

2006-07 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – 22-23 MAY 2006

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				22 May 2006		
1.	25	Ludwig	Internal Product	In relation to the Systems for People program, provide the overall detailed brief that was provided to the panellists and the overall program management plan.	IT Services and Security	21 August 2006
2.	26	Ludwig	Internal Product	How many sites will the document readers be rolled out to? How many document readers are being rolled out?	Client Service Strategies	7 August 2006
3.	27	Ludwig	Internal Product	What is the cost of the document reader program?	Client Service Strategies	7 August 2006
4.	27	Ludwig	Internal Product	Provide the details of the evaluation of the cost and benefit of the document readers.	Client Service Strategies	7 August 2006
5.	27-29	Kirk	Internal Product	How much money are people getting for one-on-one training, how many people are having one-on-one training and who are they?	National Training	20 July 2006
6.	30	Ludwig	Internal Product	In relation to the executive leadership program, advise where the residential components will be located and the establishments at which they will be held.	National Training	14 July 2006
7.	30	Ludwig	Internal Product	Can you indicate whether or not those engaged to date are accredited or certified, whether or not there are confidentiality agreements in place, whether or not there are contracts—and, if there are contracts, whether or not they include confidentiality agreements. Also, could you make them available to the committee? Can you indicate what kinds of issues are coached—assertiveness, responsiveness and those types of issues or broader issues? How are people selected for the coaching? Could you also tell me whether or not there is any assessment as to whether the coaching is being deemed successful or unsuccessful and whether that is communicated to anyone else or to you, Mr Metcalfe, as the person in charge.	National Training	14 July 2006
8.	30	Ludwig	Internal Product	Can we find out who the coaches are? Are they individuals or is it a company?	National Training	14 July 2006
9.	31	Ludwig	Internal Product	In relation to the Australian Public Service Commission panel, perhaps we can look at what that is, who they are and where they are accredited by and like. Are they shrinks; psychiatrists?	National Training	14 July 2006
10.	31	Ludwig	Internal Product	I take it there must be a contract with the supplying company. Do you also have the individual contracts that exist between the coaches and the organisation? Have you done any checks on what they entail—if you have not, then why not and, if you have, can you make those available?	National Training	14 July 2006

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11.	Written	Patterson	Internal Product	What percentage of DIMA's (DIMIA) IT contracts have been awarded to Australian owned IT companies over the past five years?	IT Services and Security	21 August 2006
12.	Written	Patterson	Internal Product	DIMA recently announced a shortlist of IT Companies following a market test of capabilities of companies submitting EOI responses for IT support for the Department e.g. service desk, desktop support and remote access. How was this shortlist determined? What process was used in the market test of capabilities? Was this process undertaken by the Department and, if so, describe this process and who was involved in the decision. If this process was outsourced was it outsourced to TPI and/or was TPI engaged as an advisor to assist the Dept with the evaluation of possible tenderers and the shortlisting process?	IT Services and Security	21 August 2006
13.	Written	Patterson	Internal Product	If TPI were engaged to assist in the shortlisting process how was TPI chosen? What is TPI's view about global support capability? Is it correct to say that TPI is very focussed on global support capability? How did DIMA ensure this bias did not disadvantage Australian companies in the shortlist process?	IT Services and Security	21 August 2006
14.	Written	Patterson	Internal Product	Did DIMA consider the impact of the Patriot Act (US) and whether this may effect the selection of the short-list and/or the final tenderer selection? Given that the majority of the companies short-listed are US based are there any implications arising from the impact of the Patriot Act (US)? Is there any likelihood if a US based company is selected that the US Govt (or US Govt Agency eg. FBI) could require access to information (sensitive or otherwise) held/handled by the Department? Has the Department sought any legal advice on this and if so could you please provide that advice? Has the Department studied cases where information has been acquired under the Patriotic Act?	IT Services and Security	21 August 2006
15.	Written	Patterson	Internal Product	Were there any Australian owned companies who sought consideration for the shortlist? If so, do any of those companies support any major IT Australian Government projects? What reasons were given to unsuccessful Australian companies as to the reason for their failure to be shortlisted?	IT Services and Security	21 August 2006
16.	Written	Ludwig	Internal Product	<u>Questions to each department and the agencies constituted underneath it</u> (1) What sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-2006 on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others)? (2) What sum did the department or agency spend on internal legal services? (3) What is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007?	Litigation (to coordinate with agencies) MRT and RRT MARA	14 July 2006
17.	Written	Ludwig	Internal Product	<u>Questions to each department and the agencies constituted underneath it</u> The following questions relate to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services by the department/agency, broken down for each of the last four financial years. Where available, please provide: 1. Total spending on these services. 2. The number of employees offered these services and their salary level.	National Training (to coordinate with agencies) MRT and RRT MARA	14 July 2006

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				3. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their salary level. 4. The names of all service providers engaged. 5. For each service purchased from a provider listed in the answer to the previous question, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased. b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based. c. The number of employees who received the service. d. The total number of hours involved for all employees. e. The total amount spent on the service. f. A description of the fees charged (e.g. per hour, complete package). g. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part. 		
18.	Written	Nettle	Internal Product	Why has the projected cost for detention increased by \$44 million to \$172 million in the 2006-07 budget than the 2005-2006 budget?	Financial Strategy and Reporting	12 July 2006
19.	Written	Nettle	Internal Product	\$20.2 million was allocated to fund changes related to the Legislated amendments implemented last year. Provide a breakdown of these costs.	Financial Strategy and Reporting	7 August 2006
20.	Written	Nettle	Internal Product	Why is the land and assets part of the department's balance sheet rising by \$174m?	Financial Strategy and Reporting	7 August 2006
21.	7	Carr	1.1	Did Mr McBurney's complaint get lost? Is that what happened?	Review Coordination	14 July 2006
22.	32	Carr	1.1	On what dates were the 18 approvals for Hanssen Pty Ltd granted?	Business	10 August 2006
23.	34	Carr	1.1	Would you regard the ratio of 8 apprentices for 160 tradespeople as normal in the building industry for a company of that size?	Business	23 August 2006
24.	34	Carr	1.1	In relation to Hanssen Pty Ltd, did you seek advice from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations on the matter of the ratio of apprentices to tradespeople?	Business	10 August 2006
25.	35	Carr	1.1	In relation to subclass 457 visa holders employed by Hanssen Pty Ltd, what are their ages, for instance? Can you tell us what their ages are?	Business	23 August 2006
26.	36	Carr	1.1	How many of the 2,950 nominated positions in the construction industry have been filled?	Business	20 September 2006
27.	36 and Written	Carr and Webber	1.1	In relation to subclass 457 visas, how many of the estimated 40,000 are employed by labour hire companies? Provide a breakdown by industries and labour hire companies. Could you also do the 40,000 and 28,000 – where the shifts have been?	Business	20 September 2006
28.	38	Carr	1.1	In how many instances have you found there to be a case in regard to costs of travel and training being	Business	24 August 2006

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				deducted by employers from 457 visa holders' salaries?		
29.	39	Carr	1.1	Provide a list of the individual employers who were sanctioned.	Business	
30.	40	Carr	1.1	Can I come back to the number of sanctions you have issued. How many of those sanctions were issued against employers with multiple breaches?	Business	13 September 2006
31.	41	Carr	1.1	On what date did the Minister attend a meeting with Teys Brothers?	Business	
32.	43	Carr	1.1	In relation to 457 visa holders, how many have found alternative sponsors? You must be able to tell me how many have switched sponsors. Of the 40,000, for instance, how many have switched sponsors?	Business	20 September 2006
33.	43 and 44	Carr	1.1	How many are employed in the business employer monitoring function?	Business	23 August 2006
34.	44	Carr	1.1	By how much will the resources available to business employer monitoring be increased?	Business	23 August 2006
35.	44	Carr	1.1	How many complaints have been referred to the Office of Workplace Services?	Business	23 August 2006
36.	45	Carr	1.1	Provide advice on how many referrals have been made and what action has been taken on those.	Business	24 August 2006
37.	45-46	Carr	1.1	Provide a list of the companies that were refused a sponsorship. If you cannot provide the individual companies, could you provide the industries of the 654 and the grounds on which they were refused. I would like to know specifically the basis on which you made the decision that they did not have an adequate commitment to training.	Business	20 September 2006
38.	47	Carr	1.1	Provide a copy of the MINTRAC report.	Business	
39.	48	Carr	1.1	Provide a copy of the approval letter as well as a copy of the attachments that are provided with it.	Business	23 August 2006
40.	51	Carr	1.1	In relation to the meat industry, how many times have they been referred to the overseas posts?	Business	13 September 2006
41.	51	Carr	1.1	Confirm whether workers under the 457 visa class are being classified by South West TAFE at AQF II for employment in Australian abattoirs.	Business	23 August 2006
42.	52	Carr	1.1	On how many occasions have you found there to be fraud in regard to applications for 457 visas from the Beijing post?	Business	
43.	53	Carr	1.1	In recent years, what is the rate of fraud that you have discovered at the Shanghai post in regard to student visas?	Temporary Entry	18 August 2006
44.	53	Carr	1.1	How many cases of fraud have you found in recent times in Shanghai in regard to 457 visas?	Business	
45.	53	Carr	1.1	Is World Workers Pty Ltd a labour hire company operating in China? Does it have a current director and company secretary known as Mr Anh Oan? Was the company established in 2004?	Business	23 August 2006
46.	53	Carr	1.1	How many 457 meatworker applications has World Workers Pty Ltd been involved with and how many companies has it been contracted to?	Business	20 September 2006
47.	54	Carr	1.1	I ask you to confirm for me that the current secretary of Austlinx International Pty Ltd is Mr Rodney Cartwright of Colac, Victoria. Is the company engaged in the import and export of rubber products,	Business	23 August 2006

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				handbags, luggage, computer bags, bedding, clothing and various other products, as well as operating in education and recruitment?		
48.	54	Carr	1.1	Can you confirm whether either of these companies (World Workers Pty Ltd and Austlinx International Pty Ltd) have contracted or have business arrangements with the South West TAFE regarding recruitment and skill assessment of meatworkers in China?	Business	23 August 2006
49.	54	Carr	1.1	Do you have any sponsorship arrangements between World Workers and anyone else? Are they on your list of sponsors?	Business	20 September 2006
50.	54	Carr	1.1	What relationship do you have with World Workers Pty Ltd?	Business	20 September 2006
51.	61	Carr	1.1	Has MaxiTRANS frozen its apprenticeship program? How many apprentices do they currently have?	Business	10 August 2006
52.	62	Carr	1.1	In relation to MaxiTRANS, have there been any inquiries into occupational health and safety matters, particularly whether or not signs are also in Chinese?	Business	10 August 2006
53.	63-64 and Written	Carr and Webber	1.1	Confirm the number of long-stay 457 visas from 1996 through to 2004. Could I get a table that shows the number of people directly employed and the number of dependants? If I could have that breakdown and if I could get the same for the short-stay visas 456.	Business	20 September 2006
54.	65	George Campbell	1.1	Mr Rizvi, can you take this question on notice? Are those five categories, the fastest growing, correct? They may well differ from the figures you give us in terms of where people sit in the hierarchy. They could be low down but still fast growing in terms of the provisions. If that is the case, can you provide for the committee the industries in which each of those areas are being employed and the geographic location in which they are being employed?	Business	
55.	65-66	George Campbell	1.1	Provide the general and specific guidelines that are provided to officers in the Department who are employed on compliance issues in respect of 457 visas.	Business	10 August 2006
56.	68 and Written	George Campbell and Webber	1.1	How many 457 visa workers overstay their visa and just disappear into the community and how many 456s overstay?	Business	20 September 2006
57.	68-69	George Campbell	1.1	Provide annual reports for the period 1998-99 to 2004-05 inclusive which covers the top 50 occupations, the industries of the sponsors, the two-digit ASCO composition of all 457 visa entrants and a number of other bits of data.	Business	20 September 2006
58.	73	George Campbell	1.1	Could you take on notice the number of sponsors whom you have visited before issuing visas over the past five years?	Business	13 September 2006
59.	75	Lundy	1.1	Check who publicly named Pangaea.	Business	10 August 2006
60.	80	Lundy	1.1	Can you tell me whether Harrington Corporation has applied for or has had any further visas approved since the granting of the 17 visas in October 2005?	Business	23 August 2006
61.	81	Lundy	1.1	In relation to the 33 separate complaints against employers, how many of those relate to the restaurant and catering sector? Provide a breakdown for all sectors.	Business	10 August 2006

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62.	82	Lundy	1.1	How many of the 40 restaurants that the Office of Workplace Services is currently investigating also host migrant workers under a 457 visa?	Business	13 September 2006
63.	83	Lundy	1.1	Would you place the names of the other two Canberra restaurants you are investigating in the public domain?	Business	10 August 2006
64.	84	Scullion	1.1	Provide a copy of the research paper that was conducted by Professor Peter McDonald on 457 employers.	Business	24 August 2006
65.	87	Bartlett	1.1	I appreciate that working holiday makers do not have to have any work; they can just have a full-blown holiday for 12 months. Do you have any statistics on how many do that?	Temporary Entry	15 August 2006
66.	90	Bartlett	1.1	In relation to the contributory parent visa, what is the current charge and the post-indexation charge?	Migration	7 September 2006
67.	92	Ludwig	1.1	Provide a copy of the Migration Occupations in Demand List (MODL).	Migration	12 July 2006
68.	93	Ludwig	1.1	Provide the list of the Regional Certifying Bodies in Queensland.	Temporary Entry	10 August 2006
69.	93	Kirk	1.1	In relation to the trade skills training visas, how many sponsors do the 11 visa applications that have been made relate to?	Temporary Entry	12 July 2006
70.	93	Kirk	1.1	In relation to the trade skills training visas, what is the breakdown of the seven sponsors in Queensland? Do they vary from western Queensland to North Queensland?	Temporary Entry	15 August 2006
71.	93-94	Kirk and Ludwig	1.1	In relation to the trade skills training visa applications, provide a breakdown of country and their intended sponsor.	Temporary Entry	12 July 2006
72.	94	Ludwig	1.1	<p>What sort of process do you go through to check that the intended employer has not refused apprentices and whether they can actually provide a training plan for the apprentice—any of those sorts of issues?</p> <p>On what basis do the Regional Certifying Bodies have the right to ask those questions and obtain that information? To find out that information, you would have to talk to the different certifying bodies, for example, in Queensland and New South Wales. They are not the apprenticeship board or whatever name it goes by in the various states, so how do those certifying bodies get access to that type of data? I could imagine that, hypothetically, they would be able to have someone there from the local apprenticeship board, but I do not know. Do you know that?</p>	Temporary Entry	15 August 2006
73.	95	Kirk	1.1	In relation to the consideration of whether there is a genuine skills shortage in a trade occupation, how are the four criteria addressed?	Temporary Entry	10 August 2006
74.	95	Kirk	1.1	Provide a copy of the draft guidelines for the regional certifying bodies.	Temporary Entry	10 August 2006
75.	97	Kirk	1.1	How many 456 visa holders have converted to 457 visas during the last 12 months?	Business	20 September 2006
76.	97	Ludwig	1.1	In the last 12 months, have there been any of those instances or abuses of 456 visas that have come to the attention of the department of immigration?	Temporary Entry	

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				If there is, could you give a general outline of what it is and the circumstances, bearing in mind the privacy implications.		
77.	Written	Webber	1.1	<u>457 Visas</u> 1. What checks are done on an applicant's health? 2. What checks are undertaken on the applicant's character? 3. What security checks are undertaken? 4. What checks occur on establishing the applicant's claimed qualifications?	Business	23 August 2006
78.	Written	Webber	1.1	How many 457 visas are being approved each week?	Business	30 August 2006
79.	Written	Webber	1.1	1. How many 457 visa holders are currently in Australia? 2. Can you break that down by state and electorate?	Business	20 September 2006
80.	Written	Webber	1.1	Can you tell me how many 457 visa holders are in Australia by Industry group?	Business	20 September 2006
81.	Written	Webber	1.1	1. Can you tell me how many abattoirs in Western Australia are employing overseas workers on 457 visas? 2. Can you tell me the number of 457 visas these abattoirs are currently employing? 3. Can you tell me what occupations these 457 visa holders are currently undertaking? 4. Are all 457 visas issued for people working in Western Australian abattoirs for skilled work? 5. Did the Department determine whether any of the abattoirs had reduced their Australian workforce in the year prior to employing staff under the 457 visa subclass? 6. Did the Department engage in any checking before approving the current 457 visas in Western Australian abattoirs?	Business	23 August 2006
82.	Written	Webber	1.1	Is the department aware of cases where the accommodation costs are being deducted directly from the person's wages?	Business	23 August 2006
83.	Written	Webber	1.1	<u>Labour Hire Companies</u> 1. Can you confirm that some workers wait significant periods of time between jobs? 2. Can you outline the legal responsibilities of a labour hire company to a 457 visa holder on their books? 3. Would it surprise the Department to know that 457 visa holders, who complain about their rate of pay, often are not placed on a job for several weeks?	Business	30 August 2006
84.	Written	Webber	1.1	Is the Department aware of reports that applicants are signing job contracts in their country of origin that they are not allowed to keep a copy of?	Business	20 September 2006
85.	Written	Webber	1.1	Is the Department aware of any discrepancies between what a person is offered in their country of origin and what they are then paid once they arrive in Australia?	Business	23 August 2006
86.	Written	Webber	1.1	I understand that the documentation for a 457 application sponsorship says that a person is to be paid weekly – that seems a little outdated in terms of how almost all Australian businesses now operate doesn't it?	Business	23 August 2006
87.	Written	Webber	1.1	Can I ask what tests for employer suitability the Department undertakes before allowing a 457	Business	23 August 2006

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				application to proceed?		
88.	Written	Webber	1.1	What is the quantum for how long and how many 457 holders is a company allowed to employ?	Business	23 August 2006
89.	Written	Webber	1.1	1. What steps are being taken to determine whether a company has any plan to reduce their reliance on 457 holders? 2. What steps does the Department take to ensure that skills transference is taking place?	Business	24 August 2006
90.	Written	Carr	1.1	1. How would you describe the trends in 457 visas over the last few years? Say since 2000? 2. Would it be correct to say that the numbers of 457 visas granted have grown rather quickly, especially since 2004? Wasn't the growth between 2003-04 and the following year, 2004-05, around 21%? 3. There were 40,600 in 2003-04 and almost 50 000 the following year – is that correct? 4. Why was that? What was the change in the visa criteria, conditions or the policies surrounding this category of visa that influenced this growth? 5. An estimate, prepared by the Parliamentary Library from your latest figures which are not yet disaggregated suggests that, in the period July-December 2005, the number might be as high as 65 000. Would you agree with that estimate? When can you provide these disaggregated figures? 6. And that would make the growth since 2003-04 as high as 60%, wouldn't it – in just two years? 7. If you don't agree with this estimate, what would your estimate be? 8. Are the same factors influencing this growth? What additional factors do you think are causing this growth in numbers?	Business	20 September 2006
91.	Written	Carr	1.1	1. What do you think are the reasons for the changes in the source countries for 457 visa-holders? 2. I note that the number of Indian nationals granted 457 visas has grown since 2000 by 112%, and the number of Africans by 53%. At the same time, the number of Singaporeans has dropped by 26% and that of Americans by 14%. Isn't the difference here that the former set of countries are low-wage countries, while places like Singapore or the US have high wages, compared to Australia? 3. What does this information imply to the Department? 4. Have you done or commissioned any studies on these trends in numbers and/or source countries? Can you provide us with details and copies of any relevant reports?	Business	20 September 2006
92.	Written	Carr	1.1	1. Can you provide details of the numbers of employer sponsors for all years of the program, starting in 1999? 2. Can you break those numbers down by industry and state/territory? 3. Has there been rapid growth in the number of employers participating in this program in the last couple of years, matching the growth in the number of visa-holders perhaps? What quantum of growth has there been since 2003-04? 4. Has this presented you with additional administrative challenges? Have you increased staff numbers in this area – here in Canberra or elsewhere? Can you provide details? 5. Will you be able to keep up your monitoring function with your current staff levels and with current rates of growth of the program?	Business	
93.	Written	Carr	1.1	1. Back in 1999, when this category of visa was first introduced, 13 occupations – and only four trade	Business	

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				<p>categories – were covered by it. Is that correct?</p> <p>2. How many occupations are now covered? And of those how many are in the trades?</p> <p>3. To what do you put down this exponential rise, especially in the trades?</p> <p>4. Has this rapid growth in the number of occupations covered caused you in DIMA any difficulties – are there additional challenges, administratively? What are they?</p>		
94.	Written	Carr	1.1	<p>I want to raise some issues connected to the Regional Certifying Bodies that, in various regions, responsible for nominating employers and occupations with respect to the 457 visa program.</p> <p>1. There are 53 of these bodies. Of those, how many would you say are government bodies, apart from local government bodies?</p> <p>2. How many are purely private-sector employer organisations – Chambers of Commerce and the like?</p> <p>3. How many are local councils or groupings of local councils?</p>	Business	13 September 2006
95.	Written	Carr	1.1	<p>How would you characterise the specifications and advice of the Procedures Advice Manual under which Regional Certifying Bodies operate with respect to 457 visas?</p> <p>Would you say the Manual was prescriptive, or that it allowed these bodies some leeway in making their judgments?</p> <p>For example, how would you view the advice in the Manual that the RCBs were to decide whether, in a case of a particular position with a certain employer applicant,</p> <p><i>“the position cannot be reasonably be filled locally”?</i></p> <p>What is meant by “the position” here? Here, are we talking of a position that is offered at the going rate and under the usual terms and conditions as similar ones available locally? Or are we talking about essentially a new type of position – a job that’s offered at less, in terms of wages and/or conditions, than the usual ones offered locally?</p> <p>After all, this same section of the manual says only that the job can’t be offered at less than the prevailing legislation and awards.</p> <p>Of course, as we have seen, a different paragraph of your manual says that offering an award salary that is considerably below prevailing local market rates:</p> <p><i>“is a factor in assessing whether the position could reasonably be filled locally, if competitive pay rates were being offered.”</i></p> <p>What is meant by “is a factor in assessing”?</p>	Business	30 August 2006

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				<p>Doesn't this guideline leave these RCBs without precise direction? Why do they need flexibility on this score?</p> <p>And where the RCBs are in fact Chambers of Commerce or similar bodies, entirely made up of or dominated by private employers, would you agree that it was reasonable to say that these loose and "flexible" prescriptions lay them open to accusations of conflict of interest? Could it reasonably be said that you were placing the people on these Bodies in an invidious position?</p> <p>Has this matter ever been raised with you? By whom and when?</p> <p>And, in the case of local councils acting as RCBs, wouldn't you say that, due to the size of local government areas and other factors, they may also be placed in an invidious position, if for example one of the largest private employers in the area came to them requesting nomination for some jobs that were being offered for less than the going rate?</p> <p>Do you have any proposals to tighten the procedures prescribed and advised in your manual, in order to avoid these potential problems?</p>		
96.	Written	Carr	1.1	With regard to the cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth, please provide details of the requirements for, or guidelines pertaining to, labour market testing measures associated with the process of approving applications from employers to become sponsors under visa subclass 457. Has there recently been a change to these requirements, or an announcement of a forthcoming change? Please provide details.	Business	24 August 2006
97.	Written	Carr	1.1	Can you supply the numbers of principal applicants granted 457 visas to work in the construction industry each year since 1999?	Business	20 September 2006
98.	Written	Carr	1.1	Can you supply the numbers of principal applicants granted 457 visas to work in the meat industry each year since 1999?	Business	20 September 2006
99.	Written	Carr	1.1	<p>Please provide, separately, for the years since 1999, details of the numbers of persons holding 456 and 457 visas who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •have been found to have breached their visa conditions; or •have had their visas cancelled for non-compliance. <p>Please also express these figures as a percentage of total visas granted for each year.</p>	Business	
100.	Written	Carr	1.1	Are subclass 457 visas intended to be used in the construction industry in cities such as Sydney and Melbourne where substantial unemployment currently exists? Is it DIMA policy that employers in the construction industry should be approved as sponsors for 457 visas in these circumstances? Does it contravene departmental guidelines or the DIMA Procedures Advice Manual to approve an employer as a sponsor in these circumstances?	Business	
101.	Written	Carr	1.1	Has there been consideration of making it a requirement that employers seeking to become sponsors	Business	

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				under 457 visa subclass arrangements show evidence that they have sought employees at by advertising at market rates in areas of the country where there is no labour shortage in the relevant trade or area?		
102.	Written	Carr	1.1	Has your Department received complaints from concerned citizens about the use by construction employers of the 457 visa program in a context where, in one part of the country, employers are laying off Australian tradesmen while at the same time employing temporary foreign workers in another part of Australia without offering these jobs to their pre-existing workers? Can you provide details of these complaints?	Business	13 September 2006
103.	Written	Carr	1.1	Mr Rizvi, in evidence before the Committee on 22 May 2006, suggests that the Department has regard to whether an employer has a "reasonable" training record in determining the employer's suitability as a sponsor. Does this imply a departure from the requirement in the legislation for a "satisfactory" training record or a "demonstrated" training record? Is this a policy change? If so, what is the reason for that change?	Business	23 August 2006
104.	Written	Carr	1.1	In the Department's efforts to establish criteria that an employer should meet with regard to training Australians under the 457 visa program, has the Department had regard to the Apprenticeship Training Ratios that have been used by some State Government Departments?	Business	13 September 2006
105.	Written	Carr	1.1	Do you see any policy difficulties in granting 457 visas which are for up to 4 years on the assumption of skill shortage when a particular industry's fortunes (and the economy generally) can turn down well inside 4 years? Is the Department's policy formulation sensitive to the fact that skilled occupations that can be in shortage today may not be in 12 months because of an industry downturn or downturn in a particular geographic part of the country? Can 457 visas be revoked in a situation where a skill shortage evaporates, for one reason or another? If this can occur, please provide details of the relevant process and what triggers it.	Business	23 August 2006
106.	Written	Carr	1.1	Has DIMA conducted or commissioned any research into the issue of the volatility of certain sections of the skilled labour market, or of the skilled labour market in general? Has DIMA, or DIMA in conjunction with any other Commonwealth agency, conducted or commissioned research into the effect that an immigration-based policy response to fluctuations in the skilled labour market or particular labour markets can have on employment opportunities for trained Australians? Are you aware of research on this problem in relation to the IT labour market in Australia? Does DIMA have access to research on any of these matters? Please provide details.	Business	10 August 2006
107.	Written	Carr	1.1	Are you aware of studies on trends in the IT labour market in Australia and elsewhere that show that skilled Australian and skilled foreign IT workers are now working outside of their area of training, in low skilled jobs? Please provide details.	Migration	10 August 2006
108.	Written	Carr	1.1	Are you aware of research on the impact of skilled migration programs on employment opportunities for Australians trained in the blue collar trades? Please provide details.	Migration	10 August 2006
109.	Written	Carr	1.1	Have you commissioned, or are you aware of, policy papers by Bob Birrell (Globalisation and Temporary Entry by Bob Birrell and Ernest Healy printed in People and Place Vol 5 No 4) and the work of Bob Kinnard (Australia's Migration Policy and Skilled ICT Professionals: The Case for an	Migration	7 September 2006

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				Overhaul printed in People and Place vol 10, no 2, 2002 p55)? How has this research influenced departmental or government policy on skilled migration?		
110.	Written	Carr	1.1	Are you aware of the structured arrangements between the New Zealand Government and the trade union peak council in New Zealand to allow detailed, structured input on each request by an employer to import temporary skilled labour because of alleged skill shortages? Has the Department. Or will it, consider similar systematic, structured input from Australian trade unions?	Business	10 August 2006
111.	Written	Carr	1.1	During an Estimates hearing (22/05/06) DIMA indicate that in the meat industry it is acceptable for 457 visa holders to be authorised at below trade level, namely at ASCO 5, 6, 7. Is it similarly acceptable for workers in other industries to be sponsored under 457 at below trade level? If so, what industries? Can this policy be applied across the board? When can it not be applied?	Business	23 August 2006
112.	Written	Carr	1.1	1. In relation to the Department's international information and publicity campaign to attract skilled migrants to Australia, can the Committee be given details of this initiative? In what countries, and which cities, have information sessions been conducted in the last two years? Why were these locations selected? Please provide details. 2. Which visa subclasses have been promoted in these activities? How many visas in each category have been granted as a result? Please provide a breakdown by skill category. How many Government officers have been involved in overseas travel to conduct this program? What has been the cost in the last two years? When will the initiative be completed?	Business	23 August 2006
113.	Written	Carr	1.1	In the Estimates hearing of 22 May 2006, the Department mounted an argument that tradespersons entering under 457 visas who are paid less than the market or going rate are in fact "new entrants". Could you explain this? Are the "new entrants" new entrants to the trade, the industry or the country? Why do you believe that the status of these workers as "new entrants" provides a rationale for the employer paying them less than the going rate?	Business	
114.	Written	Carr	1.1	The Minister, at the Estimates hearing of 22 May 2006, noted a lack of complaints about the exploitation of 457 visa holders from the UK and other like developed English speaking countries. Can the Department provide data on 457 visa holders by occupation and country of origin for all years since 1999?	Business	20 September 2006
115.	Written	Carr	1.1	Can you provide details of any complaints you have received about inadequate wages and/or conditions involving tradespersons from developed countries where wage levels are similar to those in Australia? Have you commissioned or conducted, or are you aware of, any research into comparative wage levels in the skilled trades between Australia and other developed countries? Please provide details.	Business	10 August 2006
116.	Written	Carr	1.1	Does the Department have any information on the numbers of ex-DIMA officials now working in the area of facilitating temporary entry under the long-stay visa program 457?	Business	7 September 2006
117.	Written	Carr	1.1	Does the Department have a view about ex-officials setting up as migration agents and/or intermediaries to facilitate temporary entry to Australia under various skilled migration programs? Are you aware of reports that some ex DIMA officials are charging large commissions to bring workers in	Business	7 September 2006

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				under these programs? What information does DIMA have on these matters?		
118.	Written	Carr	1.1	What is DIMA's attitude to commissions being deducted from the MSL (minimum salary level) of the sponsored workers to meet the costs of the intermediaries and agents? Does DIMA believe it's common for commissions to be deducted from these temporary visa holders? How many cases has DIMA discovered? What action has been taken?	Business	
119.	Written	Carr	1.1	You indicate at p.83 of the Hansard of the hearing on 22 May 2006 that DIMA has placed various officers with employer associations as part of an outreach programme. What is the purpose of this? What are the desired policy outcomes? Does DIMA believe it has a role in promoting these 456 and 457 visa arrangements amongst employers?	Business	10 August 2006
120.	Written	Carr	1.1	How many officers are on the Outreach programme? To what employer associations have they been assigned? Has DIMA also approached trade unions with a view to providing information about the rules and criteria attached to visa subclasses 456 and 457?	Business	10 August 2006
121.	Written	Carr	1.1	Is it true that DIMA has recently issued an urgent instruction to its officers to concentrate more heavily on compliance issues and prosecutions for breaches under the visa 456 and 457 programs? If so, why has it done this?	Business	24 August 2006
122.	Written	Carr	1.1	<u>Minister's media release 1/5/06</u> Please explain the justification for setting the minimum wage payable to holders of 457 visas in regional areas at 90 per cent of that applicable elsewhere.	Business	24 August 2006
123.	Written	Carr	1.1	1. Please explain the calculations, benchmarks and assumptions used to arrive at the minimum wage set for 457 visa holders, currently at \$41 850 p.a. 2. Please explain how this wage level is indexed or increased, and whether this is done annually or on some other basis.	Business	13 September 2006
124.	Written	Carr	1.1	Please provide details of the sanctions that apply where a sponsoring employer pays a 457 visa holder less than the current minimum.	Business	10 August 2006
125.	Written	Carr	1.1	Can you confirm that regional employers who hope to become sponsors under visa subclass 457 arrangements need only to seek certifying from a Regional Certifying Body if and when they are seeking a concession on salary or skill levels? Or do these employers need to seek certification every time they wish to become a sponsor, whether or not they are seeking these concessions?	Business	30 August 2006
126.	Written	Ludwig	1.1	Which skilled/business migration visa forms require an employer to state that they have advertised the position locally?	Business	23 August 2006
127.	Written	Ludwig	1.1	Based on the Department's own records what percentage of people on a skilled migration (independent stream) visa, are still working in that skilled stream after 3 months?	Migration	28 September 2006
128.	Written	Ludwig	1.1	<u>Trade Skills Training Visa</u> List businesses that have been accredited, and when did they receive accreditation? For each business also provide:	Temporary Entry	15 August 2006

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				a. The Regional Certifying Body that approved the accreditation. b. The industry that the business best represent. c. The number of employees employed by the business. d. Where the business is located.		
129.	Written	Ludwig	1.1	How many employers have had an application rejected for an apprentice under the Trade Skills Training visa? a. Of those rejections, how many were due to a lack of sufficient advertising of the position?	Temporary Entry	15 August 2006
130.	Written	Ludwig	1.1	The following questions relate to 456 and 457 visas: a. How many such visas are currently valid? b. How many times in the last 12 months has an employer replaced a 456/457 visa holder with another 456/457 visa holder within the period of one month? c. What is the breakdown by postcode of business currently employing holders of 456 and 457 visas? d. What is the breakdown by postcode of holders of 456 and 457 visas? e. How many different positions have individuals on such visas held during the life of the visa? f. How many different workplaces have individuals on such visas worked at during the life of the visa?	Business and Temporary Entry	
131.	Written	Ludwig	1.1	What constitutes 'business activity' and what qualifies as 'work' for 456 visas?	Temporary Entry	10 August 2006
132.	Written	Ludwig	1.1	Is it at all possible for a 456 visa holder to engage in work lasting more than 3 months, consecutive or non-consecutive over a two year period?	Temporary Entry	10 August 2006
133.	Written	Ludwig	1.1	Are there any restrictions on the number of 456 visas which can be allocated to an employer in any given year under short-term emergency circumstances?	Temporary Entry	10 August 2006
134.	Written	Ludwig	1.1 and 1.2	For each class of visa that has restrictions on the right to work, please provide: a. The name of each visa class, and the nature of the restrictions. b. The number of individuals on each visa class. c. The number of individuals that have no right to work at all. d. The number of individuals that have restrictions on the right to work attached to their visa because they filed a protection claim more than 45 days after they entered Australia? e. The number of individuals who on such a visa, and that lodged a protection claim after the 45 day limit but within the life of their primary visa?	Temporary Entry and Onshore Protection	
135.	22	Nettle	1.2	Have representations been made by the Indonesian government to the Department about Siti Waingai's situation?	Onshore Protection	15 August 2006
136.	22	Nettle	1.2	I asked the question in the last estimates, in February. It was question on notice No. 24. I was told that two vessels carrying West Papuans had been turned back, one in September 1996 and one in January 1998. The answer said that the people on board the vessels sought Australia's protection. Interviews established that, although they were Indonesian nationals from the province of Papua, they had crossed into PNG from Indonesia, so they were returned to PNG. So I would have thought that they fell into the category of— The bits that I would be interested in include where they were interviewed. How was an assessment	Onshore Protection	7 September 2006

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				made that they had a connection to PNG which meant that they were returned there. Where did that interview take place? Who would have been responsible for making that decision? Would it have been a DIMA official on a customs boat? I would like an explanation of that process. Also, could you find out whether or not they had any legal assistance or were offered any legal assistance in that process?		
137.	23	Nettle	1.2	Has the 2005 Memorandum of Understanding with PNG been specifically utilised so far?	International Cooperation	15 August 2006
138.	23	Bartlett	1.2	Are you able to outline which parts of the refugee convention PNG has reservations about and if that affects our interaction with them with regard to refugees?	Onshore Protection	15 August 2006
139.	98	Nettle	1.2	Is it possible to get an understanding of how that process, the 'closely modelled on the UNHCR process', differs from the process that would be used for an onshore refugee application?	Onshore Protection	15 August 2006
140.	101	Nettle	1.2	Does Papua New Guinea have domestic refugee law?	Onshore Protection	15 August 2006
141.	102	Nettle	1.2	His name is on the public record. His case was reported in the <i>Age</i> in March last year. His name is George Dimara. He has subsequently been found to require protection, and I understand he is in the process of waiting for security clearances. If you are able to find out about the question that was raised in the RRT about the process of application for permissive residence. That was only one of the conditions on the form for permissive residency. The other conditions relate to restricting freedom of movement, freedom of association and freedom of political activity in PNG or West Papuan politics for people who are seeking that form of protection. So it strikes me as a significantly restricted level of protection to what we would expect in this country, for example. Can you take that question on notice?	Onshore Protection	15 August 2006
142.	102	Nettle	1.2	Can you check whether she has made any application not for protection but to come to Australia? If she did do that, is there any capacity for her to be removed from the situation that she is in PNG if she is perceived as facing danger whilst in PNG? If she is making an application to come to Australia and part of the application is about intimidation by Indonesian officers operating in PNG, could her application be expedited?	Onshore Protection	15 August 2006
143.	104	Nettle	1.2	When did some of the West Papuans have consular access?	Onshore Protection	14 July 2006
144.	104	Nettle	1.2	You said there was no consultation in relation to decision making. Did the department of immigration receive any representations from the Indonesian government or its representatives in Australia in relation to those two—the 43 and the three?	Onshore Protection	15 August 2006
145.	125	Nettle	1.2	In relation to the 43 rd West Papuan, what is the cost of litigation so far?	Litigation	20 July 2006
146.	125	Nettle	1.2	In relation to the other person on Christmas Island, who arrived at the beginning of April, how is their case being handled—in which category, whether they are an onshore or an offshore—how they arrived, when they arrived and where the case is up to.	Onshore Protection	18 July 2006
147.	125-126	Nettle	1.2	1. The portfolio budget statement on page 91 talks about a bilateral arrangement between ASIO and the	Onshore	18 July 2006

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	and Written			<p>department of immigration which operates on a cost-recovery basis. How much did ASIO charge Immigration under this agreement in the last year? Can you provide that figure for the last five years? Can that information be broken down in any way or is it a lump sum for the service in regard to the number of detainees?</p> <p>2. Typically, what sort of cost recovery items does ASIO specify when submitting claims to DIMA? Please provide examples of common cost recovery items.</p>	Protection	
148.	142 and Written	Nettle	1.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has a third country accepted the two refugees on Nauru to settle? 2. How many countries have been approached? 3. How were these approaches conducted? 4. What reasons have been given for the rejections? 5. Have these countries been informed of the adverse security assessments? 6. Given that it has been more than six months, do you think it is realistic that another country will take them? If not, should they be brought to Australia? 7. How long do you expect them to be on Nauru? 8. How long a stay on Nauru is acceptable? Would it be acceptable if Mr Sagar and Mr Faisal were to remain on Nauru for the rest of their lives? 9. Does DIMA consider the current situation as satisfactory? 10. Has DIMA, alone or in conjunction with ASIO, examined the possibility of bringing them to live in Australia, perhaps with some restrictions (such as reporting to police etc)? 	Onshore Protection	15 August 2006
149.	Written	Hurley	1.2	<p>On Monday 22 May 2006, DIMA officer Ms Keski-Nummi stated that a DNA test was ordered on a Sudanese child to confirm that she legitimately belonged to the parents because:</p> <p><i>“When our officer visited Kakuma camp and met with the grandmother and the child, the grandmother gave quite different birth dates to the ones that had been provided by the sponsoring parents in Australia”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What were the dates provided by the Grandmother of the child? 2. What were the dates provided by the sponsoring parents in Australia? 3. On what date was the Grandmother asked/interviewed about the birth date of the child? 4. When were the DNA tests conducted? 	Humanitarian	18 July 2006
150.	Written	Hurley	1.2	<p>Re: David Mabior Lual (Visa Subclass 202; File number: 2003/214143) and his family.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To this date, has the child, Adior Mabior Lual, been DNA tested? 2. If not, why was the child not tested when DIMA officials were in Kakuma Refugee Camp from April 7, 2006 – nine days after DIMA was informed tests were necessary? 3. If not, when is the first availability for the child to be tested? 4. In the 23/05/06 Estimates sitting, a DIMA staff member, Ms Keski-Nummi, stated that she was “not aware that we (DIMA) had been provided with a birth certificate for the child by the Republic of 	Humanitarian	15 August 2006

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				<p><i>Kenya. We were advised that the parents may have registered the child with the UNHCR. We do not have that documentary evidence. We are trying to find out from UNHCR whether there was a registration but, as of today, I could not confirm that.</i></p> <p>It has been reported that the UNHCR documentary evidence was in fact supplied by the family after settling in Australia, as well as their child's Child Health Card. Does DIMA still stand by the statement made by Ms Keski-Nummi on 23/05/06?</p>		
151.	Written	Ludwig	1.2	When assessing a protection, what constitutes 'persecution'?	Onshore Protection	18 July 2006
152.	Written	Ludwig	1.2	Of the valid Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs) currently in use: a. How many are there in total? b. How many are there broken down by country of origin? c. How many will expire within the next 12 months?	Onshore Protection	18 July 2006
153.	Written	Ludwig	1.2	Of the TPVs that expired within the previous 12 months: a. How many were there in total? b. How many TPV holders were returned, and to which country? c. How many TPV holders were provided a permanent protection visa, and from which country did they originate? d. Awarded another TPV, and from which country did they originate?	Onshore Protection	18 July 2006
154.	Written	Nettle	1.2	1. If a person in West Papuan believed they needed to flee their country and seek protection in Australia. What would be the 'lawful' or proper way for such a person to seek a protection visa or refuge from Australia? 2. Is there an Australian consular office in Jayapura? 3. What access to Australian legal services will people be given under the new laws? 4. Will there be a time limit for processing under these new laws?	Onshore Protection	15 August 2006
155.	Written	Nettle	1.2	1. What assessment has the department conducted into West Papuan refugees living in PNG. 2. How many West Papuans are estimated to be in PNG? 3. Which camps and how many departmental officers have visited the camps? 4. What information does DIMA have about conditions for West Papuan refugees living in PNG? 5. Does DIMA consider that PNG offers adequate protection for West Papuan refugees? 6. Is DIMA aware of reports of Indonesian military forces crossing the border into PNG? 7. Is DIMA aware of incidents where Indonesian authorities have paid PNG residents to provide intelligence on West Papuan refugees living in PNG? 8. Do you have an estimate on how many West Papuan asylum seekers may flee West Papua over the next year? How many of these are expected to try and come to Australia? 9. Does DIMA receive any intelligence on the situation in West Papua regarding possible asylum seekers? Does DIMA receive information from Indonesian authorities?	International Cooperation	15 August 2006
156.	Written	Nettle	1.2	<u>LOMBOK - Transit processing</u> 1. Regarding the \$14 million allocated in the recent budget over four years to pay the IOM and	International Cooperation	15 August 2006

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				UNHCR to process prospective asylum seekers in Indonesia: 1. Will most of this money be spent maintaining the facilities/presence in Lombok? 2. How are prospective asylum seekers chosen to be eligible for processing under this scheme? Do they have to be turned back by our Navy or can they just turn up and say they were thinking of coming to Australia? What is the criteria?		
157.	Written	Nettle	1.2	Provide details of IOM/UNHCR operations in Papua New Guinea funded by Australia.	International Cooperation	18 July 2006
158.	Written	Nettle	1.2	How much of that (\$40 million in PBS 05/06) was spent on litigating protection visa related claims last year?	Litigation	14 July 2006
159.	13	Ludwig	1.3	In relation to the Vivian Solon matter, can you say whether those persons were interviewed in respect of the receipt of that email? Can you confirm whether they received that email? Can you indicate whether a reply was provided back to the sender of the email or to any other officer in respect of that email? Can you indicate whether there was any questioning of any of those officers associated with that email as to what action they decided to take or not to take in respect of it by your department?	Review Coordination	18 August 2006
160.	16	Nettle	1.3	In relation to the Vivian Solon matter, should the senior officer have investigated further?	Review Coordination	18 August 2006
161.	17	Nettle and Ludwig	1.3	Provide the actual figure of the increase in the Comcover premium for the last five years i.e. from the 2001 financial year.	Governance and Assurance	7 August 2006
162.	18	Ludwig	1.3	In terms of procedure, was it usual with a removal for an email to be then forwarded to head office or divisional heads for advice?	Case Management Support	20 July 2006
163.	18	Ludwig	1.3	In terms of the removal process, when Ms Solon was removed, was there a requirement to have a report finalised provided to divisional heads or the department about the removal?	Case Management Support	20 July 2006
164.	20	Nettle	1.3	Do you know the cost of the provision of the six GSL guards on Horn Island?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
165.	103	Nettle	1.3	How many times has the People Smuggling Taskforce met since the 1 January 2006?	Border Intelligence and Unauthorised Arrivals	18 July 2006
166.	106	Ludwig	1.3	In relation to question no. 51 from the February estimates hearing, could you break it down a little further than you have in the table that you have provided so that we can perhaps understand the figures a bit better. For example, what is the number of detainees that a centre like Villawood has, as against Christmas Island? Could you break it down to the operational costs and/or security costs that also impact upon the different figure? Unfortunately, the way it is expressed gives a different view, perhaps, from what you might say the position on the ground is.	DSD Coordination	20 July 2006
167.	106	Ludwig	1.3	In relation to detainees who are billed, can you provide that per day cost or the average and how you calculate it? Do you draw that average cost from all detention centres? Does it include what we have just been talking about—the \$190 from Villawood and the \$2,895 from Christmas Island—to calculate	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006

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				how that average would then work out? If a person was in Villawood, my guess is that it would be a higher rate than what the actual cost of the detention would be.		
168.	107	Ludwig	1.3	When is the cost that is charged as a detention debt updated?	DSD Coordination	31 July 2006
169.	107	Ludwig	1.3	<p>Is there a decision made as to who is not billed? Is it those who receive a protection visa or who are turned around in a short time—or is everyone billed?</p> <p>It would be helpful if you could break it down so that I understood it. Obviously, some of these questions have been asked in the past but, if you would not mind, could you update the answers about which categories are billed. Could you let us know if there are any exceptions or waivers to that. In other words, if there is a category where it is usual to bill but there has been a decision to waive, you could perhaps express that as well. I know from experience that on occasion debts are waived.</p> <p>Could you provide the number that have been waived and at what level the decision is made to waive those debts.</p> <p>Can you confirm how many are provided to the department of finance by the department which are then not waived?</p>	Financial Operations	12 July 2006
170.	108	Ludwig	1.3	In relation to the ongoing cost of mothballed detention centres, perhaps we need to have a greater level of specificity. Could we break that down into some of the lumps—say, security costs, ongoing maintenance costs and depreciation. It does not have to be to the fine lump, but if it were a little bit more disaggregated that would be helpful.	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
171.	108	Ludwig	1.3	Is the number of absconders from detention facilities still the same or has it changed? It would be helpful if you could update the number. And then perhaps separate those who have been redetained, if that is the phrase. Have any of those who absconded whom you have then identified been issued with a visa? Perhaps it would be helpful to have that number too, of the people who were not redetained as such but were issued with a visa.	DSD Coordination	23 August 2006
172.	109	Ludwig	1.3	What is the cost of the mental health initiatives for detainees?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
173.	109	Ludwig	1.3	There were soccer fields and sporting facilities at the Baxter detention centre. Were these facilities put out to tender, and was there an objective or purpose that was underpinning the tender? How much did it cost?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
174.	113	Ludwig	1.3	When did the Department purchase the land for the Brisbane immigration transit accommodation centre from the Department of Defence?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
175.	115	Ludwig	1.3	So you will be able to provide those modelling figures as to how many fishers you expect to detain and how many beds you will have available at Baxter in an overflow capacity?	DSD Coordination	20 July 2006
176.	116	Ludwig	1.3	In relation to the Darwin facility, perhaps you could check your records, but my understanding was that	DSD	14 July 2006

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				it lapsed and was not used for a while and a question was raised about why it was not being used. That is why I say the main driver for it being in use was effectively the intelligence that there was a growth in foreign fishers that would allow the detention facility to be used or needed.	Coordination	
177.	117	Ludwig	1.3	When was the interdepartmental committee on the cross-government response to illegal foreign fishing first formed? Is there more than one name provided to that IDC, or is there one?	DSD Coordination	18 July 2006
178.	117	Ludwig	1.3	There was a dentist contracted to fly from Melbourne to Sydney on the weekend to attend Villawood detention centre. I am just curious about what that was needed for. That is my information. I was looking at the average time between a request for a consultation and the cost of the dental services provided, travel and accommodation facilities et cetera.	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
179.	117	Ludwig	1.3	With the IDC, was that the first time 18 months ago, or were there meetings prior to that about illegal fishers? Was the first response by Customs or AFMA to immigration? I would imagine there has been ongoing dialogue over a long period, because you have detained illegal fishers in the past. But more particularly, when it really started to rise from 300 in 2001, did Customs and AFMA start to talk to you at that time about how you were going to detain them, where you were going to detain them, the cost of detention and who pays the cost?	DSD Coordination	18 July 2006
180.	122	Nettle	1.3	Provide details of where all the detainees who have been discharged from Glenside have been transferred to.	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
181.	126	Nettle	1.3	Has the capacity for people to be on a form of bridging visa or on residence determination whilst the health and character assessment is being completed been used in the past?	Border Intelligence and Unauthorised Arrivals	23 August 2006
182.	128	Ludwig	1.3	Where did the idea originally come from—to have six boats or a fleet?	Entry Policy and Procedures	18 July 2006
183.	128	Ludwig	1.3	Have the old boats been disposed of at this point in time?	Entry Policy and Procedures	18 July 2006
184.	129	Ludwig	1.3	In relation to the <i>Malu Sara</i> , there was a report commissioned by the Department. Is that available?	Entry Policy and Procedures	20 July 2006
185.	132	Kirk	1.3	In relation to the change in detention service providers, what was the length of the transition period?	DSD Coordination	20 July 2006
186.	132	Kirk	1.3	In relation to the transition out period, was it contemplated in the contract how that would be calculated?	DSD Coordination	20 July 2006
187.	132	Kirk	1.3	Who approved the \$5.7 million payment?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
188.	133	Kirk	1.3	In relation to GSL, what is the total amount of the financial penalties that have been imposed? Has the total amount of the financial penalty in any given year ever reached the maximum amount under the contract? Provide a year-by-year breakdown.	DSD Coordination	31 July 2006

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189.	133	Kirk	1.3	What was the cost of Mr Roche's inquiry that you have just referred to?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
190.	133-134	Kirk	1.3	During the course of the contract with GSL what has been the total cost of the services of the expert panel to date?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
191.	134	Kirk	1.3	What is the cost of the legal advice that was sought in making changes to the GSL contract?	DSD Coordination	31 July 2006
192.	Written	Carr	1.3	What overall figures or estimates can the Department provide for numbers of non-citizens or other persons currently working in Australia in any way in breach of their visa conditions, under other arrangements that contravene the Migration Act and/or on expired or visas? Please provide these to the Committee. Can DIMA comment on the estimate of approximately 60,000 persons falling into these categories?	Compliance Framework	20 July 2006
193.	Written	Carr	1.3	In relation to the Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006, why have the recommendations of the Department's own inquiry in 1999 not been followed? What difficulties do you foresee in applying the test in this Legislation for prosecution of employers for employing illegal migrant workers?	Compliance Framework	20 July 2006
194.	Written	Carr	1.3	Why was the "strict liability" approach, recommended in the 1999 Inquiry, not adopted, as an approach that would be much more likely to deter illegal employer conduct in this area than the test the Government is now proposing where an employer's "state of mind" or intent has to be proven?	Compliance Framework	20 July 2006
195.	Written	Carr	1.3	Will employers already the subject of official warnings from the Department for engaging illegal immigrants be considered as fresh offenders for purposes of evidence gathering under this new Legislation? Will any previous history in employing illegal immigrants be taken into account in prosecuting employers?	Compliance Framework	20 July 2006
196.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Which countries accept 'failed' asylum seekers without signed documents and under what circumstances are they accepted?	Case Management Support	20 July 2006
197.	Written	Kirk	1.3	How often have 'failed' asylum seekers been sent out of Australia to any country without signed travel documents, or with Australian certificates of Identity that they have not signed? How many have been sent back to Australia?	Case Management Support	20 July 2006
198.	Written	Kirk	1.3	How many criminal deportees have been deported without signed documents?	Character, Cancellations and Investigations	20 July 2006
199.	Written	Kirk	1.3	How many overstayers or students have been deported without signed travel documents?	Case Management Support	20 July 2006
200.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Was Ali Asqar Bakhtiyari ASIO cleared before his release on 3 August 2000 and if so what checks were conducted? Were checks made at the Pake Hotel, Rawalipindi and if so when were those results given to DIMA?	Case Management Support	18 July 2006
201.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Mazhar Ali was deported from Baxter on 25 July 2003 and sent to Karachi where he claims he was not initially allowed to leave the airport. How did he travel to Karachi given that the Norwegian refugee	Case Management Support	20 July 2006

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				council interviewed him in Kabul in 2004 and registered to vote as an Afghan citizen and his RRT had deemed that he was an Afghan who might have spent a couple of years in Pakistan?		
202.	Written	Kirk	1.3	In Mazhar Ali's case Mr Jim Williams informed the Federal Court on 26 May 2004 that it was unusual to send him to Pakistan as an unlawful non-citizen and that while it would be good to send Mrs Roqia Bakhtiyari and her children the same way it could not be guaranteed. Mr Ali claims he had to pay bribes at the Karachi airport - could the Minister please provide the travel documents for Mr Mazhar Ali (ZIL 20).	Case Management Support	20 July 2006
203.	Written	Kirk	1.3	It is claimed that the ACM guards who escorted Mr Ali were not allowed clearance to Pakistan - is this true?	Case Management Support	20 July 2006
204.	Written	Kirk	1.3	In the letter to Minister Vanstone dated 27 December 2004 the Afghan Ambassador said: " <i>We have investigated the validity of certain media reports apparently alleging that the Afghan authorities have discounted their previous statements (regarding Roqia Bakhtiyari). We can assure that no relevant and responsible Afghan authority in Kabul has spoken on this issue to any media representative. The relevant Afghan authorities views are consistent to their previous statements on this issue</i> ". As the details referred to are the fact that at least some of Roqia's relatives have claimed her as a resident of Jaghourri, was the journalist ever questioned regarding this factually false statement?	Case Management Support	20 July 2006
205.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Why were the documents from Jaghourri collected by Mr Mazhar Ali passed straight from the Minister to Jim Williams for investigation and what did Mr Williams do with the documents that were then found to be truthful by the IDCU?	Case Management Support	20 July 2006
206.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Why did DIMA decide that Asqar Ali Bakhtiyari, DOB 1961 as confirmed by DIMA after ASIO checks was really Asghar Ali, DOB 15/4/1957 from Quetta based merely on an unsubstantiated old NIC application form? The photograph on the document is of a young boy from 1975 and the translation is incomplete in the area of education so why was the decision made that this non-Hazara boy was the adult Hazara Ali Bakhtiyari?	Case Management Support	20 July 2006
207.	Written	Milne	1.3	Who organised the vessel known as SIEV6? Had any of the earlier vessels associated with the organiser of SIEV6 required rescue? Was the organiser of SIEV6 involved in organising either the Palapa or Olong voyages? If not, then on what basis could the claim be made that 'some risk of... rescue at sea' mentioned in the People Smuggling Taskforce minutes of 18 October 2001 concerned a people smuggler other than Abu Quassey?	Border Intelligence and Unauthorised Arrivals	18 July 2006
208.	Written	Milne	1.3	DIMIA assigns codenames to suspected illegal entry vessels. Does it also keep records of the people smugglers who organised the voyages of each SIEV?	Border Intelligence and Unauthorised Arrivals	18 July 2006
209.	Written	Milne	1.3	On what date did DIMIA first become aware of the people smuggler known as Abu Quassey?	Border Intelligence and Unauthorised Arrivals	18 July 2006

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210.	Written	Milne	1.3	<u>For all agencies - AMSA, AFP, Coastwatch, DIMIA, Defence</u> To your knowledge how many suspected illegal entry vessels have sunk en route to Australia? Please give details of dates, vessels and passenger numbers if known.	Border Intelligence and Unauthorised Arrivals	
211.	Written	Webber	1.3	1. In evidence to the Mental Health Select Committee Professor Whiteford testified that changes were to take place to the procedures for immigration detainees who were diagnosed with a mental illness. Can you outline for the Committee what procedure is currently operating? 2. Does this differ from the evidence provided to the select Committee last October?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
212.	Written	Webber	1.3	Is it true that in six cases recently in South Australia, all detainees were returned to Baxter?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
213.	Written	Webber	1.3	In testimony Professor Whiteford said that detainees with mental health conditions could be returned to an environment other than Baxter, has this actually occurred in any circumstances?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
214.	Written	Webber	1.3	Can you outline how many detainees with mental health issues are currently detained by the Department?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
215.	Written	Webber	1.3	1. Have all recommendations of the Palmer Report regarding mental health been implemented? 2. Have any not been implemented? 3. Why not?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
216.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	Of the individuals that have breached a previous visa, how many are currently on a Bridging Visa E?	Compliance Framework	20 July 2006
217.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	Under what circumstances can volunteer work constitute a breach of a Bridging Visa E?	Legal Framework	7 August 2006
218.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	How many detainees have been released from detention in the last 12 months on a Bridging Visa E without any rights to work?	Case Management Support	31 July 2006
219.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	What is the total cost so far to the Commonwealth for sending the 43 Papuan asylum seekers from the mainland to Christmas Island, including the costs associated with: a. Migration agents. b. Lawyers. c. All medical costs (including transfers to mainland). d. All air travel for detainees and staff (including any consultants and contractors). e. Security. f. Staff. g. All Government Department and agency costs.	DSD Coordination	31 July 2006
220.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	<u>Detention services contract (ANAO Report No32 2005-2006)</u> 1. With regard to the two versions of minutes from the 17 September 2002 meeting of the tender evaluation team, where one set of minutes didn't include the names of the tenderers: a. Was the probity auditor shown the version of the minutes in which the tenderers were named? If not, why not? b. Was the amendment of the minutes endorsed by the tender evaluation team?	DSD Coordination	20 July 2006

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If not, why not? ii. If so, provide a copy of the minutes from the meeting which endorsed the amendment. c. Was the Department Secretary aware that the minutes were to be amended and the probity auditor shown the amended version? d. Were there any meetings of the evaluation team/steering committee held between 15 May and 31 August 2003? If so – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Provide the minutes of those meetings. ii. If those, minutes are unavailable could the department explain why? 2. Did the departmental steering committee examining the tender process make any criticisms of the decision-making framework? Did the committee recommend any changes to the framework? 3. With regard to the final report of the evaluation forwarded to the Secretary of the Department on 29 November 2002, recommending that he approve GSL as the preferred tenderer on basis of value for money. The ANAO later found that the value for money calculation was incorrect and that the Secretary had been advised of the wrong indicator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Does the department view the information used by the Secretary to approve GSL as the preferred tenderer as misleading? ii. Considering the ANAO findings, was it in appropriate for GSL to have been approved as the preferred tenderer on 22 December 2002? iii. Had the Department made the approval with full knowledge of the ANAO's findings, would an alternative tenderer have been successful? 		
221.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	<p>The Department wrote to the Minister on 25 March 2003 advising that it was proposing to ‘encourage’ ACM’s exit with a successful transition by offering a ‘completion payment’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Was there any requirement for the Department to make a completion payment? If so - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What was the value of this payment? ii. Was this value consistent with the relevant contract? iii. If the value wasn't consistent with the relevant contract, how was this value determined? b. Will the Department be obliged to pay GSL a completion payment in 2007? If so - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How will the value of the payment be determined? ii. What is the expected value of this payment? 	DSD Coordination	21 August 2006
222.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was the use of any detainee labour included in GSL's tender for the detention services contract? 2. Was the use of any detainee labour included in GSL's final detention services contract? 3. Did this detainee labour, under the ‘meaningful activity’ banner, include cleaning services in any part? 	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
223.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	<p>Are cleaning services in any detention centres now conducted by the contractor or sub-contractors and not detainees?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which detention centres? b. Does this vary from centre to centre? If so, how? c. Has GSL’s contract fee been adjusted? 	DSD Coordination	20 July 2006

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				d. When was this policy change made? e. Why was this policy change made? f. Was there a review preceding the change?		
224.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	The recent Senate report into the Administration and operation of the Migration Act 1958 stated that the Committee found on a visit to Villawood IDC there were only two paid workers in the kitchen and 17 detainees working in the kitchen: a. Was there any staff-to-detainee ratio included in the Department's contract with GSL? i. If so, what was the ratio?	DSD Coordination	20 July 2006
225.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	1. Do the detainees who volunteer under the 'meaningful activity' program receive any benefits or 'awards'? a. If so, detail the various 'awards' available, the typical monetary value per hour of those awards. b. In particular did GSL offer detainees the usage of their telephone or fax machine? i. If so, what sort of phone call could a detainee make and how many pages could they fax, in return for one hour of volunteer labour? 2. What is GSL charged by their telecommunications carrier for a fax per page? 3. What is the payment made to GSL under the contract for covering their telecommunications component? – is this itemised in the contract?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
226.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	The Department has previously provided a list of the number of times GSL has breached its contract with the Commonwealth and the clauses to which they are related – Could the department update this table to reflect the breaches that have since occurred?	DSD Coordination	20 July 2006
227.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	1. How many times has the Commonwealth imposed a financial penalty on GSL for breach of contract? 2. What is the total value of those penalties?	DSD Coordination	31 July 2006
228.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	How many inquiries has the Commonwealth instigated, be they internal or external, into the performance of GSL or into the operation of its contract with GSL? a. What is the estimated cost of these inquiries? b. Have any reports or recommendations arisen from these inquiries? i. If so, could the Department please provide them to the committee?	DSD Coordination	
229.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	Has GSL made allegations against the Department of it breaching any of its own obligations to GSL by demanding GSL detain people who are in fact Australian citizens or permanent residents? If so - a. Where possible provide the details of the alleged breach b. Detail whether or not the Department agreed that a breach had occurred c. Detail whether the allegations were resolved and how? d. Detail whether any allegations remain outstanding?	DSD Coordination	20 July 2006
230.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	Have there been any amendments to the original GSL contract? If so, could the Department provide: a. The total number of times the contract has been amended. b. The dates that each amendment was concluded, the reasons for each amendment and substance of each amendment where available	DSD Coordination	31 July 2006

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				c. The total cost to the Department associated with these amendments.		
231.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	How many inquiries has GSL initiated during the life of the contract?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
232.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	When the Department responded to the Palmer and Comrie reports, did it have any knowledge of the circumstances of Mr T's case? If so – a. Please provide what the department knew and when it was informed	Review Coordination	12 July 2006
233.	Written	Nettle	1.3	Regarding the People Smuggling Taskforce, post arrival of 43 West Papuans: 1. How often has it met? When was the last time it met? Will it have an ongoing role? What is the membership of the group? 2. Who is it reporting to? What decisions has it made? Has it consulted with any representatives of the Indonesian Government? 3. When did Australian officials first have knowledge of the 43 West Papuans heading to Australia?	Border Intelligence and Unauthorised Arrivals	20 July 2006
234.	Written	Nettle	1.3	Regarding the answer to Question On Notice 24 from February Estimates “In 1996 and 1998 two vessels carrying Indonesian nationals, who were previously from the Indonesian Province of Papua, arrived at Australian territory in the Torres Strait from Daru, PNG. On 25 September 1996, Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel (SIEV) KERRIA carrying 11 adults and 10 children arrived at Tudu Island. On 4 January 1998 SIEV ZOSTERA carrying 20 adults and 10 children also arrived at Tudu Island. Persons onboard these vessels sought Australia's protection. However, interviews established that although they were Indonesian nationals, they had crossed into PNG from Indonesia some time before, and had permissive residency in PNG. They were returned to PNG.” 1. Where were these people interviewed? 2. Were they able to access or were they offered legal assistance? 3. How was a decision made that they had been in Papua New Guinea for some time and had permissive residency?	Border Intelligence and Unauthorised Arrivals	18 July 2006
235.	Written	Nettle	1.3	1. Last estimates you informed us that no one on a residence determination had absconded. Is this still the case? 2. How many residence determinations have been made? 3. Is the residence determination program considered a success? 4. How much has the residence determination program cost to date? 5. Is there any plan to expand the program? 6. If the program was expanded would it result in savings to have fewer people in immigration detention and more living in the community under a ‘determination’? 7. Provide a comparison of average costs per day for detention and residence determinations in the community?	Case Management Support	21 August 2006

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236.	Written	Nettle	1.3	<u>Villawood relocation</u> 1. How long has DIMA known about Asbestos contamination? 2. What was done, who was contacted about it? 3. How much did the relocation of detainees cost – breakdown of costs? 4. Have current and former detainees and/or staff been screened for asbestos related diseases? If not, why not?	DSD Coordination	
237.	Written	Nettle	1.3	<u>Baxter closing 2008</u> 1. Provide a copy of the review of longer-term detention facility planning. 2. A ‘detention facilities strategy’ is mentioned in a Minister’s press release. Can you please provide a copy of the strategy. 3. Did the review of detention centres include off-shore detention centres? Is so, what were the recommendations regarding off-shore detention centres? 4. Will Baxter be used by the military when it becomes a contingency facility? 5. What is the projected cost of keeping Baxter as a contingency facility?	DSD Coordination	14 July 2006
238.	Written	Nettle	1.3	In an answer to Question on Notice number 38, February 2004 Estimates, the department provided a table of the cost of detention per detainee per day of various detention facilities. Provide a similar table for all detention facilities currently in use by DIMA, including those processing people off-shore.	DSD Coordination	31 July 2006
239.	Written	Nettle	1.3	1. Have any people been released under the category “released not unlawful” since the figure of 27 was released during February 2006 Estimates? 2. If so, how many? Please provide a breakdown of their age, nationality and length of detention. 3. Have these cases been referred to the Ombudsman?	Compliance Framework and Review Coordination	31 July 2006
240.	Written	Nettle	1.3	What resources has DIMA provided to the Ombudsman in order for him to complete his report on the original 220 and others referred?	Review Coordination	12 July 2006
241.	Written	Nettle	1.3	Apart from Cornelia Rau and Vivian Solon, have any other ‘released not unlawful’ people lodged compensation claims? If so, who?	Litigation	14 July 2006
242.	143 and Written	Nettle	1.5	1. What is the cost of the monthly visits by the psychiatrist to Nauru (including salary, travel, accommodation, medicine)? 2. How often does a psychiatrist visit the two men? 3. What is the total cost of psychiatric care for the two men? 4. Has the DIMA been given reports on their mental health? 5. Do these reports concern DIMA? 6. Do they recommend any solutions such as bring the men to Australia?	Offshore Asylum Seeker Management	23 August 2006
243.	143 and Written	Nettle	1.5	What is the cost of the community housing on Nauru?	Offshore Asylum Seeker Management	14 July 2006
244.	Written	Ludwig	1.5	What has been the cost of the Government’s policy of processing asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island since 2001 by: a. Total to date	Offshore Asylum Seeker	14 July 2006

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				<p>b. Each processing centre to date, and by year?</p> <p>c. Do these costs include those incurred by the Defence Department, Customs, and foreign aid budget?</p> <p>d. Have any payments, including those made in the form of aid, been paid to the Governments of Nauru or PNG in connection with the establishment of refugee processing centres in their countries? If so -</p> <p>i. For each payment made to date, could the department provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the department/agency responsible for the payment. 2. the recipient of the payment. 3. the value of the payment. 4. the date of the payment. 5. the reason of the payment. <p>ii. For each payment scheduled to be made in the future</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the department/agency responsible for the payment. 2. the intended recipient of the payment. 3. the expected value of the payment. 4. the expected date of the payment. 5. the reason of the payment. <p>iii. Following the recent changes to the Australian Government's policy on the processing of asylum seekers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are any of the scheduled payments likely to be effected? If so, could the department detail how they are likely change? 2. Are any additional payments likely to be required? If so, could the department detail what new payments are likely? 	Management	
245.	Written	Nettle	1.5	What is the total cost of employing a psychiatric nurse on Nauru? Does this nurse treat Nauruans as well as the detainees?	Offshore Asylum Seeker Management	14 July 2006
246.	Written	Nettle	1.5	<p><u>The consolidation of the two detention centres on Nauru.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much are the construction costs? 2. When were the plans for the reconstruction created? 3. When did construction start? 4. How was the capacity of the centre decided? 5. What contingency plans exist if arrivals exceed capacity? 6. Does it have a management unit? 7. What kind of fence will it have? 8. Will it have a medical unit? 9. How many security staff will be at the new centre? 10. How many DIMA staff will be at the new centre? 11. Who will operate the detention centre? Will it be a private contractor - GSL or IOM or DIMA? 	Offshore Asylum Seeker Management	14 July 2006

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				12. Can you provide a copy of the contract? 13. How will medical, psychiatric and legal services be provided?		
247.	Written	Nettle	1.5	How will future detainees be taken to Nauru? Will it be by commercial flight, charter flight or sea?	Offshore Asylum Seeker Management	14 July 2006
248.	Written	Nettle	1.5	How much does a charter flight cost to Nauru? How much has DIMA paid for past charter flights?	Offshore Asylum Seeker Management	14 July 2006
249.	Written	Nettle	1.5	The Budget media release states that it will save \$33.8 million over four years. How was this saving calculated?	Offshore Asylum Seeker Management	14 July 2006
250.	Written	Nettle	1.5	1. What kind of agreement has been made with the Nauru govt in regard to the new policy? 2. What is the basis for payment to Nauru? 3. Is there a fee per detainee? 4. What will a detainee's status be on Nauru?	Offshore Asylum Seeker Management	14 July 2006
251.	Written	Nettle	1.5	1. Given Nauru has serious problems with power generation, how will power be made available for the centre? 2. What is the estimated cost of importing the generators and ongoing cost of fuel for the generators if the centre is at full capacity?	Offshore Asylum Seeker Management	14 July 2006
252.	Written	Nettle	1.5	Provide a copy of the most recent MOU with Nauru.	International Cooperation	23 August 2006
253.	Written	Nettle	1.5	1. Will there be a residential housing project or some form of residence determination? 2. Where will this be located on Nauru? 3. Will we see children born into detention once again?	Offshore Asylum Seeker Management	14 July 2006
254.	Written	Nettle	1.5	1. What plans are made for Manus Island? 2. What agreement has been arranged with the Papua New Guinea government? 3. Is there any plans to alter the current mothballed detention centre on Manus Island? 4. Is there any construction work? 5. What is the current capacity of Manus Island? 6. How will medical, psychiatric and legal services be provided?	Offshore Asylum Seeker Management	14 July 2006
				23 May 2006		
255.	13	Hurley	2.1	In relation to the IHSS contract, provide a copy of the risk management plan for the tender process	Settlement	18 July 2006
256.	13	Hurley	2.1	Confirm what would happen if the winning tenderers were not ready for the start-up date.	Settlement	18 July 2006
257.	16	Hurley	2.1	How many one-off service orders have there been?	Settlement	18 July 2006
258.	16	Hurley	2.1	Provide a copy of the contract that deals with underperformance, breaches and penalties.	Settlement	18 July 2006
259.	17	Hurley	2.1	Provide a copy of the complaint handling mechanisms put in place by a provider in Queensland.	Settlement	18 July 2006

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260.	22	Hurley	2.1	What was the contract amount for the southern area and the northern area of New South Wales? Could you also give me the contract amount for the remaining 18 service providers?	Settlement	18 August 2006
261.	22	Hurley	2.1	Provide a copy of the section of the contract that relates to the six-monthly business report.	Settlement	18 July 2006
262.	23	Hurley	2.1	In relation to IHSS contract, how does the Department intend to measure the KPIs?	Settlement	10 August 2006
263.	24	Hurley	2.1	What is included in the six-monthly report?	Settlement	18 July 2006
264.	24	Hurley	2.1	Can you give me a copy of any of the reports, or all of them?	Settlement	25 September 2006
265.	24	Hurley	2.1	Do the exit interviews that have been conducted so far indicate that the satisfaction rate is above 75 per cent?	Settlement	
266.	25	Hurley	2.1	Provide a more detailed breakdown of the level of service accessed by SHP entrants.	Settlement	18 July 2006
267.	27	Hurley	2.1	Do we have the percentage of refugees and special humanitarian entrants that take up counselling?	Settlement	
268.	27	Hurley	2.1	Do refugees have any access to training in job seeking? How would that occur?	Settlement	14 July 2006
269.	30	Hurley	2.1	So would it now be made part of the package that clients are made aware of that there is this special preparatory program?	Settlement	14 July 2006
270.	32	Hurley	2.1	Could you say at what stage those who exited post that meeting were?	Settlement	18 July 2006
271.	37	Hurley	2.1	How many volunteers have received payments from ACL or their consortium partners, Mission Australia, to support refugees settling in the Newcastle and Hunter region and what each volunteer has received to date?	Settlement	
272.	43	Hurley	2.1	With the home tutor scheme, what kind of training are the tutors expected to have?	Citizenship and Language Services	14 July 2006
273.	Written	Hurley	2.1	1. Can DIMA confirm that the ACL caseworker had not been formally briefed about the health of Richard Niyonsaba by the management of ACL Pty Ltd? 2. Can DIMA provide the exact details of what time Richard Niyonsaba and his family landed at Sydney Airport on November 4 2006? 3. Can DIMA provide the exact time at which the ACL caseworker first met Richard Niyonsaba and his family once they had landed at Sydney airport? 4. Can DIMA confirm how many hours the ACL caseworker spent with Richard Niyonsaba and his family on their initial meeting? 5. How many hours on average do ACL caseworkers spend with their clients on their initial meeting?	Settlement	
274.	Written	Hurley	2.1	<u>Re: ACL former client Clodine Nisasha</u> 1. What were the reasons for ACL exiting this family? 2. Has any financial assistance been forthcoming for the organisation that has taken over Clodine's settlement needs? 3. What refugee sub-class is she? 4. ACL has affectively lost a client out of a caseload whose settlement is being funded by the taxpayer.	Settlement	10 August 2006

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				What happens to those allocated funds? Is ACL contractually required to reimburse either DIMA or the new settlement organisation in question as a result of this?		
275.	Written	Hurley	2.1	<u>Re: ACL client Janine Mugisha</u> 1. Can DIMA explain why her ACL caseworker couldn't be contacted for several hours on a day when she needed assistance to enter her house with a sick child? 2. Why, on the following day, did her ACL caseworker fail to attend the lady's court appearance at the correct time when it was arranged she would. 3. The court case was subsequently missed due to Ms Mugisha not receiving any assistance. What legal consequences have resulted from this?	Settlement	
276.	55	Hurley	2.2	Provide a complete list nationally of the interpreters that are available.	TIS National	14 July 2006
277.	57	Hurley	2.2	What about steps to gauge the satisfaction of the people who use the services delivered through NAATI—not just the translators and interpreters, the people involved with NAATI, but also the government agencies, the clients?	Citizenship and Language Services	14 July 2006
278.	57	Hurley	2.2	What role do the NAATI regional panels perform?	Citizenship and Language Services	14 July 2006
279.	58	Hurley	2.2	What happened after the questions on notice about the position of the CEO of NAATI were submitted to the NEW South Wales Legislative Council in late 2005?	Citizenship and Language Services	14 July 2006
280.	59	Hurley	2.2	What is involved in the performance evaluation of the CEO of NAATI?	Citizenship and Language Services	14 July 2006
281.	59	Hurley	2.2	To get back to some accountability issues, we were talking about the board role, and we were talking previously about best practice and so on. Has there been any attempt to develop or define best practice in test design and administration?	Citizenship and Language Services	14 July 2006
282.	52	Bartlett	2.3	Provide a copy of the Citizenship Ceremonies Code.	Citizenship and Language Services	14 July 2006
283.	54	Hurley	2.3	Which members of Parliament have a standing delegation to confer citizenship?	Citizenship and Language Services	14 July 2006
284.	49	Hurley	2.4	How many community liaison officers are employed at the moment?	Multicultural Affairs	14 July 2006
285.	9	Ludwig	RRT	Do you have a graph which indicates the workload, what you are meeting and the rate—whether you are meeting the targets or not?	Refugee Review Tribunal	7 August 2006
286.	10	Ludwig	MRT	Provide further statistics in relation to the case load.	Migration Review	7 August 2006

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287.	Written	Mason	Internal Product	With respect to DIMA (the Dept.) in the last calendar year or financial year you have records for what is the total number of days of sick leave and unscheduled sick leave taken by the Department's employees? Over the same period, what was the average number of days of sick leave and unscheduled leave taken per Full Time Equivalent employee of the Department?		14 July 2006
288.	Written	Mason	Internal Product	What is the sick leave entitlement allowable to the employees of the Department as part of the terms of their employment (under the Certified Agreement or individual contracts)?		14 July 2006
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290.	Written	Mason	Internal Product	What initiatives, if any, has the Department undertaken in the past three years to address absenteeism?		14 July 2006