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1a)	PM&C	Abetz	PM&C new premises since 2007	<p>Senator ABETZ—Can I have confirmed to the committee, please, that PM&C moved into its current premises in 2007? Dr Southern—That is correct.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. What has happened since you have occupied the building? Mr Lewis—A number of changes in the department’s structure and areas of responsibility. Senator ABETZ—Does that include the refurbishment of the secretary’s office? Mr Lewis—As part of a refurbishment or a readjustment in the executive area, yes, that is correct. Senator ABETZ—How much did that cost? Mr Lewis—I do not know. I am sorry. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	p.40 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
1b)	PM&C	Abetz		<p>Senator ABETZ—A small meeting room—right. Could you advise us as to the costs et cetera and who made the decision that it would be more suitable for the secretary to move from one area of the building to another. Do we know? Mr Lewis—There was certainly discussion among the executive about reorganising ourselves and making the layout more functional to accommodate, basically, some changed structures within the department. Senator ABETZ—We do not know how much that has cost? Mr Lewis—I will take that on notice, as I mentioned.</p>	p.41 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
2	PM&C	Abetz	Negotiation of EA	<p>Senator ABETZ—Right. They both went jinx. They both came up with the idea at the same time. I am putting it to you that it was the staff or the union that put it to you, and you then acceded to that request. Ms Liossis—I will put that on notice, but that was not my understanding. Senator ABETZ—So you came up with the idea and told the staff that it would be a good idea to extend it for a day? Mr Lewis—We will take it on notice, Senator. I am not aware of that request coming through, and none of the three of us are aware of it. Senator ABETZ—But we are agreed that there was a shorter time frame which was then extended by 24 hours? Mr Lewis—That is correct, yes.</p>	p.43 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
3	PM&C	Abetz		<p>Senator ABETZ—Can I just quickly ask there: who advised you or reminded you that it was a public holiday on the Monday?</p>	p.43 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				Ms Liossis —I will take that on notice.			
4	PM&C	Abetz		Senator ABETZ —Let us move on. How many non-SES executive-level staff were advised or were granted above a three rating for performance? Dr Southern —EL staff in the department? Senator ABETZ —Non-SES executive level. Dr Southern —We would have to take that on notice.	p.45 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
5	PM&C	Abetz		Senator ABETZ —How many of the SES these days are in PM&C compared to, let's say, three years ago? Mr Lewis —I cannot comment on three years ago, Senator— Senator ABETZ —Two years ago? ... Senator ABETZ —over the Rudd-Gillard government, we do not seem to have the figures. Can you take that on notice for me, please— Mr Lewis —Certainly. Senator ABETZ —so we can get the exact figures on that? Can you also advise whether a new level of SES called Executive Coordinators has been established? Mr Lewis —Senator, it is not a level. It is just the name of an appointment. Senator ABETZ —All right.	p.46 18/10/10	18/02/11	
6	PM&C	Abetz		Senator ABETZ —And was there an all-staff meeting on Wednesday, 29 September? Dr Southern —We would have to take that on notice. I am not sure of the dates.	p.46 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
7	PM&C	Abetz		Senator ABETZ —Minister, can I ask you to ask the Prime Minister whether the CPSU's negotiating group wrote to the Prime Minister's chief of staff in relation to the behaviour of the management group; and if so, has the Prime Minister or her chief of staff deigned to respond. Senator Chris Evans —Certainly, Senator. I do not have a briefing on that, but I will take it on notice.	p.46 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
8	PM&C	Abetz		Senator ABETZ —Minister, can you take on notice for me: how can the Prime Minister claim that PM&C's role has changed if PM&C still has a strategic policy unit second-guessing line agencies and undertaking all the things that it did under Mr Rudd? It seems that there has been no significant change, albeit she tried to dine out on that on 8 July? Senator Chris Evans —Senator, I am not sure we have answered the questions in the political context created but I am certainly happy to answer the question in terms of changes made. I think there have been some changes in the way cabinet and other processes will operate, and the cabinet and committees and those sorts of things, most of which I am not at liberty to discuss. I think Mr Lewis's evidence was that the role of PM&C has not changed— Mr Lewis —That is correct. Senator Chris Evans —because their role is very clear, but each Prime Minister brings	p.50 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				new emphases and new ways of working, and Ms Gillard has done that.			
9	PM&C	Abetz	Media Report 8 July (quoted p.50 of Hansard)	<p>Senator ABETZ—The media report of 8 July—and take that on notice as to whether Ms Gillard accepts that as a correct record—asserts that she would bring PM&C back to its primary function of coordination and providing her with advice, rather than trying to initiate and oversee all main policies, which was, at the time, taken to be a criticism of the strategic policy unit. That has not been disbanded; it is still in existence. So one wonders how all this marries up.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I think there are a couple of quantum leaps in logic there, in terms of the linkages, but certainly departments have primary responsibility for policy in their area. Anyway, we will get you an answer to the claim.</p>	p.51 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
10	PM&C	Abetz		<p>Senator ABETZ—Thank you very much. Minister, can you please seek the Prime Minister's view as to whether or not she would be prepared to table a copy of that? I accept that, if it has gone to cabinet, so be it, but of course the Prime Minister can exercise a judgment on that. Could you take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—As you know, Senator, advice to cabinet is not revealed, but, if you would feel better about me taking it on notice, I will take it on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—No. Sometimes these matters are made available, like legal advices, on some occasions—usually not, but sometimes they are.</p>	p.52 18/10/10	21/12/10	10/02/11
11	PM&C	Fifield		<p>Senator FIFIELD—Could I ask if a copy of the cabinet seating plan could be tabled?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Mr Duncan, could you take it on notice. I would be amazed if there was not a seating plan for cabinet.</p> <p>CHAIR—I am not sure whether there is a seating plan for estimates, but I look across and I see people sitting in similar chairs to those they had last time.</p> <p>Mr Lewis—If there is such a thing we will make it available to you.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—We are not trying to be unhelpful but we will take it on notice.</p>	p.54 18/10/10	21/12/10	10/02/11
12	PM&C	Fifield	4 Treasury Place, Melbourne	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Does Mr Dreyfus have an office at 4 Treasury Place in the cabinet suite there?</p> <p>Mr Sterland—We have had to deal with him in Melbourne, since he is Melbourne based, and he has used the cabinet suites to deal with some of those urgent matters because of the secure communications available. Let me take on notice the exact nature of those and whether office space has been permanently allocated. It is all in the process of consideration right now.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—If you could take that on notice, and also on what basis that office space has been allocated. I appreciate that Mr Dreyfus is not a minister with executive responsibilities, as was Senator Faulkner, and being a minister entitles you to certain office accommodation in the Commonwealth office in the capital city of your residence</p>	p.55 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>if you choose. But, as I understand it, Mr Dreyfus is substantively a parliamentary secretary, so if he has been allocated office accommodation at 4 Treasury Place, under what criteria or rationale has that been provided?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—We will take that on notice. I do not know what the answer is, but we will take that on notice. I would make the point, as the officer was trying to do, though, that with his cabinet responsibilities he will need access to things like the secure cabinet document service which, quite frankly, is always difficult. Coming from Western Australia, getting access to those things given the security thing is not easy, as are the arrangements around that in terms of where you can do it and how you can do it, but we will get you a fulsome answer.</p>			
13	PM&C	Fifield		<p>Senator FIFIELD—In terms of detailed responsibility but not in terms of broad responsibility, such as who has disabilities.</p> <p>Dr Southern—Senator, I just cannot recall, we would have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Okay. I am just wondering at the time of the announcement, if anyone in government had an idea as to who actually had responsibility for disabilities. I know it was subsequently cleared up within a couple of days with Senator McLucas being formally allocated and given the title of disabilities, but if you could take on notice if, at the time of the announcement, it was—we know Minister Macklin was the senior portfolio minister, but who had day-to-day responsibility in the executive below Ms Macklin.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I think consistent with the officers' earlier advice would be that they would not have known at the time of announcement.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—If you could just take on notice—</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Yes, certainly.</p>	p.57 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
14	PM&C	Abetz		<p>Senator ABETZ—No staff have been assigned? Can you tell us how many meetings there have been so far between the Prime Minister and Senator Brown and Mr Bandt or their delegates?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. Can you tell us that, together with when were these meetings held, where were these meetings held and who else attended? I assume you would not know that either.</p> <p>Mr Lewis—No. That really is a matter for the PMO.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Are you right to take all that on notice? Fine.</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I will make some inquiries, but I do not know that it is necessarily something that I would be able to answer.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. In that case, can I ask Prime Minister and Cabinet to take it on notice, and also the minister's office, in the event that Prime Minister and Cabinet is not associated with that at all, but only the Prime Minister's office and her personal staff.</p>	p.57 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>Could you take that on notice, Minister, for answer?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Senator, I will take it on notice, but I will make the point we do not normally discuss every—I mean, the actual agreement made with the Greens is a public document and made public, but as to whether or not the Prime Minister will be giving you information about every meeting she has with be it the Greens or anybody else, I am not sure about that, but we will take it on notice.</p>			
15	PM&C	Abetz		<p>Senator ABETZ—Yes, but nothing that follows from it, which is always: we get the spin but not the substance. Can I ask: does a note-taker attend these meetings? Once again, if both PM&C and the PMO can take that question on notice, because—</p> <p>Mr Lewis—We can give you an answer to that, Senator.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Sorry?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—We do not.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. You do not. Thank you. Then, Minister, if you can take that on notice in relation to the PMO. Can we also be advised what issues have been discussed at each meeting, and these questions are for both PM&C and the PMO in relation to this agreement. Has a regular day or time now been set for these meetings?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—We have no visibility of that at all, Senator. I am sorry, we cannot help you.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. Once again, if the minister's office can take that on notice. And have any Green policy proposals been put to PM&C or, indeed, the Prime Minister's office? Do we know about that?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—No.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. If you can take—</p> <p>Mr Lewis—Some visibility, perhaps, of private members' bills, but not in line with your question, no.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. Then if the minister's office could take on notice as to what they might be able to tell us about any proposals that have been put forward. Can we also be advised, Minister, what access Senator Brown and Mr Bandt and other Greens have sought with ministers, key public servants, and the Prime Minister and, in each case, for what purpose, and have there been any meetings between the Greens' treasury spokesman, Mr Bandt, the treasurer, and the minister for finance and, if so, when, who attended, what was discussed, and did the Greens put forward any proposals?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Right. Minister, can you confirm that the three agreements that were entered into—one with the Independent members, one with Mr Wilkie, and one with the Greens—were prepared in the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Unless PM&C can help me, I have to take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right.</p>	p.58 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>Senator Chris Evans—I assume so, but I do not strictly know the answer, so I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. It just seems that all three have a similar typeface—and allow me to give credit to Senator Scott Ryan on the record for this, who drew this to my attention—and that they all seem to be set out exactly the same way, suggesting the same hand and draftspersons were involved in these agreements.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—It is not counter-intuitive, but I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—And if you could advise us as to who advised and who was present at the time that these three agreements were made. You will do that for us, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I will take the question on notice.</p>			
16	PM&C	Abetz		<p>Senator ABETZ—I would be interested in the PMO's interpretation of the document, which deals with the working relationship in section 5, where it talks about when the parliament is in session, the Prime Minister— which could, under your regime, be anybody tomorrow—that was a flippant comment, but it talks about the Prime Minister as a position—</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Given the number of times you have changed opposition leader, Senator, I hardly think it is one you would want to make.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—whereas it does not refer to the leader of the Australian Greens, but specifically refers to Senator Brown, which would suggest, irrespective of Senator Brown's status as leader or not leader of the Australian Greens, it is an agreement that has been struck with Senator Brown on a personal basis, as opposed to his leadership position. So Ms Gillard is described as the Prime Minister throughout; Senator Brown is not described as the leader of the Australian Greens. I am just wondering whether any legal advice has been sought as to what that actually means in relation to this agreement, as to whether it is Senator Brown specific, or Australian Greens' leader specific.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—My understanding was that Senator Brown was acting with the authority and on behalf of the Federal parliamentary Greens, but I will certainly take on notice the point you raise. I do not know if anything turns on it, but I will make the inquiry and take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—It just seems that throughout especially section 5, it is always Prime Minister or Prime Minister's Office, whereas, for the Greens, it is always Senator Brown or Senator Brown's office. There does seem to be some difference in description there.</p>	p.59 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
17	PM&C	Abetz	Agreement between the Labor party and the Greens	<p>Senator ABETZ—That may well be your wish; but does this document have any legal basis or is it just political?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I would have to take that on notice, in terms of taking advice as to what legal status it has, but it is a public document of an agreement between two political parties, signed by their leaders.</p>	p.60 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>Senator ABETZ—I assume it is not legally enforceable?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I would have to take some advice on that.</p>			
18	PM&C	Macdonald	Agreement with Mr Oakshott	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—In relation to that agreement with Mr Oakshott, can you tell us at what stage it became clear that he was going to be offered a ministry?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—No.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I will take it on notice, but I am not sure where we will get to with that, but, as I said to you, in addition to the agreement we have ongoing negotiations among all of us about a whole range of matters that come before the parliament. But the agreement between the parties was made public; the Prime Minister made public the offer to Mr Oakshott; and his response was public.</p>	p.62 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
19	PM&C	Macdonald		<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I am not asking you. I am just asking did Mr Oakshott ask for a ministry, or was the offer made to him—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Of the federal government—</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—from the federal government?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I think the Prime Minister has put that on the record, but I will take that on notice to confirm what the Prime Minister has said on the record.</p>	p.62 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
20	PM&C	Fifield	Office of Dr Dreyfus at 4 Treasury Place, Melbourne	<p>Mr Sterland—My advice is that the Cabinet suite at Treasury Place is on level 1, which is a PM&C tenancy from the landlord, who is the Commonwealth, of course. That level includes accommodation for the Prime Minister's office. It also includes the Cabinet suites and the offices for two former governors-general. The area that we have that Mr Dreyfus has occasionally used is within that part of the tenancy, so it is not an office allocated in that sense; it is an office he uses for the purpose of conducting Cabinet business.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Does he have an entitlement to use that office at will, as of right, as his designated and allocated office?</p> <p>Mr Sterland—I am not personally across parliamentary entitlements, but he uses it purely for the basis of Cabinet business.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Sure. I am just trying to establish that—because you said it was not a dedicated office for him yet his name appears on the board of building occupants. So I am just trying to ascertain whether this is an entitlement or an office in addition to that which is enjoyed by other parliamentary secretaries.</p> <p>Mr Sterland—We will take that specific basis on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I think it would be better if he got the exact answer. You are asking a question of entitlement—what is he entitled to access and use, et cetera, and what arrangement is put in place. We will get you a proper answer to that question. I</p>	pp.62-63 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				suspect it is evolving. I suspect the answer is that he has just been using it because he needed somewhere to sit to do what he needs to do. We probably have not got to the technicalities yet, but we will get you the answer. It will probably prompt someone to actually ask the question.			
21	PM&C	Payne		<p>Senator PAYNE—Minister, do you expect there will be another COAG meeting this year?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I will could take that on notice. As far as I know, they were looking to settle a date, but as to where that has got to, I know we have got a Victorian election coming up and those sorts of things.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—I have heard about that.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—My advice is that there has not yet been one settled, and they are working on it. But I will take it on notice as to what the expectations are.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—So we are at 18 October or thereabouts. The Victorian election, I think, is 27 November. Would you expect that there could be a COAG meeting held before the Victorian election?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—The simple answer is that I do not know, Senator. I will take that on notice.</p>	p.64 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
22	PM&C	Payne		<p>Senator PAYNE—Yes, quite. Can you advise, then, whether there are plans for a COAG meeting to be held in conjunction with the proposed tax summit next year?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer—I can offer no information about that.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Could you take that on notice, Mr de Brouwer.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer—Yes.</p>	p.65 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
23	PM&C	Payne		<p>Senator PAYNE—While we are discussing that reprioritisation, can you tell us how many agenda items from the last COAG meeting and from any previous meetings remain to be addressed?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer—I do not have that in front of me now. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—In both cases?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer—Sorry?</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—For both agenda items from the previous meeting of 19 and 20 April and from previous meetings before that. For example, I think at the end of 2009, after the meeting in Copenhagen, the most pressing issue that needed to go on the COAG agenda for 2010 was climate change. I am not sure whether that has been discussed. Can you advise the committee whether that has been discussed by COAG in the manner in which it was suggested at the end of 2009?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer—The various elements of climate change that are before COAG generally cover adaptation and there is also COAG discussion through the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency on the energy efficiency programs, but I would refer you to that</p>	pp.65-66 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				department for more detail.			
24	PM&C	Payne		<p>Senator PAYNE—I preface my next question by saying that the council has generously offered me, as shadow minister in this area, a private briefing, which I am very happy to take up once we can find a time that is convenient to members of the council's agenda and the parliamentary agenda. Can you indicate what the reasons for their reticence in appearing were, Mr English?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Apart from the obvious.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—That is right, Minister.</p> <p>Mr English—My understanding was they spoke directly to the secretariat for the committee. I was not party to that discussion.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Do you know what the reasons they gave were?</p> <p>Mr English—I understand that they feel there is a difficulty in appearing before one committee like this when they are, in effect, a multijurisdictional activity.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—There are a number of multijurisdictional activities, as you put it, which appear before Senate committees, though.</p> <p>Mr English—I think it would be better to ask—</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—I would love to ask them. Trust me.</p> <p>Mr English—I can take it on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—I appreciate that and I will, as I said, take up the offer of the CRC for a briefing. But, in terms of the volume of work, the number of reports and inquiries, that the council is producing and the criticisms, constructive and otherwise, I suspect, that it is making, I think it is more than unfortunate that they cannot be directly questioned by members of the Senate in the estimates process.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I am not sure the officers can help you, but I am happy to have a look at the issue, if you like and take the issue, rather than the question, on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—No, I am just saying that there are a range of grey areas that we seem to have entered into in the last few years that we might need some broader guidance on. Anyway, I will undertake to have PM&C have a look at it, and I will also undertake to have a chat to the chair about their interactions.</p>	pp.66-67 18/10/10	23/12/10	10/02/11
25	PM&C	Payne		<p>Senator PAYNE—And, again, these go to the COAG Reform Council's National Affordable Housing Agreement: Baseline Performance Report 2008-09, which was released in June, so a couple of months ago now. One of the recommendations that is in that report, recommendation 1, refers to ensuring that administrative data that is provided for each report should relate to the relevant reporting year. I would not have thought that that was revelatory, but I am surprised that, given the complexity of the process that has been pursued through COAG under this government, that we are</p>	pp.68-69 18/10/10	20/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>now at a point in the third year of the process where we actually have to have a recommendation that asks for administrative data to relate to the relevant reporting year. How is that possible? What is the problem in the process that means we need a recommendation of that nature?</p> <p>Mr English—I will have to add that to the notice list, I suspect. Generally, I think some of these progress reports are in their first year of being produced and so there are naturally some teething issues. But I do not want to dismiss that as a teething issue. We will take it on notice.</p>			
26	PM&C	Fifield		<p>Senator FIFIELD—No worries. Going to the compact, at the last estimates I inquired about the big physical compact itself, which was about six feet by four feet and which was signed by those who were there.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—It was this big.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—That is right—this big. I did say about six feet by four feet. At the last estimates I asked where the physical compact was, and no one knew. Senator Stephens subsequently put her head in my office and said, ‘It is hanging on the wall of my office.’ So it was good that we located it. Senator Stephens is no longer in this space, so I am just wondering where the physical compact now lives.</p> <p>Ms Cross—I would have to take that on notice. I do not actually know the answer to that question.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—I would hate for it to get lost—that is all. So, if you could take that on notice, that would be great.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Senator Stephens will not give it up lightly.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—No. How many organisations have actually signed up to the compact now?</p> <p>Ms Cross—As I said, we are still in the process of taking over this responsibility from FaHCSIA, so I cannot actually answer that. I can take it on notice or it could be addressed to FaHCSIA at their estimates hearings.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—To support the transfer, if you could take it on notice, that would be good. Could you also take on notice how many organisations—and this might be harder to answer—are eligible to sign the compact, just so we have a handle on whether it is 10 per cent of eligible organisations who have signed up or 50 per cent—whatever the figure may actually be.</p>	pp.75-76 18/10/10	18/02/11	
27	PM&C	Fierravanti-Wells	'Sleight of hand on hospitals', article from Weekend Australian 7-8	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—My question goes to the documents that were produced to the journalist, Mr Sean Parnell, who wrote this article. The article refers to an FOI request. I assume certain documents were produced for him or to the organisation that he works for. My question is: were the documents produced by Prime Minister and Cabinet, or the Department of Health and Ageing or any other department that you may</p>	p.77 18/10/10	21/12/10	10/02/11

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			August 2010	<p>be aware of? That is my first question.</p> <p>Mr Rimmer—The department of health, I think, were the subject of the FOI application. I think that in the normal course of events, as is routine on these kinds of matters, we were consulted, or the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet was consulted, about the FOI to check that we had relevant documents—that kind of thing. Beyond that, I would have to take the question on notice for the detail of the process.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—So, to obtain a copy, I will ask the Department of Health and Ageing.</p> <p>Mr Rimmer—Sure.</p>			
28	PM&C	Fierravanti-Wells	National Health and Hospitals Network for Australia's Future	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—So when the journalist says that the first report, which I think is the blue book—the National Health and Hospitals Network for Australia's Future—was revised over 10 days in February, that process was done not as part of your four meetings over February and March?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Can I just ask this: was your section responsible in relation to these reports? I mean, given that you have given the lead evidence in the past in relation to health reform from Prime Minister and Cabinet, I am directing my questions to you. Who, in relation to Prime Minister and Cabinet, was driving the writing or the contribution to these reports?</p> <p>Mr Rimmer—There was a team made up jointly of people from the social policy division and the strategy and delivery division. They worked directly for Ms Cass, who is here with us today, and I was responsible for their work.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—So my questions are appropriately directed to you?</p> <p>Mr Rimmer—Sure.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—If you could take that on notice insofar as PM&C is concerned. These drafts are in the public arena. I will ask for a copy, but insofar as these documents are in the purview of Prime Minister and Cabinet, I would be most grateful if you can produce copies of those because I understand that you cleared them. And so the documents produced to the journalist were after the clearing that was done by PM&C. Is my understanding correct?</p> <p>Mr Rimmer—That is not exactly what I said. I said that we were consulted about the FOI request that was directed to the health department. The decision-maker for that FOI request was the health department.</p>	p.78 18/10/10	21/12/10	10/02/11
29	PM&C	Fierravanti-Wells		<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—What recommendations did you make to Health and Ageing in relation to the release of these drafts?</p> <p>Mr Rimmer—I think 'recommendations' is not the right word.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—What parameters, what indications, what</p>	p.78 18/10/10	21/12/10	10/02/11

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				suggestions—what did you— Mr Rimmer —I would not want to mislead you. I think we would have to take that on notice.			
30	PM&C	Fierravanti-Wells		Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS —More precisely: who in the Prime Minister's office received briefings in relation to health and health reform? Mr Rimmer —We talk with the Prime Minister and her office about the national health reform plan on a very regular basis, as you would expect. Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS —Does she have a health adviser? Senator Chris Evans —Her staff have been in the process of being appointed. We do not normally identify staff, but the department would have an adviser. They brief the Prime Minister and her office on the reform process. Your first question went to the question of the incoming brief. I suspect it is reasonable to say that the PM's incoming brief would have canvassed the issue as part of the broad incoming brief for the Prime Minister as it would have for the opposition's version. Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS —Perhaps if you could take on notice, not necessarily names, but whether health and health advisers in the Prime Minister's office were also briefed.	p.82 18/10/10	21/12/10	10/02/11
31	PM&C	Macdonald	Review of the Lobbying Code	Senator IAN MACDONALD —When do you expect that the outcome of the review will be known? Dr Southern —I am not sure of that. The closing date for the comments on the discussion paper has only just occurred, and some lobbyists and some people who want to make submissions have asked if they could have a short extension of time. So we are still gathering information. We will have a close look at that and then brief the minister. Senator IAN MACDONALD —Can you tell me how many submissions have been received? Dr Southern —We have received 19 submissions to date. Senator IAN MACDONALD —What is the general thrust of those submissions? Dr Southern —I have not read them all, I must admit, and so I am not able to tell you. I can take that on notice.	p.83 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
32	PM&C	Macdonald		Senator IAN MACDONALD —Has it been necessary so far for any action to be taken to caution or reprimand or register lobbyists or withdraw registration? Has anyone not played the game and been penalised for it? Dr Southern —I will check with colleagues who are here. But, to my recollection, we have had a couple of names removed from the register, but that has been more around sort of technical issues to do with their registration, rather than anything more serious. But let me just check. Senator IAN MACDONALD —Okay. Dr Southern —I might have to take that one on notice because we are not entirely sure	pp.83-86 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				of the correct response. But, as I said, I understood that the issues that have been raised have largely been technical, but we will take it on notice to check for you. ... Senator IAN MACDONALD —Perhaps if I could just ask you to report back to the committee, on notice, on when you expect that there might be some resolution—in broad terms; I am not after a particular date.			
33	PM&C	Ludlum	The National Security Legislation Monitor	Dr McCarthy —The National Security Legislation Monitor will need to be someone with a strong background in national security issues, a person of high standing. It is a part-time role, as you know, Senator. That is the reason why we were not required to advertise in the same way as for Public Service positions more generally. The view was that a good field of candidates would be able to be developed for consideration. Senator LUDLAM —How many did you shortlist and subsequently interview? Dr McCarthy —I do not have that information in front of me. Senator LUDLAM —Is that something you are able to provide for us? Dr McCarthy —I can take that question on notice.	p.87 18/10/10	20/12/10	10/02/11
34	PM&C	Faulkner		Senator FAULKNER —As I said, I am pleased to hear that there will be these sorts of assessments made. What will the plan be? To report that back to the National Security Committee of Cabinet after that work is concluded? Has any thought been given, perhaps, to where that assessment might go? Dr McCarthy —I am not aware that a decision has been taken on where the report will be made. I can take that on notice. Mr Sheehan may be able to help. Mr Sheehan —I have nothing more to add at this stage. It will be something in the first instance to discuss with the DFAT portfolio, I think.	p.89 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11
35	PM&C	Bernardi	Three programs: Green Loans, BER and Home Insulation Program	Senator BERNARDI —To recap: Mr Cahill, I think you said that the decision about the reporting is a decision of Prime Minister and Cabinet? Mr Cahill —In terms of the arrangements of any reporting, generally the Prime Minister and Cabinet will set the parameters for our department. Senator Chris Evans —I think the audit office obviously do not have visibility about the Cabinet Implementation Unit but I am happy to take on notice the intent of your question, which is really what oversight they had of those three programs. I do not personally know but I am happy to take that on notice, because it really was a question that should have gone to PM&C. So I am happy to take— Senator BERNARDI —It only came out as a result of the questioning— Senator Chris Evans —And they have gone. I am happy to take it on notice so at least you will get an answer formally that is right; not that I am saying the officers are misleading you, but we will get that clear. Senator BERNARDI —No, that is all right. I would also appreciate, Minister, if you will take on notice if there are perhaps some formal guidelines as to instructions for	p.101 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				reporting requirements according to programs. Senator Chris Evans —Which programs are monitored in that way; yes. Senator BERNARDI —Yes. Senator Chris Evans —I will take it on notice and see what we have.			
36	ANAO	Bernardi	NBN expenditure to date	Senator BERNARDI —How much money has been expended on the NBN so far? Mr McPhee —I would have to take that on notice, but it would be reflected in the NBN's financial statements. I do not know whether they have been made available publicly yet. I do not know.	p.103 18/10/10	03/12/10	10/02/11
37	ANAO	Bernardi	Report Friday 15 October	Senator BERNARDI —Tim Hollo, a staff member of the Greens, tweeted here, 'Located a summary of the document,' at 9 am, Mr McPhee —I am happy to take it on notice to let you know. I will check with our tabling people what time they delivered the material up to the Table Office.	p.105 18/10/10	03/12/10	10/02/11
38	Outcome 2: Sport	Bernardi	FFA	Senator BERNARDI —How much of that money has been expended thus far? Mr Eccles —To date, the FFA has received \$36,950,375 GST-inclusive. Senator BERNARDI —Does the department require invoices or acquittal of those funds or is it just advanced on a request basis? Mr Eccles —There is quite a detailed reporting process. The FFA need to provide us with information before we release the next set of funds. Senator BERNARDI —So you would have a list of expenditure for that \$36.95 million? Mr Eccles —That is right. Senator BERNARDI —Would you be able to table that at some point or take it on notice? Mr Eccles —I do not have it with me. Senator BERNARDI —Take it on notice? Mr Eccles —Certainly we will look into it. Yes, absolutely.	p.108 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
39	Outcome 2: Sport	Bernardi		Senator BERNARDI —Has the department or the government undertaken any analysis of the benefits to winning the World Cup? Mr Eccles —The government has not undertaken that analysis, but there have been a number of analyses done by other parties, including on behalf of the Football Federation of Australia. Senator BERNARDI —Were they undertaken prior to the bid or post bid? Mr Eccles —I am not sure what you mean by 'post bid'. Senator BERNARDI —Post our decision to allocate \$45 million to bidding for the World Cup. Mr Eccles —That was before my time. I would need to take that one on notice. Senator BERNARDI —If you would not mind. Mr Eccles —Exactly the timing of them. Yes, I will take that on notice.	p.109 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
40	Outcome	Bernardi		Senator BERNARDI —I am interested in the process that the government went through	p.109	21/01/11	10/02/11

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	2: Sport			<p>to do this. Did Mr Lowy turn up and say, 'This would be a really good thing. It's going to make \$1 billion dollars for the country and it's going to cost us \$50 million'? Where were these calculations done? Is this a speculative investment? I have just been through investment with the ANAO. Was there a cost-benefit analysis done appropriately or was it simply—I am loath to use the term 'a whim'—just a thought, 'Well, it's worth a go—a very good go'?</p> <p>Mr Eccles—I will have a chat to the historical custodians and we will provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—You understand the sense of my request, then?</p> <p>Mr Eccles—Absolutely.</p>	18/10/10		
41	Outcome 2: Sport	Bernardi		<p>Senator BERNARDI—Well, maybe the minister can answer. In what way is PM&C better able to manage the sport portfolio than Health and Ageing?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I was not involved in the decision, Senator Bernardi.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—You are involved in every decision, Minister!</p> <p>Senator Arbib—You know that is not true and I know that is not true, so I cannot help you with that. I am happy to seek some information for you, but it was a decision obviously made by the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—If you could seek some information, I would appreciate it, because there must be a logic, a reasoning or a reckoning that says PM&C is better equipped to manage sport than Health and Ageing. That is only a logical conclusion that one could draw. Would that be right, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I am happy to seek some information but I was not involved in the decision, Senator Bernardi.</p>	p.110 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
42	Outcome 2: Sport	Bernardi		<p>Senator BERNARDI—I understand that, Mr Eccles, and you have explained that, but there must be a cost at some level, whether it is stationery or moving buildings and all of those sorts of things.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—There still would have to be additional costs, because you are moving things.</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I cannot comment on that. I do not know whether there is a cost in moving boxes or moving offices somewhere. There probably is, and Dr Southern might be able to answer that.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—There has to be, and I am interested in what that cost is.</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I understand.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—So you can take it on notice.</p> <p>Dr Southern—We do not know what the costs of the transfer are, but you are right, there will be some physical moving costs if the people physically move.</p> <p>...</p>	pp.110-111 18/10/10	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>Senator BERNARDI—If it is not something unusual—and I pointed out that these are just regular, normal costs—I would like to know how much they are.</p> <p>Dr Southern—We will take that on notice. It is just that we do not know what they are at the moment.</p>			
43	Outcome 2: Sport	Barnett		<p>Senator BARNETT—Thank you. Could you on notice give us a breakdown of the schools and children per state? That would be useful.</p> <p>Ms Donaldson—Yes.</p>	p.116 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
44	Outcome 2: Sport	Barnett		<p>Senator BARNETT—Minister, where did you get the figure of 150,000 children?</p> <p>Mr Miller—The figure that is oft referred to in terms of the program is around 150,000. That is an average. It is the first time I have heard the figure of 190,000. That is not to say it is wrong, but the normal benchmark for the program is around 150,000 kids.</p> <p>Senator BARNETT—We would like to know which figure we should be using. I am a champion for this program. I would like to know how many students it is benefiting around Australia. Which figure should I use: 192,000, which is on the record tonight, or the minister's figure of 150,000? What figure would you like us to use, Mr Miller?</p> <p>Mr Miller—I am happy to get you the term-by-term numbers. The 'around 150,000' is the minimum. It has grown to 192,000 in semester 2.</p> <p>Senator BARNETT—This year or last year?</p> <p>Ms Donaldson—For 2009.</p> <p>Senator BARNETT—What about this year? What are the latest figures?</p> <p>Ms Donaldson—We will have the data for semester 1 this year within the next fortnight.</p> <p>Senator BARNETT—And you will release those publicly?</p> <p>Ms Donaldson—We can make that available, yes.</p>	p.118 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
45	Outcome 2: Sport	Bernardi		<p>Senator BERNARDI—I have some further questions. Can I just get clarity. You are taking on notice to release that review publicly when it is available? Is that something you could take on notice for us? And you will release the review in terms of the report and how good the program is?</p> <p>CHAIR—Excuse me. Are you are asking the minister or the—</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—Whoever. I would like to see the full report.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—This is the report you are asking for?</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—The full report, yes.</p> <p>Ms Donaldson—The full research report for 2009 will be available online shortly. The precis of that is available online now.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—All right. So you will make it available?</p> <p>Ms Donaldson—Yes.</p>	p.119 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
46	Outcome 2: Sport	Bernardi		<p>Senator BERNARDI—Thank you, Chair. Mr Miller, what are the current staffing levels at the Australian Sports Commission?</p>	p.119 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11

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				<p>Mr Miller—As of 30 September the current FTE is 713.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—How does that compare with the same time last year?</p> <p>Mr Miller—I do not have September; I have June.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—Thereabouts—June, yes.</p> <p>Mr Miller—June this year was 724. December last year was 719.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—Could you provide me with the staffing levels of, say, the last three financial years?</p> <p>Mr Miller—Certainly. The FTE as of June 2008 was 699; June 2009, 703; June 2010, 724.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—How many of those are allocated within the Australian Institute of Sport?</p> <p>Mr Miller—I would have to take that on notice. I only have the establishment as opposed to the actual number of paid employees but, in round figures, around 200 would be in the AIS.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—On notice, could you give me the breakdown for those same financial years that you gave me previously?</p>			
47	Outcome 2: Sport	Bernardi		<p>Senator BERNARDI—Are you able to provide a breakdown of AIS athletes, current and former, by sport, that were competing at the Delhi games? You do not have to give it to me now, but maybe you could table that or take it on notice.</p> <p>Prof. Fricker—I could certainly do that.</p>	p.122 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
48	Outcome 2: Sport	Bernardi		<p>Senator BERNARDI—How does the funding of our sporting system in total compare with our competitors, per capita? Are we going backwards in comparison with, say, the UK who I know have quite a big investment program?</p> <p>Mr Miller—I would have to take the per capita data on notice, but my sense is that, with the injection of high-performance money that was a part of Pathways to Success, that has steadied the ship in terms of our ability to compete and sustain. I think the Australian Olympic Committee has as good as said that they expect now to be able to sustain Australia's fifth place ranking as a result of the injection of that additional money.</p>	p.123 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
49	Outcome 2: Sport	Bernardi		<p>Senator BERNARDI—It may be that the UK is not the best example. I was interested in their recurring sporting programs because I know that they have been doing it for some time. It might be Canada or the States or one of our other regional competitors.</p> <p>Mr Miller—Certainly the commission monitors the investments by our major international competitors, so I am happy to take on notice and provide you that data.</p>	p.123 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
50	Outcome 2: Sport	Bernardi		<p>Senator BERNARDI—Now that you have mentioned sporting facility commitments made during the election campaign, I wonder if you would table a list of those for me. You will have to take that on notice, I presume.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I will take it on notice, yes.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—All the promises and commitments for sporting facilities and the</p>	p.124 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11

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				electorates in which they are located, and the states. I will put all this on notice for you in a written question, if you would like. Senator Arbib —You do not need to do that. I can take it on notice.			
51	Australian Sport anti-doping Authority	Back		Senator BACK —Just for those years—and perhaps if you could answer even for the most recent—could you give me an idea of how many were what I would call ‘positive tests’ from that 3,829 government funded and 2,777 user-paid. Could you give us some idea of the success rate or the number of positive tests? Ms Nair —In the 2009-10 financial year we had 19 positive tests. Senator BACK —In total? Ms Nair —In total. Senator BACK —Of those 19, could you give me some indication as to how many came out from government funded tests and how many came out from user-paid tests? Ms Nair —I do not have those figures. Senator BACK —If you could take it on notice, I would be appreciative. Ms Nair —I will take it on notice.	p.125 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
52	Australian Sport anti-doping Authority	Back		Senator BACK —In 2009-10, or even prior to that, have you had experience of objections being raised by athletes or their representatives to the process by which the A or B sample has been tested, or is that a process now that athletes in Australia are basically satisfied with? Are there instances recorded where there have been objections raised by athletes or those representing them? Ms Nair —To the best of my recollection, no, but to be absolutely certain I will take that on notice.	p.126 18/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
53	Australia Council	Humphries		Senator HUMPHRIES —Over a one-year period, what would that entail in terms of a reduction in the allocation to the Australia Council? ... Ms Bean —Sorry. There is supplementation for part of the efficiency dividend. So the efficiency dividend applies to the entire appropriation. But with one part of it—the money that is targeted for the major performing arts company—the council is supplemented for the money that would be lost through the efficiency dividend. So that is maintained. Yes, it is that ultimately the efficiency dividend does not apply to that component. It is around 57 per cent or 58 per cent of their appropriation. I do not have the exact number of how much they are scheduled to pay in the efficiency dividend or what it would amount to. I would have to take that on notice	p.4 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
54	Australia Council	Humphries		Senator HUMPHRIES —But the Australia Council is essentially a funding body. Most of what it receives it gives out in grants, does it not? Mr Eccles —Yes. Senator HUMPHRIES —There is only so much efficiency you can make in the administrative arm to reach that target. There is no doubt, is there, that the efficiency	p.5 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11

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				dividend cut will affect the amounts going to arts organisations and individuals? Mr Eccles —Yes. Senator HUMPHRIES —Yes. Well, you might like to take on notice a question about the extent it does that. Can you tell me whether my maths is wrong? Perhaps there is less of a cut in store for the arts? Mr Eccles —Yes. We will get the precise maths.			
55	Australia Council	Humphries		Senator HUMPHRIES —So you cannot tell me at this point in time the effect of the efficiency dividend in this financial year on grants to arts organisations? Ms Bean —No. I do not have that figure. That is for the council to work out. I understand that there will be no impact on artists and arts organisations, but I will take it on notice to confirm it.	p.5 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
56	Australia Council	Humphries		Senator HUMPHRIES —But in terms of grants of funding received in the 2010-11 budget, it would have made decisions on how it will deal with those grants, as in how much money for the efficiency dividend will come from grants and how much will come from administration. Ms Bean —Yes. As I said, Senator, I understand that there will be no reduction in funding to artists or arts organisations. But because this is an Australia Council matter, not a departmental matter, I would need to confirm that on notice.	p.5 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
57	Australia Council	Humphries		Senator HUMPHRIES —So about \$180 million or a bit over that. And you will take on notice telling me what the Australia Council has decided to do with respect to how it deals with the efficiency dividend? Ms Bean —Yes.	p.5 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
58				<i>No Question</i>			
59	Australia Council	Humphries		Senator HUMPHRIES —I see that the minister has indicated a number of thoughts about where his portfolio should be going, including questioning whether we should continue to even have an Australia Council. He says: I think the council has done a good job but I don't know where we go to from here ... I'm open to discussions. Can you tell us where we stand with those discussions at the moment? Has the minister begun discussions about what should happen to the Australia Council? Senator Arbib —I have to say that I am unaware, Senator, but I am happy to check on that for you and get you some information.	p.6-7 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
60	NFSA	Humphries		Senator HUMPHRIES —How many films produced in Australia would be subject to such a scheme, if it operated? How many people producing films are now giving the archive films voluntarily? Mr Vogt —I would be happy to take that on notice. We do our best in establishing individual agreements with particular donors and large producers to make sure that we	p.12 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11

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				cover to the greatest extent possible the opportunities to acquire what we can. But that would fall significantly short of all of the producers.			
61	Screen Australia	Humphries		<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Do we have a way of measuring the success of Screen Australia’s contribution to the effectiveness of the industry—as in, the number of films produced in Australia each year or the amount of dollars attracted to the sector in investment or whatever? What are the indicators you use of your success?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—And how do those indicators show that we are tracking at the moment? I suppose it is partly a reflection in those indicators of how well the industry is doing and partly how well you are doing. What are the historical trends? Are you trending upwards or downwards at the moment in those respects?</p> <p>Dr Harley—I am not sure that I can answer that question. This last year we have had a number of very successful films. We are very proud of them. But it is a cyclic business and I am sorry I do not have in my mind a five-year graph of that or anything of that kind.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—I assume that you have been keeping records for some time. How old is Screen Australia?</p> <p>Dr Harley—Two years, nearly three.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—So you have some sort of trending or tracking of your performance over that time, I assume?</p> <p>Dr Harley—Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Could you produce that for the committee as a document?</p> <p>Dr Harley—Yes.</p>	pp.14-15 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
62	National Museum of Australia	Humphries		<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—I might address a question to the minister. The article that Mr Sayers referred to was in the <i>Canberra Times</i> in, I think, late June. It suggested that this was an idea on the agenda of the former Prime Minister, Mr Rudd. Is there still consideration being given by the government to a museum of the stolen generations?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I am not sure about that, Senator. I am happy to find out for you, though.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Thank you very much.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I will take it on notice.</p>	p.18 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
63	National Gallery of Australia	Humphries		<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—So where does the debt waiver come in in those circumstances? It says here: Included in total revenue is a debt waiver of \$3 million. Is the Commonwealth waiving some of that debt?</p> <p>Mr Froud—I do not understand that, to be honest, Senator. We have borrowed \$9 million and we will repay \$9 million. I am not quite sure of the debt waiver. I could certainly take some advice and provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—It is on page 348 of the PBS in the middle of the page. If you</p>	p.20 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11

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				<p>can just explain how that works, that would be great.</p> <p>Mr Froud—Thank you.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—I assume on top of all of that you still have to deal with the efficiency dividend?</p> <p>Mr Froud—We do.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—What is the extent of that for this financial year?</p> <p>Mr Froud—I will take it on notice and provide the specific number.</p>			
64	National Library of Australia	Humphries		<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—And there are about 350 websites that were archived at the 2007 election. Is that right?</p> <p>Dr Cathro—I do not have that figure with me, Senator. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—How many websites are expected to be archived from the 2010 election?</p> <p>Dr Cathro—Again, I do not know that number. I would expect it to be similar, but I do not have the numbers with me. I can certainly get them.</p>	p.21 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
65	National Library of Australia	Humphries		<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Could we have a list of all the websites that have been archived from 2007 and from 2010?</p> <p>Dr Cathro—Just the election related websites?</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Just the election related ones, yes.</p> <p>Dr Cathro—Yes. I can get the list. They are available online in our PANDORA archive for browsing, but we can still get you a list.</p>	p.22 19/10/10	21/01/11	10/02/11
66	All nominated departments and agencies	Bernardi	General	Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to exceed their current budget? If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up)	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
67	All nominated departments and agencies	Bernardi	General	Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to under spend their current budget? If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up)	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
68	PM&C	Kroger	Additional staff awarded to independent members	<p>a) Which members of parliament currently have been allocated additional staff?</p> <p>b) Who are these members and how many additional staff do they currently employ?</p> <p>c) Is it correct that additional staff were allocated to the members for New England, Lyne and Denison but not to the crossbench members of the Greens?</p> <p>d) Is it correct that no additional staff were allocated to the members for Kennedy and O'Connor?</p>	Written	20/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>e) I understand that the agreements between the ALP and the members for New England, Lyne and Denison contain the provision that current staffing levels are temporary solutions until it is finalised how much support is considered appropriate.</p> <p>f) Can department advise on the current status of this process.</p> <p>i. If staffing provisions are finalised, what is the outcome? Who took the decision? Is this a special deal for the members for New England, Lyne and Denison? Will this agreement be extended to the members for Kennedy and O'Connor?</p> <p>ii. If staffing provisions are not finalised yet, can you please advise on the timeline and when the decision is expected?</p>			
69	PM&C	Kroger	Climate Change Committee	<p>a) Please advise who was present at the first meeting of the multi-party Climate Change Committee held on October 7. What was the outcome of this meeting.</p> <p>b) How often will the committee meet?</p> <p>c) Where will the committee meet? Is it planned to hold these meeting in Canberra only or will there be a kind of road show similar to the Community Cabinet Meetings?</p> <p>d) Who covers the costs of the meetings and what is the budget?</p> <p>e) What kind of secretarial support does the committee receive?</p> <p>f) Will external experts (in addition to advisers Professor Ross Garnaut, Professor Will Steffen, Mr Rod Sims and Ms Patricia Faulkner) be invited and heard? If so, who are they? If so, will their involvement in the committee involve costing fees? If so, what has been budgeted?</p> <p>g) I understand that Professor Ross Garnaut, Professor Will Steffen, Mr Rod Sims and Ms Patricia Faulkner will also be on the committee as expert advisers. Are these advisors to receive consulting fees? If yes, how much? What are the budgeted travel costs?</p> <p>h) Will all four expert advisors be present at each monthly committee meeting? If not, what is their involvement?</p> <p>i) I understand from the Terms of References number 6.1. that Professor Garnaut will be asked to update his white paper on climate change. Does this mean there will be a new version of the white paper commissioned? What costs are involved?</p> <p>j) Is the climate change committee entitled to commission reports, audits and/or reviews? If so, what are the guidelines for this?</p> <p>k) Will the meetings be reported and minuted? If so, which office will administer and file these minutes?</p> <p>l) What is the FOI status of these minutes?</p>	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>m) Will the operations, conduct and findings of the committee be published?</p> <p>n) How can this committee have cabinet status if it is not a cabinet sub-committee as highlighted by PM Gillard in the following quote she made in the transcript of Press Conference on October 7¹:</p> <p>JOURNALIST: There has been criticism that the Climate Change Committee is shrouded in secrecy, how much information will you be releasing, after each meeting, in the Communiqué? Will it be substantial information or it will it basically be housekeeping?</p> <p>PM: Well, I think we should be very clear about this, and I do want to be very clear. The Multi-Party Climate Change Committee http://parlinfo/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;adv=yes;orderBy=date-eFirst;page=0;query=Prime Minister Julia Gillard press conference climate change committee;rec=11;resCount=Default - HIT71 is going to work in a manner comparable to a cabinet sub-committee. It is not a cabinet sub-committee but it will work in a comparable manner. That means, of course, that outcomes from the Committee will be publically announced. The Committee, from time to time, will choose to publish work for the public to digest but discussions in the room will be confidential.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>JOURNALIST: (inaudible) of the Citizens' Assembly, or did you let it go meekly?</p> <p>PM: Well as I've just said to you, this is a Committee working akin to a Cabinet Committee in terms of information protocols, so discussions in the Committee are confidential Phil, you'll just have to die wondering.</p> <p>¹ http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;adv=yes;orderBy=date-eFirst;page=0;query=climate%20change%20committee%20gillard%20combet%20press%20conference;rec=8;resCount=Default or http://emms/ProgramItem.aspx?ProgramItemID=185480</p>			
70	PM&C	Kroger	Briefings (weekly reports) for PM	<p>a) Senator Ronaldson addressed at budget estimates in May the issue of special briefings for the Prime Minister which were also answered in question on notice "PM12 OCO".</p> <p>b) Please advise how many agencies / departments have managed to meet the weekly deadline (FRI 5pm) since February 2008?</p> <p>c) How many agencies / departments have failed to meet weekly deadline (FRI</p>	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				5pm) since February 2008? d) How many staff analyse those reports? e) Is this practise still in place for PM Gillard? If not, when did it stop?			
71	Program 1.1: Outcome 1	Payne	Budget allocations and expenditure	a) What are the largest spending categories budgeted for in PM&C expenditure of the \$1.5m allocated in the 2010-11 Budget "To maintain support for the delivery of the COAG reform agenda"? How much is budgeted to be spent in each of these categories? b) How much of the \$1.5m allocated in the 2009-10 budget was spent? c) Please provide a full breakdown of how the allocation was spent in 2009-10. d) Why is this funding not allocated beyond the 2010-11 financial year?	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
72	Program 1.1: Outcome 1	Payne	Staffing levels at the April 2010 meeting	In relation to the April 19-20 COAG meeting: a) How many of the thirty-six staff from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet who supported the meeting (as per PM26b, Budget Estimates) were departmental advisers? b) How many policy advisers and secretariat staff attended the meeting?	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
73	Program 1.1: Outcome 1	Payne	Cost of the April 2010 meeting	In relation to the total cost of the April 2010 COAG meeting (PM27, Budget Estimates): a) Please provide a breakdown of the catering and functions, equipment hire and ground transport components of the \$81,886.56 total cost of staging the meeting. b) Why was this meeting three times the cost of the next most expensive Canberra-based meeting held in the past three years when the meeting lasted for only one extra day?	Written	20/12/10	10/02/11
74	Program 1.1: Outcome 1	Payne	Status of NHHN negotiations	In relation to ongoing negotiations regarding the National Health and Hospitals Network: a) Please provide an update on progress, if any, towards an agreement with Western Australia on the NHHN reforms. b) Have officials from Western Australia indicated that they will participate in the multilateral discussions on implementation currently being held between the Commonwealth and the other states and territories? c) Given that six months of negotiations have not yielded an agreement, what is the contingency plan for a situation in which an agreement with WA is not reached? d) Has there been discussion with WA Ministers or senior health department bureaucrats regarding the prospect of the Commonwealth offering additional inducements to WA in order to reach an agreement? e) Given that changes to Intergovernmental Agreements cannot occur without the	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>unanimous agreement of all parties, has there been discussion of alternative arrangements that may be required due to the failure of Western Australia to agree to the National Health and Hospital Network reforms?</p> <p>f) If so, what arrangements have been discussed?</p> <p>g) What has been decided as the most appropriate course of action?</p> <p>h) Has the Ministerial Council on Federal Financial Relations met yet to discuss finalising the financial arrangements for funding the NHHN? Have these been agreed?</p>			
75	Program 1.1: Outcome 1	Payne	COAG reform agenda: Report on progress 2010	<p>In relation to the COAG Reform Council report – COAG reform agenda: Report on progress 2010:</p> <p>a) The report states that implementation plans for the Health Workers initiative under the National Partnership Agreement on Preventative Health were due on 30 September. Have these plans been received? If so, when were they received?</p> <p>b) When will the implementation plans for the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing be publicly available?</p> <p>c) When will the Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plans be finalised under the National Indigenous Reform Agreement, as per Recommendation 4 of the report?</p>	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11
76	Program 1.1: Outcome 1	Payne	National Affordable Housing Agreement: Baseline performance report for 2008- 09 – COAG Reform Council	<p>With regard to the National Affordable Housing Agreement: Baseline performance report for 2008-09:</p> <p>a) What if any, changes to the outputs in the National Affordable Housing Agreement are being made to ensure that they are precise and measurable, as per Recommendation 6 of the report?</p> <p>b) What has been done to address the failure of governments to develop indicators to measure the outcome of the National Affordable Housing Agreement that “People have access to housing through an efficient and responsive housing market” as per Recommendation 6 of the report.</p> <p>c) Why hasn't COAG endorsed the interim indicator suggested by the National Housing Supply Council for reporting on the outcome that “People have access to housing through an efficient and responsive housing market”, as per Recommendation 6 of the report?</p>	Written	20/12/10	10/02/11
77	Program 1.1: Outcome 1	Payne	National Indigenous Reform Agreement:	<p>With regard to the National Indigenous Reform Agreement: Baseline performance report for 2008-09:</p> <p>a) What is the status of negotiations on developing national and jurisdictional</p>	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11

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			Baseline performance report for 2008-09	trajectories to meet the Closing the Gap targets? When are they expected to be released? b) How is COAG addressing the urgent need to develop a means for measuring Indigenous access to early childhood education, as per Recommendation 3 of the report?			
78	Program 1.1	Xenophon		a) Can the Department advise why the Multicultural Affairs portfolio has been dissolved? b) What has happened to the programs run under that portfolio? c) Which portfolios now have responsibility for the areas previously covered under Multicultural Affairs? d) Can the Department advise how the Government will continue to give multiculturalism in Australia the priority it deserves now that there is no specific portfolio or Minister?	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11
79	PM&C	Fielding		a) Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a returned Labor Government (the so-called 'Red Book')? b) Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief? c) If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? d) If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department? e) Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions? f) Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a newly elected Coalition Government (the 'Blue Book')? g) Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief? h) If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? i) If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department? j) Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions?	Written	21/01/11	10/02/11
80	PM&C	Cormann	Gifts Received by the Prime Minister	a) Can you please provide a list of gifts received by previous Prime Ministers but held by the Depart along with a valuation of these items? b) Has there been any progress in trying to establish a comprehensive list of official gifts that were accepted and stored during the Hawke and Keating eras?	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>c) Did Mr Rudd, when he left office, avail himself of any official gifts from the Treasure Room? If so, which ones and was there any payment made for such items?</p> <p>d) Can you provide the Committee with a list of all official gifts received by the Prime Minister since her ascension to power, itemising which gift she has kept personally, which have been forfeited to the Department and which are being used in the official residences?</p>			
81	PM&C	Cormann	Wine at the Lodge and Kirribilli	Can you please provide an itemised table of wine stored at the Lodge and Kirribilli House as at today's date, including the estimated price of each wine?	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
82	PM&C	Nash	Water Safety programs and spending	<p>a) I refer to the Government programs 'Saving Lives in the Water' and funding for 'National Recreation Safety Organisations', which were funding in the 2008-09 Budget. Each of these programs support water safety education.</p> <p>b) Which body within the Government is currently overseeing these programs – is it within the Department of Health and Ageing?</p> <p>c) Can the Department provide a full list of each organisation provided funding under these programs?</p> <p>d) Can the Department provide a full list of each program funded under these programs and how much money is being allocated to each?</p> <p>e) With respect to water safety, can the Department outline the specific safety outcomes that the funding is going towards?</p> <p>f) What level of oversight does the Department exercise to ensure that organisations funded are meeting the program's outcomes? Can the Department outline this oversight?</p> <p>g) Does the Department have any formal means of withholding funding or otherwise from an organisation who is not spending on the purposes for which it is provided?</p> <p>h) Is the spending on water safety programs reviewed? If so, at what intervals, and what has been the outcome of these reviews?</p>	Written	21/01/11	10/02/11
83	Outcome 2: Sport	Nash	Commonwealth Games	<p>a) How many representatives from the Australian Government and staff attended the Commonwealth Games recently held in Delhi?</p> <p>b) Can the Department detail the position of all staff that attended the games?</p> <p>c) What was the total cost of sending all staff and Government officials to the Commonwealth games?</p> <p>d) In total, what was the final Commonwealth spending on the Delhi Commonwealth games, broken down by expense? Were there any unexpected expenses whilst the games were being held?</p>	Written	21/01/11	10/02/11
84	PM&C	Trood	National Security	<p>a) Has the NSCC met since the election? If so, on how many occasions has it met?</p> <p>b) Who attends the NSCC?</p>	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11

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			Committee of Cabinet (NSCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Who is responsible for chairing the meetings? d) If the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister are both absent from the meeting who then is responsible for chairing the meetings? e) In response to answers to questions on notice about the former Prime Minister "Due to competing commitments the Prime Minister has, on a small number of occasions, delegated the chair if the National Security Committee to the Deputy Prime Minister or other Senior minister." i. On how many occasions has the delegation taken place? f) Has there ever been an occasion in 2008, 2009 and 2010 when the meeting has been chaired by a representative from either the Prime Minister or the Deputy Prime Minister? If so, when? By whom? g) How many times did the NSCC meet in 2008, 2009, 2010? h) Are records kept of attendance? Do those records include the staffers of the members of the committee? i) Can those records of attendance be tabled? j) At any stage, was the work of the committee compromised due to the lateness or absence of the then Prime Minister Rudd and or Deputy Prime Minister? k) On any occasion in 2008, 2009, 2010, did Mr Rudd's Chief of Staff, Alister Jordan or another member of his staff, deputise for Mr Rudd on the committee? 			
85	PM&C	Abetz	Official Photographers	<p>Did the Department engage the services of official photographers this year: if so, for each instance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) for what reason b) how many photographs were produced c) where did they appear d) is it possible to have a copy of any publication in which they appeared e) what was the cost of this official photography f) who requested these services g) was this service provided by the Department of Finance: if so, why? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
86	PM&C	Abetz		<p>Did the Department engage the services of "INTANDEM" to supply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) public relations services b) promotional material in the last 24 months: <p>if so, for each instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. what services ii. who requested these services iii. what did they cost? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
87	PM&C	Abetz	Office Furniture	<p>Has PM&C purchased or rented on office furniture since 1 January 2009: if so</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) how much has been spent b) broadly what was purchased 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				c) which buildings was this furniture for?			
88	PM&C	Abetz	Briefing requests to PM&C during caretaker period	<p>(a) What contact was there between PM&C and the caretaker Prime Minister's Office during the period between the election and the formation of the government?</p> <p>(b) How many written briefs were provided to the Prime Minister in that period?</p> <p>(c) Was less formal oral advice provided to the Prime Minister in that period?</p> <p>(d) On what sort of subjects?</p> <p>(e) Can you assure me that the advice provided was only factual or policy advice that related to urgent issues consistent with clause 6.5 of Conventions?</p> <p>(f) Was any advice provided on the operation of a hung parliament? Was that within the guidelines?</p> <p>(g) Was any advice provided on issues the Independents were raising in their negotiations with the Labor Party?</p> <p>(h) Was advice provided to the PM in that period on any of the following issues:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Regional health funding ii. NBN iii. Parliamentary reform iv. Regional higher education funding v. Costings of election policies vi. Road funding vii. Funding for electricity transmission viii. Competition policy as it related to supermarkets ix. Defence procurement 	Written	21/01/11	10/02/11
89	PM&C	Abetz	Sitting Pattern	<p>a) Is work currently being undertaken by PM&C on the 2011 sitting schedule?</p> <p>b) When will the schedule be released?</p> <p>c) Did PM&C provide advice in their incoming government brief on issues affecting the 2010 and 2011 sitting schedule?</p> <p>d) Is it true that some of those issues were not addressed by the PMO in their latest version of the sitting pattern and it is now currently being amended?</p>	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
90	PM&C	Abetz	Briefing Templates	<p>a) Does PM&C have a standard briefing template agreed with the PMO for briefs to the PM?</p> <p>b) Once the template is agreed with the office, is it then distributed around PM&C?</p> <p>c) If the template is changed, the modified template has to be re-distributed?</p> <p>d) And any officers working on a brief in the old format then have to redo it in the new format?</p> <p>e) How often would the template have been changed under previous PM Howard?</p> <p>f) How often was it modified under Prime Minister Rudd?</p>	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11

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91	PM&C	Abetz	Parliament House 'situation room'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide update on construction of the situation room b) Original completion date; actual completion date c) Original budgeted cost; final budgeted cost d) Does this cost include all fit out and electronic equipment being installed e) Which agency will run it once completed? f) Whose budget will its running costs be funded by? g) Who will decide when it should be used? h) Is there capacity for full Cabinet to be inside plus technical staff? i) If no, what is capacity of the room? j) Does it allow video conferencing with Australian commanders in Afghanistan? k) Does it allow video direct commands to be relayed from the Prime Minister say to a navy boat intercepting a people smuggling boat off Christmas Island? l) Does it allow the Prime Minister to take direct charge, say, of a riot situation at Villawood? m) Will the Foreign Minister be likely to use it? For what purposes? n) Will it be used by non-ministers? Will it be used by Defence, AFP, intelligence agencies, Customs et al if a minister is not in attendance o) What were the deficiencies in the technical capability of the Cabinet suite and PMO? How will this room improve them? Is that worth the cost? p) This was a project personally pushed by Rudd? Has Gillard stated any views on the project? q) What was the space now occupied by the room previously used for? Where are those services now located? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
92	Office of the Governor General	Kroger	Lawn maintenance vehicle(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Questions relate to AusTender contract notice views CN296953 and CN283226. I note that the description of the item acquired in each of these Contract Notice Views is phrased in the singular tense – “Lawn maintenance vehicle”, so is it correct to conclude that each these contracts relates to a single item, for a total of two lawn maintenance vehicles? b) Please provide further details on the contract notice views highlighting what sort of vehicles were purchased or leased and what services were included. c) Has the office considered other applicants for these two tender notices? If so, how many offers did the office consider? d) Why are the contract periods for each notice view only a month? 	Written	03/12/10	10/02/11
93	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Boswell		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has any research been done on the impact of abortion on family relationships, and if not, can such a study be undertaken in the near future? b) What, if anything, is being done to raise the profile of adoption as a real option instead of abortion? 	Written	01/12/10	10/02/11
94	All	Abetz	Outstanding	If there are any outstanding questions on notice from Budget Estimates 2010:	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11

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	nominated departments and agencies		QoNs	Please explain why there are still some outstanding questions on notice from Budget Estimates 2010.			
95	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Media Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office in the 2009/10 financial year? Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies in the 2009/10 financial year? Which agency or agencies provided these services? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
96	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the department instituted any policies or protocols that restrict or deny staff the use of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs? If yes, please explain what restrictions has been put in place. Why were these restrictions put in place? b) IF NO: Why not? (for example there may be legitimate reasons for some staff to access these sites for legitimate purposes). c) Are staff utilising these sites during work hours? If yes, how many hours are spent on these sites? What time are these sites most accessed (i.e. lunch time?). d) Will measures be introduced to restrict access to these sites? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
97	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Ministerial Submissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Did the Government, Minister or his office return any documents to the Department once the caretaker conventions began? b) Did these documents include Ministerial submissions, briefs or notes? c) How many unread, unsigned or undealt with Ministerial submissions, briefs or notes were sent back? d) What was the date of the earliest such document that was sent back from the Minister's office and the date of the last? e) Did the Minister or his office request prior to the calling of the election that no more submissions, briefs or notes be sent? 	Written	21/01/11	10/02/11
98	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Election Commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Were any of the government's election promises in your portfolio costed before the election was called by the department or Treasury or Finance? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done. b) Had your department or any agency in your portfolio provided information on any of the government's election promises in your portfolio to the Government before the election was called? Was any work done on formulating any of the Government's election commitments? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done. 	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11

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99	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Election commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the status of each election commitment from the 2007 election within the portfolio? b) Which 2007 election commitments are experiencing slippages? Why? Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates? What are the implications of this slippage? c) Are there any 2007 election commitments that will not be implemented? If yes, please provide details. Were departmental resources provided to implement these commitments? How much? What will happen to the funding now? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
100	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Election commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the status of each election commitment from the 2010 election within the portfolio? Please provide a list. b) Has implementation of the 2010 election commitments within the portfolio commenced? If yes, provide details. If no, why not? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
101	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Election commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Will additional departmental resources be required to implement 2010 election commitments within your portfolio? If yes, provide details. If no, why not? If unable to provide an answer please explain why. b) How will the election commitments in your portfolio be offset? Will your portfolio be required to offset the new spending in your portfolio? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
102	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	2010 Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What type of work did your portfolio engage in during the campaign? b) Did you receive any requests for information from the Government, your portfolio Ministers or any other Ministers? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
103	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	2010 Election	Will the Department be releasing its Incoming Government Brief ('Red Book')? If yes, when and why? If no, why not?	Written	21/01/11	10/02/11
104	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	2010 Election	Will the Department be releasing its Incoming Government Brief ('Blue Book')? If yes, when and why? If no, why not?	Written	21/01/11	10/02/11
105	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Efficiency Dividend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has your portfolio started implementing the Government's savings election commitment of maintaining the annual efficiency dividend on departmental expenses at 1.25 per cent? If not, why not? If yes, give details. b) Will any agencies in your portfolio be seeking an exemption to implementing the efficiency dividend? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>c) How do you think you will implement it? Give examples of the types of cuts you will make (i.e. no more pot plants in departmental buildings).</p> <p>d) Will there be cuts to staff? If yes, give details.</p>			
106	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Staffing Levels	<p>a) What is the total expenditure on staffing for the Department and for all portfolio agencies? What is the SES and non-SES breakdown?</p> <p>b) What are the current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers?</p>	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
107	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Staffing Levels	<p>a) How many SES were employed in your Department and portfolio agencies on 10 May 2010?</p> <p>b) How many SES were employed in your Department and portfolio agencies as of today?</p>	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
108	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Staffing Levels	<p>a) What is the breakdown by each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)?</p> <p>b) What is the gender breakdown by each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)?</p> <p>c) What is the breakdown by location for each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)?</p> <p>d) What is the breakdown by each level of ongoing staff and non ongoing staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)?</p>	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11
109	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Staffing Levels	<p>a) What has been the general staffing trend in your department and portfolio agencies since the 2007 election (for example SES numbers and recruitment has increased by X per cent because of Y).</p> <p>b) What have been the changes in staffing levels since Budget Estimates 2010? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the Budgetary implications? In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? What functions these staff performed have been sacrificed and why?</p>	Written	18/02/11	
110	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Staffing Levels	<p>a) Are there expected changes to current staffing levels over the next 12 months? If yes, provide details including a breakdown of each level staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band) detailing the changes. Will this be different to what was reported in the 2010-11 Budget?</p> <p>b) Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this? Will staff reductions be used to achieve the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend?</p> <p>c) Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so,</p>	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				how have staff been identified for such offers? Are there such plans for the future? (From the May Budget Estimates and over the next 12 months)			
111	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Staffing Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many permanent staff recruited since Budget Estimates 2010? What level are these staff? Where is their location? b) Since Budget Estimates 2010, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? c) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the current efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts since Budget Estimates 2010? If so, where and at what level? d) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. e) If your Department/agency has been identified in the 2010 election as delivering efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, savings commitments included reducing program funding, rationalising grants etc how will these impact the department and staffing) . 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
112	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Staffing Levels	What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions or increases are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
113	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Electoral Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Are there plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? What data will be included? b) Did the Department prepare electorate level reports for the Government Ministers for the 2010 election? What data is included in these reports? How often is this updated? Why is this material not publicly available? Please provide copy of latest reports. c) Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007? 	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11
114	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Consultancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How much has the Department spent on consultancy services since Budget Estimates 2010? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) How can the department justify this expenditure? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
115	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since Budget Estimates 2010 ? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts awarded? Provide total	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				figures since Budget Estimates 2010 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.			
116	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Consultancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website? Are the figures available on that site correct? b) Has there been any changes in the consultancies that are planned for this calendar year since Budget Estimates 2010? If yes, 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, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. c) Could the Department provide a complete list of current consultancy services. For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use. For each consultancy, please indicate why the Department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves. 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
117	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Contractors (From November 2007)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. b) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details. c) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details. d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details. e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details. g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details. h) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details. i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
118	All	Abetz	Advertising and	a) How much has the Department and portfolio agencies spent on advertising and	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11

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	nominated departments and agencies		Marketing	<p>marketing since Budget Estimates? Ask for justification of expenditure.</p> <p>b) Could the Department provide a complete list of current contracts. Please indicate the rationale for each service provided and its intended use.</p> <p>c) What communications programs has the Department and portfolio agencies undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken? For each program, what is the total spend?</p>			
119	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Discretionary Grants	<p>a) Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since Budget Estimates 2010? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>b) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11
120	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Commissioned Reports	<p>a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio since Budget Estimates 2010? 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>b) How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11
121	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Hospitality Spend	<p>a) What is the Department's hospitality spend since Budget Estimates 2010? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>b) For each Minister/Parl Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p>	Written	18/02/11	
122	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Board Appointments	<p>a) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>b) What is the gender ratio of appointments made to boards since Budget Estimates 2010?</p> <p>c) Are you implementing the Government target of 40 per cent women appointed to Boards?</p>	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
123	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	FOI requests	<p>a) Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>b) How many FOI requests has the Department received?</p> <p>c) How many have been granted or denied?</p> <p>d) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?</p> <p>e) Has the Department/agency received any FOI requests for its Incoming Government Brief ('Red Book')? If yes, when and will it be released?</p> <p>f) Has the Department/agency received any FOI requests for its Incoming</p>	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11

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				Government Brief ('Blue Book')? If yes, when and will it be released?			
124	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Community Cabinet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What was the cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates 2010? b) How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meeting? c) What was the total cost of this travel? d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's office? 	Written	20/12/10	10/02/11
125	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings? b) How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or relodged? 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). 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
126	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since Budget Estimates 2010? b) Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. when those reviews were provided to Government, ii. estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and iii. if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review. c) How many reviews are ongoing? d) How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates? e) What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency? f) Will any of these reviews cease due to the 2010 Election? 	Written	21/12/10	10/02/11
127	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Government Payments of Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
128	All nominated department	Abetz	Government stationery requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What are the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. special type of paper, envelopes)? b) What are the cost of these items? Is the Department/portfolio agencies paying 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11

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	s and agencies			for these?			
129	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Administrative Arrangements Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Can you detail what changes have occurred in your portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 September 2010. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage or whether refurbishment or additional space will need to be leased to accommodate new staff. Alternatively, will agencies be left with empty office space due to loss of staff). Please provide details ii. Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band. b) Were there any changes in your portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 October 2010. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage). Please provide details. ii. Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band. c) Can you describe what, if any, Administrative Arrangements Orders occurred in your portfolio between November 2007 and July 2010? Please detail the costs associated with these. 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
130	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Media Subscriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. c) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. 	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
131	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Travel Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed a whole-of-government coordinated procurement arrangements for travel and related services. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies? Please explain the changes that have occurred to your department and portfolio agencies in relation to its travel and related services. b) Is purchasing of travel and related services less expensive under the new 	Written	20/12/10	10/02/11

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				<p>arrangements?</p> <p>c) Is purchasing of travel and related services more efficient under the new arrangements?</p> <p>d) Have savings been achieved in your portfolio because of the new arrangements?</p> <p>e) How much did your department and portfolio agencies spend on travel in 2008-09, 2009-10 and to date this financial year.</p> <p>f) How have staff within your department and portfolio agencies found the new arrangements? For example is it more efficient to arrange travel?</p>			
132	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Commonwealth Property Management Framework	<p>a) The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed the establishment of Commonwealth Property Management Framework. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies?</p> <p>b) Has the implementation of this Framework lead to savings in your portfolio? Please provide details.</p>	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
133	All nominated departments and agencies	Abetz	Whole-of-government departmental efficiencies	<p>a) The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies?</p> <p>b) Can you provide details of how these efficiencies will be achieved? Please provide specific examples.</p> <p>c) Will the implementation of the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend impact on your department or portfolio agencies ability to meet the efficiencies outlined in the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook?</p> <p>d) Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff to meet the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies in your portfolio? If so, please provide details? Are there such plans for the future?</p> <p>e) Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to exceed their current budget. If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up).</p> <p>f) Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to under spend their current budget. If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up).</p>	Written	08/12/10	10/02/11
134	PM&C	Cash	International Student Strategy	How will the International Student Strategy be implemented and what are the outcome measure and guidelines for the COAG process? How is it going to work? Will it cover Tertiary education or vocational based education or both?	Written (Transferred from DEEWR 28/10/2010)	08/12/10	10/02/11
135	Australian Sports	Cash	Sports Leadership	<p>I refer to the sports leadership grants for women:</p> <p>a) How many applications were received for 2009/2010</p>	Written (Transferred	21/01/11	10/02/11

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	Commission		Grants for Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) How many applications were received for 2010/2011 c) How many persons were successful in 2009/2010 d) For the year 2010/2011 when will the successful applicants be announced? e) Please provide a list of successful applicants for 2009/2010 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the category of scholarship applied for; ii. the amount of the grant provided; and iii. the amount of any previous sport grant received by a successful 2009/2010 applicant iv. The Federal electorate of each successful applicant. f) Of the applicants for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 how many were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Of Aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander descent; ii. From a culturally or linguistically diverse background; or iii. Persons with a disability g) Why are applications only received on-line? Does this prejudice a potential applicant's opportunity to apply? h) What governance procedures are in place to ensure that a successful applicant actually complies with the requirements in the grant? i) Did all applicants for 2009/2010 attend an Australian Sports Commission sports leadership workshop? If not, why not? 	from FaHCSIA, 09/11/2010)		
136	PM&C	Fifield	Mental Health and Disability Employment Strategy	The Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet gave evidence at Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2010 that the Social Inclusion Board provided some input in the development of the Mental Health and Disability Employment Strategy. Please advise the nature and content of that input?	Written (Transferred from DEEWR 09/11/2010)	23/12/10	10/02/11