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1	AG	CSG (HR)	Trood	<p>Since May Budget Estimates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) how many permanent staff have been recruited by the Department b) what level were staff recruited c) how many temporary positions exist or have been created d) how many employees have been employed on contract, and what length of time were the contracts e) has there been any reduction in staffing numbers as a result of the efficiency dividend that the department was required to take earlier in the year, and if so, in which divisions and at what level were those positions removed, and f) are there any further considerations being given to the refiguring of staff in light of the decisions that have been taken and the ones that are in prospect? 	5-6	
2	AG/ MHA	CSG (CG&C)	Trood	<p>Provide ministerial travel expenditure, including travel, accommodation and any other expenses, since June 2008, including details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the destinations and dates of travel b) costs of ministerial staff travelling with the Attorney/Minister for Home Affairs c) costs relating to family accompanying the Attorney/Minister for Home Affairs, and d) costs relating to departmental officers accompanying the Attorney/Minister for Home Affairs? 	6-7	
3	AG/ MHA	CSG (PAB)	Trood	<p>Provide information about government advertising and any communications programs that the department might have undertaken or might be planning to undertake, since June 2008.</p>	9	
4	AG	Output 2.1 (CRJD)	Brandis	<p>In relation to the Anti-money laundering and counter terrorism financing public awareness campaign, were there policy changes after the change of government in relation to the emphases in this information and the manner in which it was communicated to various stakeholder groups of the public?</p>	11	
5	AG	Output 2.3 (SCID)	Brandis	<p>Are you able to give the Committee particular information as to when, later in the year, the Prime Minister is going to make a statement in relation to the Smith review?</p>	16	
6	AG/	Executive	Barnett	<p>How many reviews are currently being undertaken by the Department? Identify</p>	16	

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	MHA			the reviews, including the topic of the review, the date of the report for the review and any other relevant particulars.		
7	AG/ MHA	CSG (PAB)	Barnett	What is the average cost per month this financial year of the media monitoring for: a) the Department b) the Office of the Attorney-General c) the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs	17	
8	AG	AGD All Divns (coord M&PS)	Barnett	What is the Department's hospitality spend for the year to date? Provide details of the date, location, purpose and the total cost, for events exceeding \$200.	17	
9	AG/ MHA	CSG (M&PS)	Barnett	What is the ministerial hospitality spend for the year to date? Provide details of the date, location, purpose and the total cost of the relevant event.	18	
10	AG/ MHA	FSG	Barnett	For this financial year, provide information about consultancies which have commenced. Identify the purpose of each consultancy, the timing of it – when the consultancy will start and when it will conclude– and the cost of the consultancy.	18	
11	AG/ MHA	FSG	Barnett	For this financial year, provide information about discretionary grants within the portfolio. Identify the purpose of each grant, the cost, the timing and other relevant particulars.	19	
12	AG/ MHA	FSG	Barnett	Identify the initiatives and measures that have ceased this financial year.	20-21	
13	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Barnett	Can you table the Attorney-General's submission to the tribunal regarding remuneration for judicial officers?	23	
14	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Barnett	Can you identify the representatives from each state and territory in the working group to examine the feasibility of establishing a national judicial complaints-handling mechanism?	24	
15	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Barnett	Can you provide information submitted to the Attorney-General outlining the Department's concerns with the judicial complaints mechanism process? What date was this information submitted to the Attorney-General?	25	
16	AG	Output 1.3 (CHRC)	Brandis	Provide a list of all recommendations arising from the 2020 Summit that were circulated to the Department either as the sole relevant department or as a constituent with other departments in considering the recommendation.	28	
17	AG	Output 1.3 (CHRC)	Hanson-Young	With regard to the \$2.8 million allocated to the national community consultation into the protection of human rights in Australia:	33	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide a breakdown of where the money is currently being spent and what has been rephased, and b) how much has been expended to date? 		
18	AG	Output 1.3 (CHRCDC)	Barnett	<p>In terms of Departmental staffing for the national community consultation into the protection of human rights in Australia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) identify staff working on the project and their position in the Department b) outline future plans for staffing within the Department for the consultation process, and c) has the Department considered appointing consultants? If so, will consultants be appointed and if so, nominate the areas in which they will be working and the purpose of their consultation? 	38	
19	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Brandis	<p>In relation to Mr Des Semple's review of the delivery by the Family Court and Federal Magistrates Court of family law services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide the dates that each of Mr Semple's drafts to various sections of the report were provided to the Department b) to whom in the Department were they provided c) what process of consultation between Mr Semple and officers of the department followed each iteration d) provide all email exchanges, minutes of relevant telephone conversations and minutes of any meeting between officers of the Department and Mr Semple, and e) provide copies of each iteration, of each draft, of each section of the report. 	41	
20	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Barnett	With respect to vacancies, provide details on the number of nominations received and appointments made, including the identity of each, for judicial appointments.	43	
21	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Brandis	Why was the Opposition not consulted on the appointment of the Chief Justice of the High Court?	44	
22	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Brandis	<p>In relation to the appointment of the Chief Justice of the High Court:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) was the former Secretary of the Department, Mr Cornall, consulted, and b) was the then Commonwealth Solicitor-General consulted? 	44 - 45	
23	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Barnett	Provide a short list of applicants for the appointments of Chief Justice and High Court Judge. If a short list cannot be provided, advise the Committee how many were on the short list for both appointments.	44 - 47	

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24	AG	Output 1.2 (LSPPSD)	Barnett	Provide costs of legal services provided to the Government since 30 June 2008.	49	
25	AG	Output 1.4 (OIL)	Trood	In relation to the Government's election promise to take Iran to the International Court of Justice with regards to genocide and its threats to Israel: a) when did the Attorney-General's Department begin preparing advice? b) did the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade participate in the preparation of advice? c) was advice shared with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade? If so, when was that advice shared, and d) after submitting advice to the Attorney-General, was it returned to the Office of International Law Division?	52 - 54	
26	AG	NNTT	Barnett	In conjunction with the Case Flow Management Scheme: a) have other initiatives been implemented? b) if so, have these initiatives been put to the Government, and c) if so, identify them and provide the relevant particulars	59	
27	AG	Output 1.6 (TNTD)	Barnett	In relation to policy papers directed to the faster resolution of outstanding matters before the Tribunal: a) provide the number of proposals put forward b) the name of the proposal, and c) provide a copy, if possible	60	
28	AG	Output 1.6 (TNTD)	Barnett	Provide details of the terms of reference for the Working Group on Native Title Payments.	61	
29	AG	NNTT	Barnett	Provide the current status of the Wik and Wik Way Peoples matter.	61	
30	AG	Output 1.6 (TNTD)	Barnett	In relation to outstanding Native Title claims: a) outline current initiatives aimed at addressing the backlog, and b) when does the Department envisage outstanding claims will be addressed and resolved?	62-63	
31	AG	ALRC	Brandis	Are there any new areas of law reform the Australian Law Reform Commission is anticipating considering?	68	
32	MHA	Output 1.3 (CHRCO)	Joyce	What penalties are in place for importers, distributors and sellers who import, distribute and sell unclassified literature, publications or titles that, if classified, may be restricted or even refused classification?	71	
33	MHA	Output 1.3	Joyce	What penalties would be applied to publishers of periodicals who change their	72	

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		(CHRCO)		content so that it is no longer reflective of its classification once that classification has been made?		
34	MHA	Classification Board	Joyce	Provide details of audits conducted in the last 5 years, including lists of titles that were found to be incorrectly classified or never submitted for classification.	72	
35	MHA	Output 1.3 (CHRCO)	Joyce	Provide details on any recent research conducted into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the content of sexually explicit publications typically on sale in all or some of the States and Territories and into the types of content and images for sale, and b) how current classification decisions reflect or are discordant with community attitudes, specifically in relation to the content of the range of periodical or other publications on sale in supermarkets, service stations and adult shops 	72	
36	MHA	Classification Board	Marshall	What is the percentage of submittable publications (to the Classification Board) as opposed to all other publications on the market?	80	
37	MHA	Output 1.3 (CHRCO)	Fierravanti-Wells	Has the provision for standing for application for the Classification Review Board been ‘watered down’ over the years and has consideration been given to extending the criteria so a wider range of people have standing?	87	
38	AG	Family Court	Brandis	Provide figures on the average length, in terms of judge days required, of the matters that went to trial in the Family Court in 2007-08.	89	
39	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Brandis	Has the Department briefed the Attorney-General on the likely impact of the efficiency dividend on the Family Court?	91	
40	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)/ Family Court	Barnett	Has the Family Court responded to the Committee’s report on the Family Court Annual Report 2006 – 07?	100	
41	AG	Family Court	Barnett	Provide dates of when discussions took place between the Department, the courts and the Chief Justice in relation to the Government’s approach to complaint handling and who judges the judges.	102	
42	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Brandis	Can the Committee be provided with a copy of Chief Justice Black’s letter of 5 September 2008, to the Attorney-General concerning the accessibility and effectiveness of the federal justice system?	107	
43	AG	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Brandis	Provide the Committee with details on what, if any, mode of public or stakeholder consultation and engagement is envisaged regarding proposals surrounding the accessibility and effectiveness of the federal justice system.	108	

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44	AG	Federal Court	Brandis	What further methods of stakeholder consultation and engagement are envisaged in the development and refinement of proposals for procedural reform?	108	
45	AG	Federal Court	Fierravanti-Wells	Provide further detail surrounding the increase in cases in 2005 – 06	110	
46	AG	AHRC	Barnett	Provide the date the decision was made to rename the Commission to the Australian Human Rights Commission.	116	
47	AG	AHRC	Barnett	Is the name the Australian Human Rights Commission registered as a business name in the States and Territories?	117	
48	AG	AHRC	Barnett	With respect to the Commission's name change, what cost and expenditure has been incurred in terms of: a) the change of name b) the corporate identity change c) any other related purposes, and d) the overall strategic change	117-118	
49	AG	AHRC	Barnett	With regard to the Commission's project on freedom of religion and belief in the 21 st century: a) provide a breakdown of the total budget, including expenditure to date b) provide the date the Commission decided to proceed with the inquiry, and c) provide the date the Commission advised the Attorney-General of its intention to proceed with the inquiry	118-119	
50	AG	AHRC	Fierravanti-Wells	Please explain how the involvement of religion in debates about homosexuality and abortion are relevant to multiculturalism.	120	
51	AG/ MHA	AHRC	Siewert	With regard to the impact of the efficiency dividend: a) how has this affected staffing b) how has this impacted on cuts to programs c) have any projects been cut, and d) provide details on any significant projects that have been cut as a result.	121	
52	MHA	AUSTRAC	Barnett	Is AUSTRAC or the Department aware of any movements in finance funds, or do you have any concerns flowing from the instability caused by the global financial crisis of the last weeks and months?	126	
53	AG	Output 3.2 (EMA)	Humphries	Provide details on how the Commonwealth would coordinate with the States and Territories a response to a major national disaster.	129	
54	AG	Output 1.2	Brandis	In relation to the ASIC announcement on the Government's measures to address	132	

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		(LSPPSD)		the global financial crisis, announced on 12 October 2008: a) was legal advice provided from the Department to Treasury and the Department of Finance and Deregulation given in documentary form, and b) can the Committee be provided with a copy of that advice?		
55	MHA	AFP	Fielding	Please provide the terms of reference of the AFP review into how the AFP acts on missing persons overseas.	139	
56	AG	CSG (M&PS)	Boswell	In relation to the Government's response to climate change: a) what, if any, steps have been taken to estimate the costs of the Government's response to climate change, including the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme for every department, agency and program within this portfolio? b) what are the costs and estimated costs identified (reported separately), and c) have any costs been included in forward estimates and if so, where?		Writing
57	MHA	Output 1.1 (CJD)	Brown	With regard to the Indigenous Counselling Service Indigerelate provided by Interrelate in Lismore, can the Attorney-General advise: a) what outreach services have been provided by the Indigerelate to Indigenous communities in northern NSW since the inception of this program b) has an evaluation of the effectiveness of these services been conducted against the outcomes outlined in the tender agreement c) if so, when was it conducted and what were the results d) what is the process by which the evaluation of an Indigenous outreach service, such as Indigerelate, is conducted e) is the evaluation undertaken by independent evaluators f) what feedback was sought from Indigerelate staff, previous and existing, in the course of the program evaluation g) is the Attorney-General aware of any complaints about the effectiveness of the outreach services since the program has been operating h) has the Attorney-General's department contacted any former or existing staff member from Indigerelate in regards to concerns about provision of services to Indigenous communities in Northern NSW, and i) what, if any, actions have been taken to investigate any complaints made?		Writing
58	MHA	Output 1.2		Amendments have recently been made to the grounds for refusing classification, on		Writing

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		(CHRCD)		<p>the basis that material "advocates" terrorism (as per the definition in Division 102 of the Criminal Code):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) how many publications have been refused classification on this ground b) how many requests for reclassification/review of classification on this ground have been received, and c) has this led to a need for a change in priorities/the allocation of resources in this area? 		
59	AG	Output 1.3 (CHRCD)		<p>I refer to the report of the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts inquiry into the effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice and the relevant extract below:</p> <p>Electronic games</p> <p>6.6 An issue raised by the Young Liberal Movement Victoria, and supported by the NSW Council for Civil Liberties, is the lack of a classification scale 'for adults only' for electronic games:</p> <p>Currently both television and film have classifications for adults only content. This ensures that this category of media is accessible for those in the appropriate age bracket (over 18).</p> <p>In the case of television this requires responsible parental supervision and in the case of film, adherence to legal requirements by cinemas and DVD hirers and sellers.</p> <p>No such adults only classification scale exists for electronic games.</p> <p>Instead, electronic games deemed to contain adults only content are banned from sale in Australia. As a result, game studios are forced to either modify their products and release edited versions or decide to not release their product in Australia at all.</p> <p>The irony is that these games are fairly accessible online.¹</p> <p>6.7 The Committee notes the inconsistency of the current situation but is aware that</p>		Writing

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				<p>the matter is under review by the Attorney-General's Department.</p> <p>a) What is the current status of the review into the classification of electronic games and the introduction of an 'R 18+' classification?</p> <p>b) What consultation has the Department undertaken with the Australian electronic games industry on this matter, particularly the Interactive Entertainment Association of Australia?</p> <p>c) When is the review expected to be completed?</p>		
60	AG	Output 1.4 (OIL)	Abetz	<p>Mr Bill Campbell QC of the Attorney-General's Department helpfully answered some questions on 20 October 2008 concerning Australia's claim in the UN jurisdiction for an enlarged Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Mr Campbell was asked whether Australia's case depended on any argument about the status of Elizabeth and Middleton Islands/Reef and he stated quite clearly that it does not. Accordingly, could the Department provide information on what other basis it made a claim for an additional area of EEZ. In particular, could the Department indicate how Australia was able to establish that the additional area constitutes the "natural prolongation" of Australia's continental shelf?</p>		Writing
61	AG	Output 1.7 (IJLAD)	Ludlam	<p>In the course of the introduction and amendment of more than 40 pieces of legislation relating to terrorism and terror-related offences, the AFP, State Police, ASIO and other related agencies received additional funds to enforce the legislation and prosecute various cases.</p> <p>a) Is the Department aware of the additional burdens placed on community legal services and centres as a consequence of the application of these laws?</p> <p>b) Does the Department have any estimates of the degree to which the application of the terrorism-related laws have placed additional burdens on community legal centres, and</p> <p>c) Has legal aid funding been similarly resourced to meet the increased need of ensuring people's right to representation in these and other cases? Is such resourcing under consideration by the Department?</p>		Writing
62	AG	Output 1.7 (IJLAD)	Ludlam	<p>In response to the April 2008 Review of the Commonwealth Community Legal Services Programme, it is understood that new funding models are under consideration.</p> <p>a) Can you identify whether this review will look at funding models which:</p> <p>i. increase the minimum base line funding</p>		Writing

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. ensure that new funding goes to highest needs areas, and iii. evaluate ways to address areas with little or no services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) When is it anticipated that this assessment will be complete? c) On what basis is a needs assessment being done? 		
63	AG	Output 1.7 (IJLAD)	Ludlam	<p>In relation to community legal centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) regarding the makeup of State and Federal funding for community legal centres, has there been a declining Federal contribution as compared to the States, at the same time there has been an increased demand on these services b) regarding the arbitrary distinctions created when the Commonwealth will only pay for commonwealth law matters, and States pick up costs for State matters, will there be a review of this Federal State break down, and c) are you aware of the comparison between Australia and the rest of the OECD regarding spending per capita on the provision of legal aid? Can you provide a comparison? 		Writing
64	AG	Output 2.1 (CRJD)	Ludlam	<p>In relation to the listing of organisations under Division 102 of the Criminal Code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) what process is being used to determine which organisations, of the many that satisfy the statutory criteria, are considered for listing under Division 102 of the Criminal Code b) what methods of gathering information about organisations are used, and how are priorities set c) to what degree does the Department rely upon information provided by foreign governments, and d) what are the costs of keeping organisations (both listed ones, and potential new ones to be listed) under review? 		Writing
65	AG	Output 2.3 (SCID)	Ludlam	<p>With regard to the Dr Mohammed Haneef case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) outline the current and estimated future spending on this case? Is it still a live case for the Department, and b) can you provide the amount the Department is spending overall on counter-terrorism measures? 		Writing
66	AG	Output 2.3 (SCID)	Ludlam	<p>In September 2007 the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security recommended that "the Attorney-General's Department develop a communication strategy that is responsive to the specific information needs of ethnic and religious</p>		Writing

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				<p>communities":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has the Department begun implementing this recommendation b) what sorts of resources have been allocated to this end? How have priorities been determined? Which communities/agencies/outside bodies have been involved in setting those priorities, and c) the same report "recommends that the Attorney-General's Department be responsible for the publication of comprehensive data on the application of terrorism laws." Has anything been done in response to this recommendation? 		
67	AG	Output 2.3 (SCID)	Ludlam	<p>In relation to the Burmese regime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has the Department provided counter-terrorism support or other kinds of support to the Burmese regime in the past? What is the nature of this support, and can you provide a breakdown of the costs of this support to the Department b) does the Department currently provide counter-terrorism support or other forms of support to the Burmese regime? If not, when did this cease? If so, can you outline the nature of this support, its' budget impact, and it's estimated future budget impact, and c) is this support under review in the light of the situation in Burma? 		Writing
68	AG	Output 2.3 (SCID)	Ludlam	<p>In relation to media reporting of State police services undertaking covert surveillance and infiltration of peace, environment and animal rights groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) does the Department believe there is a legitimate role for Commonwealth law enforcement agencies to undertake surveillance and infiltration of such groups, and b) to what degree do Commonwealth agencies undertake surveillance of such groups? 		Writing
69	AG	Output 2.4 (EMA)	Humphries	<p>I understand that the Director General of EMA has prepared a report or other written assessment on Australia's capacity to handle a catastrophic disaster, i.e. one which overwhelms the capacity of a jurisdiction to deal with and respond adequately. Can the Committee be provided with a copy of this report?</p>		Writing
70	AG	Output 2.4 (EMA)	Humphries	<p>We have seen many significant disasters worldwide over the past two years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What document or documents describe Australia's national plan to deal with a disaster on the scale of, say, the recent Burma cyclone? 		Writing

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				b) Is there a nationally agreed plan which <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. provides for clear lines of authority, ii. outlines accountability mechanisms, and iii. sets out the legislative underpinning for such a plan? c) Can a copy of this plan be made available to the Committee? d) What assurance can you give to the committee that Australia is well placed and resourced to respond to and recover from such a disaster? e) In the event of such a disaster, which senior Commonwealth officer would head the Federal Government's role in disaster management/recovery? Can the Committee be provided with a copy of the instrument of Commonwealth appointment or delegation of this officer? f) Can the Committee be provided with copies of all approved plans in relation to emergency/disaster management for each Commonwealth department/agency including those endorsed by all governments?		
71	AG	Output 2.5 (PSCC)	Ludlam	In relation to counter-terrorism training exercises: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Department undertakes counter-terrorism exercises such as the recent Mercury 08. How many more exercises are expected to take place, and b) how much do these exercises cost the Department? 		Writing
72	MHA	ACC	Cormann	With regard to the number of Intelligence Analysts employed in the Western Australian office of the Australian Crime Commission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) how many were employed on 1 November 2007? Was it 15? b) how many were employed on 20 October 2008? Was it the reduced number of 9? c) does this reduction in Intelligence Analysts relate to work load changes? If so, how? d) is the Commission considering recruiting any additional Intelligence Analysts between now and then end of the calendar year 2008, and e) if so, how many? 		Writing
73	MHA	ACC	Cormann	Focussing on the performance of the Australian Crime Commission as a Federal Agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) how do you measure current work load at a State office level b) using that measure, what is the current work load of the Western Australian office of the Australian Crime Commission when it comes to drug and 		Writing

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74	MHA	ACC	Siewert	<p>In relation to the National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Task Force:</p> <p>a) given the objective of the \$4.2 million extension of the National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Task Force was to facilitate better understanding of the nature and extent of child abuse and violence in the Northern Territory, what are your findings so far</p> <p>b) what progress has been made in investigating and apprehending paedophiles, and</p> <p>c) have you exercised any of your special coercive powers?</p>		Writing
75	MHA	ACC	Barnett	<p>The Australian Crime Commission is Australia's statutory body tackling serious and organised crime.</p> <p>a) Does the ACC feel that it has adequate funding to conduct its investigations?</p> <p>b) Has the ACC had any of its funding cut or re-allocated?</p> <p>c) If so, how are these budget cuts or shortfalls affecting resources?</p> <p>d) Further to this, what effect are these budget cuts and shortfalls having on staff morale?</p>		Writing
76	MHA	ACC	Barnett	<p>The ACC draws many members and detectives from state and territory police forces. These members often have specialist knowledge of certain cases, e.g. members from South Australia who have previously investigated outlaw motorcycle gangs, members from Victoria who have investigated organised crime syndicates, etc.</p> <p>a) Does the ACC have sufficient resources from the State and Territory forces to meet operational needs?</p> <p>b) Have State and Territory members been required to return to their respective State and Territory agencies?</p> <p>c) If so, how has this affected the investigations they were involved in?</p> <p>d) Further, have additional staff been provided to counter any shortfall?</p>		Writing

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77	AG/MHA	AFP	Hanson-Young	<p>The Government will provide \$191.9 million over five years (including \$94.4 million in 2012/13) to deliver an additional 500 sworn Australian Federal Police officers. The additional officers will work on high impact criminal investigations relating to transnational and domestic crime, counter terrorism, high tech crime, fraud, money laundering, people smuggling, drug trafficking and child exploitation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many staff are allocated to combat trafficking of persons? b) Can the Committee have a breakdown of how much money has been spent on programs to combat trafficking in the current financial year? c) Is there specific training that these officers are required to go through when dealing with victims of trafficking, and d) if so, how much is spent on this training? 		Writing
78	AG	AFP	Brown	<p>Paula Doneman, Crime Editor on the <i>Sunday Mail</i> newspaper, reported on 5 October 2008 that the Australian Federal Police had seized her personal mobile telephone records in response to her investigation into the AFP's investigation into Dr Mohamed Haneef. In the article she outlined the chilling effect such actions have on freedom of speech in this country and a journalist's ability to protect their sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Why were Ms Doneman's personal call records accessed by the AFP? b) If the AFP suspected an officer of leaking information to a journalist why weren't the officer's call records accessed rather than the journalist's? c) How would identifying that a crime reporter spoke to a member of the police force, something she must do daily as part of her job, establish whether information has been leaked inappropriately? d) What guidelines/protocols does the AFP have in place to govern the access of such records? e) Does the AFP monitor the calls of journalists to uncover potential leaks, and f) Has the AFP monitored Ms Doneman's calls in the past? 		Writing
79	AG	AFP	Ludlam	<p>In relation to combating terrorism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In the AFP's annual report it is noted that \$55,554,000 was allocated to Outcome 1.3, Terrorism, can you provide a breakdown of how these funds are disbursed? b) What is allocated to preventive measures? 		Writing

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) What is allocated to community engagement? d) What is the number of personnel in Outcome 1.3, and how are its performance measures calculated? e) What are the goods and services worth \$4,953,000 in 2007 that are bringing in revenues under the Terrorism Output? f) Revenues from other sources under this Output are listed as \$4,199,000. Can you detail these revenue sources? g) What is being spent on the Islamic Engagement Teams? h) What recommendations of the Street Review has the AFP adopted? Has the recommendation in paragraph 2.4 been adopted? i) How much has been spent on counter-terrorism training exercises in the last cycle, and how much is projected for the current cycle on these exercises? 		
80	MHA	AFP	Ludlam	<p>In relation to Dr Mohammed Haneef:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide a breakdown of the total cost to the AFP of the prosecution of Dr Mohammed Haneef to date, and b) can you provide an estimate for what the Haneef case is likely to cost the agency into the future? 		Writing
81	MHA	AFP	Ludlam	<p>In relation to the Burmese regime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has the AFP provided counter-terrorism support or other kinds of support to the Burmese regime in the past? b) what has been the nature of this support, and can you provide a breakdown of the costs of this support to the AFP? c) does the AFP currently provide counter-terrorism support or other forms of support to the Burmese regime? If not, when did these activities cease? If so, can you outline the nature of this support, its' budget impact, and it's estimated future budget impact, and d) is this support under review in the light of the situation in Burma? 		Writing
82	MHA	AFP	Ludlam	<p>In relation to media reports of State police agencies undertaking covert surveillance and infiltration of peace, environment, climate change and animal rights groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to what degree does the AFP undertake surveillance of such groups, and b) can you provide an estimate of the total budget expenditure on such activities? 		Writing
83	MHA	AFP	Ludlam	In relation to the surveillance of ethnic communities:		Writing

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) can you provide details of funds allocated to investigations into the activities of Australians abroad (eg the investigations that have taken place into the activities of Australians in Somalia) for the last financial year b) can you identify how spending priorities are established for these sorts of investigations, given their potential cost c) how are expenditure priorities determined in relation to investigations into particular Australian communities (eg Tamil Australians, Somali Australians, Kurdish Australians), and d) can you outline the public benefits of such investigations? 		
84	MHA	AFP	Barnett	<p>Many AFP programs are now required to be funded through the AFP's existing budget, rather than additional Commonwealth funds being provided. Part of this is the establishment of an Office of National Security, incorporated within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and headed by a National Security Adviser. This has been partially funded by the AFP, drawing funding from its existing budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the AFP's operating budget been increased to recognise the extra pressure cause by a funding re-allocation? b) How will this affect AFP operations and programs? c) Where will the funding be pulled from to accommodate the re-allocation of resources? d) Will this mean less officers working on cases? e) How are these additional requirements being reconciled with the need provide an efficiency dividend? f) Has the AFP experienced cuts in funding or manpower for major criminal investigations into serious and organised crime or terrorism in Australia, and g) If so, what effect would these cuts have on those investigations? 		Writing
85	MHA	AFP	Barnett	<p>The Government promised an additional 500 sworn officers for the AFP at the 2007 Federal Election. Of the \$191.9 million provided for this, only \$36.7 million is due to be spent before the next election.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many officers will \$36.7 million pay for? b) How many new officers has the AFP received so far? c) Does the \$191.9 million incorporate money for recruitment and retention programs, or are these funded separately? 		Writing

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				d) Further to this, is there adequate funding to meet recruitment targets?		
86	MHA	AFP	Barnett	<p>There have been many reports of cuts and funding re-allocations to the Air Security Officer Network Program (air marshals). The 2008/09 budget indicated that the program would be funded to \$8.4 million under forward estimates; that is, funding previously allocated to the program.</p> <p>a) Is the \$8.4 million available under forward estimates adequate funding to sustain the program in its present form?</p> <p>b) Has the program experienced any reduction in funding in the past 12 months? If so, please provide details, e.g. figures, how many staff that equates to, etc.</p> <p>c) Is the AFP forecasting or preparing for cuts in funding or manpower for air marshals in the next 12 months?</p> <p>d) If there have been reductions, how have they impacted your ability to perform the role as required?</p>		Writing
87	AG	AFP	Barnett	<p>The AFP perform an important role in counter-terrorism in Australia. Government support for this role encompasses not only pecuniary support but also legislative support through the drafting of acts and legislation outlining the powers available to officers conducting terror investigations.</p> <p>a) Under the preventative detention powers available to the AFP, investigators have the power to detain suspects for up to 14 days, but are prohibited from asking questions relevant to the investigation. Would the AFP prefer to have the legislative ability to question suspects held under preventative detention, or the release and re-arrest under Part 1C of the Crimes Act?</p> <p>b) In the event of a major terrorist attack, under part 1C of the Crimes Act, investigators have 48 hours to interview suspects. Do you feel that this amount of time is sufficient?</p> <p>c) If so, the UK allows preventative detention up to 28 days. Why is 48 hours sufficient in Australia, if 28 days is deemed necessary in the UK?</p> <p>d) Obviously inquiries are still ongoing, but are there any legislative changes that the AFP believe are particularly important?</p>		Writing
88	AG	AFP	Barnett	<p>Counter terrorism training exercises are important to ensure the force is well prepared for potential terror attacks.</p> <p>a) Concerning the Mercury 08 counter terrorism training exercises, was the</p>		Writing

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				<p>funding available for these exercises sufficient?</p> <p>b) Have there been any reductions in funding available for counter-terrorism training exercises?</p> <p>c) If so, what impact would these reductions have?</p> <p>d) Would the AFP recommend an increase in funding for exercises in the next budget?</p>		
89	MHA	AFP	Barnett	<p>The Police Federation of Australia (PFA) has sought the Government's commitment to support and fund a National Police Workforce Planning Study as a collaborative effort between the PFA and all State and Territory jurisdictions. The Government gave an indication prior to the 2007 election that they would support such a study.</p> <p>a) Has this study commenced?</p> <p>b) If so, has the Government provided funding for it as promised?</p> <p>c) If commenced, what is the current status of the study?</p>		Writing
90	MHA	AFP	Barnett	<p>The disappearance of Britt Laphorne raised many questions on the role of the AFP when Australian citizens become victims of serious crimes when abroad.</p> <p>a) Why was only one investigator sent to Dubrovnik, rather than a team of investigators, forensic specialists, victim liaison officers, etc.?</p> <p>b) What support was provided to the Laphorne family by the AFP in Dubrovnik?</p> <p>c) What are the limitations of the AFP in cases of Australian citizens being victims of serious crimes overseas?</p> <p>d) What assistance can Government provide in the future to enable the AFP to become more involved in such cases?</p> <p>e) Would diplomatic requests to the Croatian Government from the Australian Government have assisted in this case?</p>		Writing
91	AG	AFP	Barnett	<p>The PFA seeks a commitment from the Government to support and fund the development of a National Police Registration Scheme. Such a scheme would improve the status of the police profession, facilitate inter-jurisdictional mobility, and protect the police professional domain, and would encompass the development of a national police code of ethics, code of conduct, develop national educational and training standards. The Government gave its undertaking to enter into negotiations with state and territory Governments and police unions to achieve this.</p>		Writing

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the Government commenced negotiations with the appropriate state and territory representatives and police representatives to achieve this aim? b) If negotiations have not commenced, when does the Government anticipate they will? c) If negotiations have commenced, how advanced are they? 		
92	MHA	AFP	Fierravanti-Wells	<p>In relation to the proposed New Year’s Eve party at Kirribilli House:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is the AFP aware of an article by Mr Mark Metherell in the Sydney Morning Herald on 8 July 2008 reporting that Mr Rudd refused a FOI bid for details of his New Year’s Eve party at Kirribilli House? b) When did the AFP first become aware of the proposed New Year’s Eve party at Kirribilli and who made the AFP aware of the same? c) When was the AFP first consulted about security arrangements for the New Year’s Eve party at Kirribilli? d) From the time when the AFP first became aware of the New Year’s Eve party at Kirribilli, please provide details of all consultations pertaining to security arrangements including the date of the same and the number of AFP personnel involved in such consultations. e) What measures were put in place for the checking of invitees at the New Year’s Eve function at Kirribilli? f) Is the AFP aware of the number of guests invited to the New Year’s Eve function at Kirribilli? If so, please provide details of the same. g) Was the AFP provided with a guest list of those attending the New Year’s Eve function at Kirribilli? If so, please provide a copy of the same, including an indication of those you actually attended the function. h) In relation to the New Years Eve function, what were the security costs for the party? Please provide details including the number of security personnel required for the function and the hours which each was required to be present at the function. i) How many extra security personnel were required for the function at Kirribilli on New Years Eve? j) Until what time was the security personnel required on 1 January 2008? k) Were additional costs incurred for additional security personnel? If so, please provide details of such additional costs, including a full breakdown for each 		Writing

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				<p>additional security personnel.</p> <p>l) Does the AFP have to meet this additional cost from its own budget? If not, is there some reimbursement of such additional cost?</p> <p>m) If the AFP does not have to meet the additional cost of security personnel, has there been some reimbursement of such additional cost? Please provide details of the nature of such reimbursement, including the name of the person or persons or the name of the organisation or entity that made the reimbursement and the form of the reimbursement.</p> <p>n) Have there been additional security assets installed at Kirribilli and The Lodge since 24 November 2007?</p> <p>o) In relation to any additional asset installed at Kirribilli or The Lodge, please provide details regarding the same, including a breakdown of the costs for such additional assets, who made the request for the same and when was such a request made.</p>		
93	MHA	AFP	Fierravanti-Wells	<p>In relation to AFP gymnasiums:</p> <p>a) Who is entitled to access and use the AFP's gymnasiums, including the one in Brisbane Avenue, Barton?</p> <p>b) How many gymnasiums does the AFP have in the ACT? Please provide details of all AFP gymnasiums including the one in Brisbane Avenue, Barton?</p> <p>c) Which of the AFP's gymnasiums is the "elite fitness gymnasium" established for the International Deployment Group's deployable Operations Response Group referred to in the AFP's Annual Report 2007-08?</p> <p>d) In relation to each AFP gymnasium in the ACT, please provide details about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. normal opening and closing hours ii. who is entitled to access iii. nature of such access, and iv. any security restrictions. <p>e) What hours of operation are deemed to be "outside normal hours"?</p> <p>f) What are the occupational health and safety requirements for use of AFP gymnasiums?</p>		

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				<p>g) What supervision or staffing requirements are there for anyone using the AFP gymnasium and do people need to be supervised at all times?</p> <p>h) In relation to the AFP gymnasium at Barton, during what hours is the gymnasium supervised by a qualified person?</p> <p>i) What is the procedure for use of the AFP gymnasium at Barton in the evenings, say after 9 pm?</p> <p>j) Are there any supervision or staffing requirements for use of the AFP gymnasium at Barton, say after 9 pm?</p> <p>k) Typically, how many people use the AFP gymnasium at Barton after 9pm?</p> <p>l) Following Prime Minister Rudd’s announcement of efficiency dividend in January 2008, was there was a proposal to achieve some efficiency dividends by reducing the supervision hours of the AFP gymnasium at Barton?</p> <p>m) What were the proposed hours of reduction for the AFP gymnasium at Barton?</p> <p>n) When did the AFP reduce the hours of operation of the AFP gymnasium at Barton?</p> <p>o) Is the AFP aware of reports that the Prime Minister in recent months has embarked on an exercise regime that involved regular workouts at a gymnasium, allegedly from 9 – 11 pm?</p> <p>p) Is the gymnasium where the Prime Minister works out the AFP gymnasium at Barton?</p> <p>q) When did the Prime Minister begin using the AFP gymnasium at Barton on a regular basis? Please provide full details of all the Prime Minister’s attendances at the AFP gymnasium including dates, times and the length of such attendances.</p> <p>r) Were any of the attendances before or after the efficiency dividends program shortened the operating hours of the AFP gymnasiums, including the AFP gymnasium at Barton?</p> <p>s) In relation to any such attendances, please provide details of all persons attending with the Prime Minister?</p> <p>t) Did any persons accompanying the Prime Minister also use the facilities at the AFP gymnasium in Barton?</p>		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> u) How many staff were required to be on site at the AFP gymnasium in Barton when the Prime Minister uses it outside normal hours? v) What is the extra cost for this extraordinary staff arrangement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Does the AFP have to meet this additional cost from its own budget? If not, is there some reimbursement of such additional cost? ii. Please provide details of the nature of such reimbursement, including the name of the person or persons or the name of the organisation or entity that made the reimbursement. w) Are there still supervisors in the AFP gymnasium after hours? If so, are they paid a higher rate of hourly wage? x) If there are supervisors at the AFP gymnasium at Barton outside normal hours, how much, and what additional cost to the taxpayer does this represent? Does the AFP have to meet this additional cost from its own budget? y) If the AFP does not have to meet the additional cost of supervisors, has there been some reimbursement of such additional cost? Please provide details of the nature of such reimbursement, including the name of the person or persons or the name of the organisation or entity that made the reimbursement. z) Has the AFP budget been compensated for the extra costs to date of the Prime Minister's use of the AFP gymnasium at Barton outside normal hours or will the AFP be forced to meet the extra cost itself? aa) In relation to future use of the AFP gymnasium at Barton, has the AFP budgeted for extra costs? If so, please provide details of such costs and where they appear in the budget documents. bb) Has the Prime Minister used any other AFP gymnasium outside the ACT? If so, please provide details of each attendance, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the location of the AFP gymnasium attended; ii. the time and date of such attendance; iii. the person or persons accompanying the Prime Minister on each occasion, and iv. whether any such attendance was outside normal hours of operation 		

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				<p style="text-align: center;">of that AFP gymnasium</p> <p>cc) Has the Prime Minister, during any attendance at an AFP gymnasium, also consulted any AFP staff in relation to diet, eating regimes or exercise programmes? If so, please provide details of the nature of such consultations, including date, time and place of such consultations.</p>		
94	MHA	AFP	Fierravanti-Wells	<p>In relation to the efficiency dividend:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) In January 2008, Prime Minister Rudd announced with that there would be efficiency dividends throughout government. Following this decision, did the AFP embark on an investigation of possible savings? If so, please provide details of areas of operation contemplated for efficiency dividends? b) At any point subsequent to January 2008, did the AFP write to the Prime Minister or any Minister requesting an exemption from the efficiency dividends? If so, please provide a copy of any such request. c) Did the Prime Minister or any Minister provide a response to any such request for exemption from efficiency dividends? If so, please provide any copy of such a response. d) What efficiency dividends have actually been made by the AFP? Please provide details of such measures, including specific cuts, amount of such cuts and the areas where the cuts were made. e) What percentage of the AFP's annual budget has been saved through efficiency dividends? f) Were there any proposals for efficiency dividends in the AFP that were not actioned? g) Were there any proposals for cuts that were considered but not acted on? h) Why were those proposals for efficiency dividends not acted upon? 		Writing
95	AG	AGS	Fierravanti-Wells	<p>The AGS' Annual Report 2006-2007 refers to the AGS as the "leading provider of legal and related services to Australian Government departments and agencies".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the total value of those legal and related services and what portion of the same did the AGS have in 2006-2007 such as to claim itself the "leading provider"? b) Is the AGS able to provide the value of legal and related services to Australian Government departments and agencies over the past 5 years? c) In relation to each of those past 5 years, what was the portion of total legal 		Writing

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				and related services which the AGS had and what was the value of the same?		
96	AG	AHRC	Hanson-Young	Has the Australian Human Rights Commission had discussions with the Department in relation to the consultation on human rights and responsibilities?		Writing
97	AG	AHRC	Hanson-Young	Does the Australian Human Rights Commission believe a Bill of Rights enshrined in our Constitution should be one option considered by the community consultation process?		Writing
98	AG	AHRC	Hanson-Young	Does the Australian Human Rights Commission support amending discrimination legislation to include sexual orientation and gender identity?		Writing
99	AG	ASIO	Brown	<p>On 23 June 2008, Mr Paul O'Sullivan, ASIO Director-General of Security, confirmed to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs committee that former ASIO head Dennis Richardson was asked by a "US government official" in Canberra on 21 October 2001 for Australia's views on Mr Mamdouh Habib's transfer to Egypt.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which US official made the approach? b) What was Mr Richardson's reply to the US official? c) Who did he report this exchange to? d) Did he relay the information to the Prime Minister's office? e) Did he take any steps to stop the rendition of Mr Habib? f) Were steps taken by anyone in ASIO to stop the rendition of Mr Habib? g) Did Mr Richardson, or any other government official to ASIO's knowledge, have subsequent exchanges with US officials about Mr Habib's transfer? If so, what were the details of those exchanges? h) When Mr Habib "disappeared" did Mr Richardson, or any other government official to ASIO's knowledge, ask US officials if they followed through with the plan to transfer Mr Habib to Egypt? i) If not, why not, and j) If so, what was the answer? 		Writing
100	AG	ASIO	Ludlam	<p>In addition to the use of its formal powers of questioning under the Act in order to gain intelligence relating to terrorist offences, ASIO undertakes many informal interviews.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How are these budgeted for and on what basis are priorities set in this area? b) How does ASIO determine that a person is "of interest" in relation to anti-terrorism intelligence? 		Writing

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				c) What steps are taken to make sure that activity in this area respects the rights that individuals would have in the formal process, especially in the post-ul-Haque environment?		
101	AG	ASIO	Ludlam	<p>You will be aware of reports in the media over the last week of State police services undertaking covert surveillance and infiltration of peace, environment and animal rights groups.</p> <p>a) To what degree does the ASIO undertake surveillance of such groups?</p> <p>b) Does ASIO have a specific current focus on climate change campaigners?</p>		Writing
102	AG	ASIO	Brown	<p>Regarding claims in the book <i>My Story</i> by Mamdouh Habib, including those in the chapter ‘Taken to Egypt’:</p> <p>a) was any Australian official in the same building as Mr Habib at any time during his time in Egypt and, if so, who and why</p> <p>b) who is David (see page 129)</p> <p>c) what correspondence (including electronic, telephonic or other format) has there been between Egypt and Australia about Mr Habib, when, from and to whom, and regarding which issue, and</p> <p>d) how did the Egyptian operatives know the layout of the Habib household?</p>		Writing
103	AG	AUSTRAC	Ludlam	<p>In relation to the new Anti-Money Laundering laws:</p> <p>a) what effect have the new laws had on small operators who provide remittance services to particular sectors of the Australian community (eg remittance to Somalia, to Pakistan) and whose activities are therefore likely to come under scrutiny, and</p> <p>b) have resources been allocated to educating/supporting these operators?</p>		Writing
104	MHA	CrimTrac	Barnett	<p>The PFA has sought a commitment from the Government to make CrimTrac the national criminal investigation database hub serving the ACC, AFP and state and territory police forces, and expand current datasets to include (but not limited to): the national DNA database (NCIDD), national fingerprint database (NAFIS), national sex offender register (ANCOR), the CrimTrac Police Referencing System (CPRS), single national case management for Australia’s police forces, guns and explosives licence holders, aviation and maritime security identification card holders (ASIC/MSIC), and chemical and fertiliser purchases. The Government gave its support for the use of the CrimTrac as the central repository for law enforcement data collection prior to the election.</p>		Writing

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Do investigators have immediate access to information about ASIC and MSIC holders, ammonium nitrate and other explosives and dangerous chemicals licence holders? b) If this information is currently not on the CrimTrac database, how do you obtain such information? c) Have the Government begun making the necessary changes to streamline access to this information, as promised? 		
105	MHA	CrimTrac	Barnett	<p>The PFA also sought a commitment for funding to develop and establish the Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system. The Government gave its support for this prior to the election.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the current status of the pilot program? b) Has the Government begun putting in place the necessary infrastructure to support the program? c) How will the ANPR assist in fighting crime and terrorism? 		Writing
106	MHA	Customs	Abetz	Will the Government be taking any legal action against Japan on the issue of whaling within the next 6 or 12 months?		Writing
107	MHA	Customs	Abetz	On 26 May 2008 Senator Abetz asked ‘did the Government seek any legal advice in relation to the implications for customs officers on the Oceanic Viking .. provide potential evidence relating to the Sea Shepherd activities on boarding Japanese vessels’? The answer provided indicates that Customs did not seek specific legal advice. Was any legal advice sought? Please provide a more specific answer?		Writing
108	MHA	Customs	Abetz	<p>With regard to Question 39 asked at the Budget Estimates of May 2008 concerning legislative forfeitures in the Torres Strait:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) in the answer provided, out of the eleven legislative forfeitures, can I be provided with the details of those two that were not part of the nine banana boats that were dealt with by a legislative forfeiture in the Torres Strait? b) provide the number of legislative forfeitures between April 2008 and the end of October 2008, and c) how many actual apprehensions as opposed to legislative forfeitures were undertaken between April 2008 and the end of October 2008? 		Writing
109	MHA	Customs	Abetz	<p>In relation to coastal surveillance operated by Border Protection Command:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide the total number of hours flown from 1 January 2008 to 30 		Writing

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				September 2008, and b) provide the aerial surveillance coverage, in terms of square nautical miles, undertaken between 1 January 2008 and 30 September 2008.		
110	MHA	Customs	Fierravanti-Wells	Please provide details of operational hours of surveillance undertaken by ACS patrol vessels? Since 24 November 2007, has there been a reduction of surveillance hours. If so, please provide details.		Writing
111	MHA	Customs	Fierravanti-Wells	What cuts have been sustained as a consequence of efficiency dividends announced by the Prime Minister earlier this year? Have any cuts occurred in the area of border security?		Writing
112	MHA	Customs	Heffernan/ Adams	<p>I note that the Government has decided to increase the Passenger Movement Charge (PMC) from 1 July 2008 by \$9.00 from \$38.00 to \$47.00 per passenger. I gather this will raise \$459.3 million over four years. I further note that according to the Budget Papers, that it will recover the cost of a range of aviation security measures and the cost of processing international passengers and the cost of issuing short-term visas overseas.</p> <p>a) Is this correct? What are the precise costs the PMC is designed to cover?</p> <p>b) I understand that in law the PMC is tax, not a pure cost recovery arrangement. Is that correct?</p> <p>c) What surety can you provide that the PMC will not be another general revenue raising measure? [possible transfer to Finance]</p> <p>d) What are the projected costs over the forward estimate period of the items the PMC passenger is supposed to cover? [Possible transfer to Finance]</p> <p>e) On what basis have these costs been calculated? [Possible transfer to Finance]</p> <p>f) Can you please provide the Committee with these projections and the basis upon which they have been calculated? [Possible transfer to Finance]</p> <p>g) Will you provide a guarantee to this Committee that the PMC will not capture more revenue than the costs it is supposed to cover? [Possible Transfer to Finance]</p> <p>h) What consultation did you undertake with the airlines over this charge?</p> <p>i) The last time the PMC charge was increased was in 2001. Are you aware that at that time the Howard Government exempted the new rate from tickets sold before 1 July 2001?</p> <p>j) At the time of the announcement of the budget on Tuesday 13 May 2008, how</p>		Writing

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				<p>many tickets had the airlines sold for passengers intending to travel after 1 July 2008?</p> <p>k) Is it correct that Customs will invoice airlines for these passengers who fly after 1 July 2008, even though their tickets were sold at the old rate?</p> <p>l) How much has this decision cost the airlines?</p> <p>m) What will the Rudd Government do about it?</p> <p>n) Did the Rudd Government consult with the tourist industry about this decision?</p> <p>o) Did it consult with the Tourism and Transport Forum?</p> <p>p) Is the Rudd Government concerned that it is slugging the pockets of tourists at a time of rocketing airline fuel prices? [Possible transfer to Finance]</p> <p>q) Is this an appropriate measure when holiday visitor numbers to Australia haven't grown in seven years?</p>		
113	AG	OPC	Abetz	<p>With regard to the Government's Fuelwatch legislation:</p> <p>a) how many hours were spent by staff in drafting the Fuelwatch legislation</p> <p>b) did any staff work overtime while preparing the legislation</p> <p>c) if so, how many staff and what hours did each one work by way of overtime</p> <p>d) did the OPC deal with the legislation as a matter of urgency</p> <p>e) how much notice was given in relation to the deadline</p> <p>f) from whom did the instructions and the deadline come in relation to the preparation of legislation, and</p> <p>g) when was the last liaison with Treasury on 27 May 2008, 28 May 2008 and the first communication with Treasury on 29 May 2008 concerning the Fuelwatch legislation?</p>		Writing
114	AG	OPC	Fierravanti-Wells	Please provide details of the workload that the Office of Parliamentary Counsel had since 24 November 2007.		Writing
115	AG	OPC	Fierravanti-Wells	In relation to each Bill or legislative instrument, please provide details of the drafting timetable including specifically any urgent bills or legislative instruments.		Writing
116		AFP	Barnett	<p>Airport security is dependent on seconded officers from State and Territory police forces to meet requirements.</p> <p>a) Does the AFP have sufficient resources from the State and Territory forces to meet operational needs?</p> <p>b) What arrangements does the AFP have in place if/when seconded officers</p>		Writing

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