will but, just to be clear, those detailed questions on notice will be treated in the normal way.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: By way of explanation, a number of the points that you have addressed there would seem to go more to the processes within an agency. Those issues around notice and opportunity to adjust and all of those things go to the performance of the individual and that is a matter that the agency head and the procedures of the agency would address.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: ... As I said, I will make the comment but one would assume that before a certificate is requested, all of those things that I have put to you within the agency would have been done. They are on notice, and you will get back to me as soon as possible with those?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We will get back to you as soon as we can reasonably give you a correct answer.</p>			
94.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	<p>Senator RONALDSON: The Federal Court proceedings barely got past first base, did they not, before your predecessor and the Commonwealth and Dr Gumley, the first respondent, settled the matter. Can you tell me on what grounds the Public Service Commissioner backed Dr Gumley's account of the requirements for Ms</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 27, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11

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				Wolfe's dismissal? Mr Sedgwick: No, I am sorry, I cannot. I just do not have that with me. I am quite happy to take that on notice to the extent that we can respond to it.			
95.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	Senator RONALDSON: Can you provide me please with a copy of the correspondence between Dr Gumley and the Public Service Commissioner and a copy of your predecessor's decision which has been forwarded back to Dr Gumley? Mr Sedgwick: I will take that on notice. Senator RONALDSON: So you will provide me with that? Mr Sedgwick: I will take it on notice. I will take advice. Senator RONALDSON: Are you going to provide me or are you going to take the question on notice? Mr Sedgwick: I will take the question on notice. Senator RONALDSON: Why would you not provide it? Mr Sedgwick: I will take the question on notice. Senator RONALDSON: Are you going to provide it or are you not going to provide it? Senator Chris Evans: You will get that when you get the answer. Senator RONALDSON: With the greatest of respect, Minister, I am not going to sit here while someone tells me they will take it on notice and then I will get a response back saying, 'No, I am not going to provide it to you.' If the officer is not going to provide it, I would want to know why it is not going to be provided. Senator Chris Evans: That may be the case. I am sure we will be happy to help you with that, but I think Mr Sedgwick is being cautious as he should be as to get proper advice about whether he ought to release correspondence in terms of this particular case and the impact on the individual. I am sure if Mr Sedgwick gets advice that that is appropriate, he will release it. If not, he will give you an answer as to why not. Mr Sedgwick: I am not trying to be unhelpful. As the minister says, I am just being prudent and cautious.	Hansard, F&PA, p 27, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11
96.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	Senator RONALDSON: Do you know what the cost of this aborted action was? Mr Sedgwick: No, I do not. Senator RONALDSON: Will you take it on notice?	Hansard, F&PA, p 28, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Mr Sedgwick: I would not know all of the costs.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: I am not suggesting that off the top of your head you would, but you will take it on notice and provide me with that?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We would not know all of the costs that were involved. We may know our costs, but we would not know others' costs.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: My apologies, I meant the PSC's portion of the costs, and I presume that they were split up between the various respondents, were they—the DMO and yourselves?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: I honestly do not know, but I will find out for you.</p>			
97.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	<p>Mr Sedgwick: The Australian Government Solicitor, as I understand it, was involved throughout this process. Let me amend that. We certainly had legal advice throughout this process; I cannot recall precisely where it came from.</p> <p>Ms Fisher: The Australian Government Solicitor was one of the two firms on our panel of legal advisors, so it would be likely that if we sought external legal advice that it may have come from them.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: How often did you seek advice in relation to this matter, do you know?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Can you provide me with a copy of that advice, please?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We will take that on notice. You know the issues around legal privilege.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 28, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11
98.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	<p>Senator RONALDSON: At what stage did you get advice that this action was unlikely to be successful?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: I simply cannot recall that. It was not one of the first things that came to my attention when I became commissioner, but it was very early in my tenure. I just cannot remember when. We could find that out for you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 28, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11
99.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	<p>Senator RONALDSON: Was your first advice that you should proceed with this matter or that it should be terminated?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: Sorry, Senator, I simply cannot recall what my first advice was. In any event, I would need to take advice as to whether issues of that kind are appropriately canvassed in a forum such as this, given that it would have been covered by legal privilege.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 29, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11

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100.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	Senator RONALDSON: ... The court notes indicate that 'procedural fairness was denied as pleaded in paragraphs 66A, 66B and 66C of the further amended statement of claim'. Can you provide me with a copy of that further amended statement of claim, and can you provide me with the full court order and any attached decision of the court? Mr Sedgwick: Again, I will take that on notice. I do not wish to be unhelpful; it is just that I am not too sure who legally is responsible for those documents. I do not think that we filed that statement of claim. I think it was filed by another party. Senator RONALDSON:	Hansard, F&PA, p 29, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11
101.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	Senator RONALDSON: Did the DMO and you have separate legal advice? Were you separately represented? Mr Sedgwick: I do not think we were. Ms Page: It is not usual. Mr Sedgwick: No, I do not think we were. Senator RONALDSON: Will you take that on notice for me? Mr Sedgwick: Yes.	Hansard, F&PA, p 29, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11
102.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	Senator RONALDSON: Justice Stone made this court order on 8 April. Will you take on notice, if you cannot answer it now, when it was first brought to your attention that the chances of successfully defending this were unlikely? Mr Sedgwick: I would have to go back and refresh my memory. I simply cannot recall the precise date.	Hansard, F&PA, p 29, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11
103.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	Senator RONALDSON: But you are saying that when the issues came to light, that is when you decided to withdraw. Are those issues the procedural fairness issues? Mr Sedgwick: Yes. Senator RONALDSON: Had they not been pleaded from day one by the applicant?	Hansard, F&PA, p 30, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11
104.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	Mr Sedgwick: ... The issue that ultimately led to our taking the actions that we did was one of procedural fairness. Senator RONALDSON: Did you and Mr Gumley have any discussions in relation to this matter? Mr Sedgwick: Yes, we must have, and there were circumstances in which we were being jointly briefed by lawyers. Senator RONALDSON: How often were you briefed? Mr Sedgwick: I am sorry, we will take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA, p 30, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Senator RONALDSON: You will take that on notice? Mr Sedgwick: Yes. Senator RONALDSON: What dates were you briefed? Mr Sedgwick: I will take that on notice. Senator RONALDSON: Were you separately</p>			
105.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ronaldson	Dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe	<p>Senator RONALDSON: ...What further evidence was given to you which led you to believe that you should withdraw, and at what stage were you given that advice prior to the matter being withdrawn? Mr Sedgwick: As I said to you, I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 31, 24 May	16/08/11	25/08/11
106.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Fifield	Blueprint for reform of the APS	<p>Senator FIFIELD: If you could take on notice what the net increase has been in the SES since the blueprint came out and today? Mr Sedgwick: Sure.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 35, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
107.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Kroger	Staff on parental leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide the following information for whole-of-government APS staff on maternity leave <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Breakdown by financial year since 2007 b) Breakdown by department / agency c) Number of staff who have returned full time / part time employment after completion of maternity leave (indicate if they have resumed full or part time) d) Number of staff that resigned after the term of maternity leave expired. 2. Since the introduction of PPL on 1 January 2011, how many have applied for PPL? 3. It is recommended that pregnant women stop working 6 weeks before the expected birth of the baby. However, if a doctor agrees, this deadline can be extended. How many female APS staff have applied for such an extension and how close have they worked to their due date (since 2007)? 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
108.	Australian National Audit Office	Senator Fifield	Commonwealth -state bodies audited by the ANAO	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Can you give some examples of Commonwealth-state bodies where you have been asked to, or when they were established, it was determined that you would be the auditor for those groups? Mr McPhee: If I could take that on notice, I do not think there are many. In fact, the one I was just thinking about was an international body about something to do with the tuna fishing industry, where an international organisation asked us to do the audit, and we have agreed to do that. But let me take that on notice, if you do not mind, and let</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 37, 24 May	28/06/11	07/07/11

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				you know. Senator FIFIELD: Certainly.			
109.	Australian National Audit Office	Senator Fifield	Murray-Darling Basin Commission	Senator FIFIELD: ... Again, you might want to take this on notice, or you may know it off the top of your head, but what about a body like the Murray-Darling Basin Commission or whatever it is called today? Mr McPhee: We may do the audit of the Murray-Darling Basin Commission, I will let you know ... I would need to take that on notice, but my feeling is that we are the auditor for that body. Senator FIFIELD: Thank you.	Hansard, F&PA, p 37, 24 May	28/06/11	07/07/11
110.	Australian National Audit Office	Senator Fifield	NBN subsidiaries	Senator FIFIELD: Is it the only subsidiary at the moment of the main NBN? Mr McPhee: I could not tell you that. I do not know whether there are other subsidiaries, but it is one that we have audited in the past. I can confirm for you. We will liaise with NBN and get you an answer on that. Senator FIFIELD: Thank you for that.	Hansard, F&PA, p 42, 24 May	28/06/11	07/07/11
111.	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Senator Kroger	AIFS report - Families in Australia 2011: Sticking together in good and tough times	Senator KROGER: ... when you conduct these reports clearly you do a costing of them. Can you provide a costing for that report so that it could be considered whether in fact that that was achievable? I presume you do have that. Prof. Hayes: We can give you a breakdown in broad terms of the time that went into the production of that. Senator KROGER: Yes. Prof. Hayes: We would take that on notice. Senator KROGER: And I am happy with that.	Hansard, F&PA, p 47, 24 May	05/07/11	07/07/11
112.	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Senator Kroger	List of 2011 publications	Senator KROGER: ... Can you table a list of the publications that you have put out this year? Prof. Hayes: Yes, we can provide a list of the publications. Senator KROGER: That would be great. CHAIR: Is it the wish of the committee to have the document tabled? Prof. Hayes: Can I provide it to you on notice? Senator KROGER: Certainly, thank you.	Hansard, F&PA, p 48, 24 May	05/07/11	07/07/11
113.	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Senator Moore	Study into adoption practices	Senator MOORE: I am interested in the study that Professor Higgins is doing on adoption practices in Australia. ... Senator MOORE: Do you have any information on the funding basis and who conducted that study?	Hansard, F&PA, p 48- 49, 24 May	05/07/11	07/07/11

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				<p>Dr Higgins: Yes. It was commissioned by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. It was a request for us to provide a quotation to do a literature review to analyse the adequacy of the evidence base to be able to inform government policy and decision making.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: So, that is purely funded by FaHCSIA?</p> <p>Dr Higgins: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Do you have those figures with you or can we get them on notice?</p> <p>Dr Higgins: They will need to be on notice.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: That would be fine.</p>			
114.	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Senator Kroger	Gender equality research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can AIFS advise on whether the agency has completed any research on Gender Equality, eg workforce participation, family responsibilities etc? 2. If not, does AIFS believe this research would be useful for policy determination? 	Written Q	05/07/11	07/07/11
115.	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	Senator Bob Brown	Defence Ombudsman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Were you aware of poor handling of internal complaints by Defence before the recent well publicised events? Please detail advice and observations that you have given Defence on its internal complaints procedures. 2. At least six inquiries and reviews into aspects of Defence culture have been announced during the past month or so. Are you involved in any of these investigations? 	Written Q	11/07/11	25/08/11
116.	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	Senator Bob Brown	Taxation Ombudsman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What action is your office taking in response to allegations by high-profile Australians that the government has treated them unfairly in relation to its Project Wickenby investigation into illegal offshore schemes? 2. In March this year, the media attributed to you criticisms of the Australian Taxation Office made in a private briefing of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts and Audit. It was reported that you said the ATO was plagued by 'systemic problems' and 'institutional rigidities'. 	Written Q	11/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>a) What did you mean?</p> <p>b) What is the impact on taxpayers of these problems?</p> <p>c) How many complaints does your office receive each year about taxation issues and what are the complaints about?</p>			
117.	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	Senator Trood	Budget	<p>Senator TROOD: What is the size of your budget?</p> <p>Mr Walker: I cannot tell you exactly. It is in some statements that I have read. I think it is in the vicinity of \$300,000.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: As you may know, we have this procedure here of taking these questions on notice and your subsequently advising the committee. Perhaps you can take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Perhaps I should take it. I am not quite sure how this is going to work. It probably would have been better if I had someone from PM&C with us, but I do not. I will take it on notice and Mr Walker and I will work out whether PM&C should be providing an answer or he should.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 54, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
118.	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	Senator Ludlam	Office of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor - time taken to fill positions	<p>Senator LUDLAM:...I will put my first question to the minister. The parliament passed enabling legislation for this office in March or April 2010. Can you tell us what was going on between March and December that it took that period of time before offers were being made to potential applicants?...</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: If there is anything that I can add, I will take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 54, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
119.	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	Senator Ludlam	Appropriation	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I am trying to find where you appear in the portfolio budget statement. We cannot find your appropriation and I gather it was bumped forward because of the delay in setting the office up in the first place. Can I have someone provide that for us?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I will take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 56, 24 May	08/07/11	25/08/11
120.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	Senator Trood	Budget – significant measures	<p>Senator TROOD: In the budget statement on page 485—this is the PM&C budget statement for your office—there is a reference to program 1.1 Expenses and a reference to ‘significant assistance free of charge from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’. Is that right?</p> <p>Dr Thom: Yes.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: Can you explain what that means? What does ‘significant assistance’ represent?</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 57, 24 May	04/07/11	07/07/11

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				<p>Dr Thom: It is significance in terms of our overall budget. It is to do with corporate functions such as payroll, occupational health and safety, IT services and property services. They provide that to us largely free of charge. It is not significant in absolute dollar terms, but in terms of our rather small budget, it is significant.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: If it were quantified it would be quite significant in dollar terms, wouldn't it?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I cannot put a figure on it now. I could derive a figure and give it to you.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: You can do that if you choose to do so.</p>			
121.	Office of the Inspector- General of Intelligence and Security	Senator Trood	Complaints received by OIGIS	<p>Senator TROOD: Can you please break down the complaints that you received which fall within your jurisdiction, by agency?</p> <p>Dr Thom: There were 13; 11 about ASIO; one about DSD, Defence Signals Directorate; and one about the Office of National Assessments.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: What is the status of those complaints and your investigations of them?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I do not have that information here.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: Would you take that on notice, please?</p> <p>Dr Thom: Yes.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: Are any of them resolved at this stage?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I do not have that information here.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: Would you take that on notice, please.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, pp 59- 60, 24 May	04/07/11	07/07/11
122.	Office of the Inspector- General of Intelligence and Security	Senator Trood	Complaints received about ASIO's processing	<p>Senator TROOD: You said that ASIO had improved its completion rate as a result of the changed procedures. Have you investigated any complaints received since it changed its regime? Have you received any complaints since then?</p> <p>Dr Thom: We are still receiving historical complaints, yes. We do receive complaints from offshore skilled spouse visa applicants, but their changes have only been happening in the last couple of months so I cannot assess yet what difference that will make in the long term.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: How many of the 861 complaints that you have received were filed after the change in the arrangements?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I am sorry; I do not have those figures.</p> <p>Senator TROOD: There is a lot of material on notice, so I would be grateful if you would ensure that you provide that information as soon as you can.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 61, 24 May	04/07/11	07/07/11

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123.				<i>Question deleted</i>			
124.	Office of the Inspector- General of Intelligence and Security	Senator Ludlam	Independent review of the intelligence community	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Right before Christmas last year, I think it was on 23 December, the government rather quietly announced the terms of reference for an independent review of the intelligence community, the same agencies that you oversee. I do not believe your officers are mentioned specifically in the terms of reference, but can you tell us whether you are formally or informally linked to that undertaking?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I have met with the committee and had discussions, but I am not covered in terms of the scope of their terms of reference.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I understood their review was not of your office; it is more that you are in a wonderful position to contribute. Does the review panel have access to all material, including intelligence information, that is collected and held by your office?</p> <p>Dr Thom: That question has not been addressed.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I am addressing it now.</p> <p>Dr Thom: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: If the answer to that comes back as something other than just a yes or a no that would be appreciated as well—just the extent to which the material that you have will be made available to that review.</p> <p>Dr Thom: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 61, 24 May	04/07/11	07/07/11
125.	Office of the Inspector- General of Intelligence and Security	Senator Ludlam	Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Could you please provide us, within a reasonably short time, with some details about how your views were sought and in what manner you participated? Have you assessed the potential impact of this bill on your capacity to effectively oversee ASIO?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 63, 24 May	04/07/11	07/07/11
126.	National Archives of Australia	Senator Humphries	Efficiency dividend impact	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Perhaps you could take on notice for me what the accumulative financial impact of the efficiency dividends has been since 2007-08.</p> <p>Ms Watson: I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Thank you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 76, 24 May	06/07/11	07/07/11
127.	National Archives of Australia	Senator Humphries	Visits to the NAA	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: ... When was the last time a Prime Minister visited your organisation?</p> <p>Ms Watson: I do not believe the current Prime Minister has visited the archives, but we would need to check that.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: I see.</p>	Hansard, F&PA, p 76, 24 May	06/07/11	07/07/11

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128.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? 2. What classification are these staff? 3. How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD? 4. This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
129.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? 2. If so, where and at what classification? 3. 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. 4. 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 Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
130.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken, or are planning to undertake? 2. For each program, what is the total spend? 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
131.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? 2. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 3. Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. 5. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 6. Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs. 7. What is the Department's entertainment spend FYTD? 8. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				9. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend FYTD. 10. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.			
132.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Board Appointments	1. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 2. Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
133.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Discretionary Grants	1. 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. 2. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
134.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Freedom of Information	1. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. How many FOI requests has the Department received? 3. How many have been granted or denied? 4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
135.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Community Cabinet	1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? 2. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? 3. How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? 4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
136.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG)	Senator Fifield	Reviews	1. How many Reviews are currently being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? 2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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	only)			3. What reviews have been concluded FYTD? 4. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? 5. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 6. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 7. What further reviews are planned for 2010 - 11 FY?			
137.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Consultancies	1. 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. 2. Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? 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? 3. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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138.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Media Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office FYTD? 2. Which agency or agencies provided these services? 3. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies in FYTD? 4. Which agency or agencies provided these services? 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
139.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator 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 Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
140.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Contractors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. 2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details. 3. 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. 4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details. 5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. 6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details. 7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p>			
141.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Commissioned Reports	<p>1. 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.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
142.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings	<p>1. How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings?</p> <p>2. 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 Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
143.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Government Payment of Accounts	<p>1. 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>	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. 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? 3. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 			
144.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Government stationery requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. special type of paper, envelopes)? 2. What are the cost of these items? 3. Is the Department/portfolio agencies paying for these? 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
145.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. 3. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
146.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Travel Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. 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. 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				3. 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.			
147.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. 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. 3. 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. 4. 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. 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
148.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Education 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 Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
149.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p>	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) 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 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 			
150.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Paid Parental Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 2. 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 Q	08/07/11	25/08/11
151.	Cross Portfolio (PM&C, APSC and OOSGG only)	Senator Fifield	Workspace	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For each portfolio department and agency office please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person. 2. Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were. b) What savings did each portfolio department and agency achieve by meeting the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately. c) How much of these savings has each portfolio department and agency kept? Please itemise each 	Written Q	08/07/11	25/08/11

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				<p>portfolio department and agency separately.</p> <p>d) If no, please give details why it does not, including whether an exemption has been received by the Finance Minister.</p> <p>e) 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.</p> <p>f) Are there plans to meet the Guidelines? Please explain.</p>			
152.	Australian Sports Commission	Senator Cash	Women in Sport Media Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I refer to a joint press release from Minister Ellis and Minister Arbib dated 23 May 2011 announcing the launch of Women in Sport Media Grants. The release states that \$1.4 million will be invested to help women's sport attract more media attention through a grant process. Please outline the criteria and bases on which the grants will be awarded? 2. When is the first grant expected to be awarded? 3. What types of projects will be funded under this program to achieve the stated aim of helping attract more attention to women in sport? 4. How will these grants, as Minister Ellis claims, strengthen the Australian Government's commitment to supporting women in sport? 	<p>Written Q</p> <p>(Transferred from FaHCSIA 21/06/2011)</p>	<p>08/07/11</p> <p>Supplementary response received 11/07/11</p>	25/08/11