

**ESTIMATES 2010-11 – SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES, OCTOBER 2010**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE INDEX – IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

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<b>Questions Taken on Notice on 19 October 2010</b>						
1.	10	Cash	OMARA	(1) What is the cost to migration agents of the department's policy and procedures product, Legend?  (2) Could you also compare that with the cost of access to the procedures advice manuals issued by the Australian Taxation Office.	Office of the MARA	AC
2.	10-11	Cash	OMARA	(1) Provide a breakdown of the number of professional standards officers employed by the Office of the MARA on a monthly basis since 1 July 2009.  (2) Provide the Committee with statistics showing how many professional standards officers have been employed since the commencement of your office and how many are employed to date, basically showing what has actually occurred with those staff over the time?	Office of the MARA	AC
3.	17	Cash	3.1	Minister, when can we expect an announcement as to at which posts biometrics will be undertaken?	Offshore Biometrics Taskforce	ZC
4.	19	Abetz	Internal Product	What was the cost of producing 'The Smuggler' video?	National Communications	AC
5.	20	Abetz	Internal Product	Have any of those people who have been paid compensation been removed from Australia?	Litigation and Opinions Branch	AM
6.	21	Pratt	Internal Product	In relation to the compensation payouts, what is the smallest?	Litigation and Opinions Branch	AM
7.	23	Cash	Internal Product	With regard to the 33 staff that have been recruited from other departments, provide a breakdown of the agencies and departments from which they have been recruited.	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC
8.	24-25	Barnett	Internal Product	What is the cost to the budget of the 300 additional IMA staff?	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC
9.	24-25	Barnett	Internal Product	Provide the number of FTE IMA staff for the last two years, i.e. at 30 September and 30 June.	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC
10.	25	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) Provide the reasons to suggest that IMA staffing would be less than the 458 plus the 300. (2) What is the estimation of the number of IMA staff if it is not 758? (3) What are the figures for 30 June 2011?	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC

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				(4) What is the budget for staff allocation for IMAs for 30 June 2011?		
11.	26	Cash	Internal Product	Provide a comparison of the full-time salary and benefits of workers involved in processing IMAs during the 2007-08 period, the 2009-10 period and the 33 people you have now recruited to the department.	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC
12.	26	Cash	Internal Product	What is the cost per person of the IMA training?	Learning and Development Branch	AC
13.	26	Cash	Internal Product	How many staff are involved in the training of the additional recruits?	Learning and Development Branch	AC
14.	26	Cash	Internal Product	Provide a full list of staff diverted from other areas of the department to manage irregular maritime arrivals as at 30 September 2010.	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC
15.	26	Cash	Internal Product	(1) How many contractors did DIAC engage in 2009-10? (2) What were those contracts for? (3) Who received the contracts? At what cost? (4) What procurement method was used in each case? What were the reasons for the selected method? (5) If there were capital works contracts, where were those works performed and what was the nature of the work performed?	Procurement and Contracts Branch	AC
16.	27	Cash	Internal Product	(1) For all contracts issued by the Department for capital works in 2009-10 and to the current date, how many included confidentiality provisions? (2) What did the confidentiality provisions relate to?	Procurement and Contracts Branch	AC
17.	27	Cash	Internal Product	(1) Is it standard practice to ask contractors to sign confidentiality agreements or other kinds of agreements that they not divulge the nature of the work that they are engaged in on behalf of the department? (2) Are you aware of any circumstances in which this has been done? (3) Is this standard practice for all contracts or just for certain types of contracts? (4) If this is the standard practice, for how long has this been the practice?	Procurement and Contracts Branch	AC
18.	27 and Written	Cash	Internal Product	(1) Is the department aware of confidentiality clauses being imposed by one of their head contractors on any subcontractors for works being undertaken for the department where such confidentiality was not a requirement for the department? (2) If so, on what contracts and works do these relate to? (3) Does the department support the inclusion of these confidentiality provisions? If so why? If not, what steps has the department taken to remove these requirements?	Procurement and Contracts Branch	AC
19.	29	Cash	Internal Product	(1) From which parts of the department did the four voluntary redundancies come? (2) Provide a figure as to their redundancy package.	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC
20.	29-30	Cash	Internal	(1) In terms of staffing overtime payments, what information does the department keep of	Workforce Planning	AC

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			Product	the number of hours outside normal working hours that are actually worked by employees of the department? (2) In the financial year of 2009-10, how many hours of overtime did the department actually pay out on? (3) From 1 July 2010, to date, how many hours of overtime has the department paid out on? (4) Provide a breakdown by area, in the department, of where the overtime hours are actually worked and allocate, against that, the amount of overtime paid?	and Reporting Branch	
21.	30	Cash	Internal Product	Did the department commence any civil or administrative legal actions against any party since July 2009 to date? If so, provide relevant particulars.	Litigation and Opinions Branch	AM
22.	32	Abetz	1.1	What checks are made by the department to satisfy itself that people coming out on sporting visas for boxing are only going to be engaged in registered fights and legal tournaments for which permits have been legally granted? Do you do any checking in that regard at all?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
23.	32	Abetz	1.1	Is the department aware of significant industry concerns that, in fact, the integrity of the importing of boxers, especially from the Philippines, is not as it might be? Have you received any complaints or concerns?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
24.	32	Abetz	1.1	Are references required for sporting visas?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
25.	35	Barnett	Internal Product	What funds were appropriated to the Southport office for the 2009-10 financial year?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
26.	35	Cash	1.1	In terms of the number of students currently in Australia on student visas, what is the breakdown of those students on the following visa subclasses—570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575 and 576?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
27.	36	Cash	1.1	What is the average processing time for the determination of the General Skilled Migration and Employer Nomination Scheme visa applications?	Labour Market Branch	TB
28.	39	Cash	1.1	How many sub-class 485 visas are due to expire by the end of 2010, June 30 2011, December 31, 2012?	Labour Market Branch	TB
29.	39	Cash	1.1	(1) What was the refusal rate for onshore student applications made in 2009-10 for each sub class? (2) How many visas were granted? In which sub-classes? (3) How does this compare to 2007-08, 2008-09?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
30.	39	Cash	1.1	How many onshore applications for student visas have been made by failed applicants for 485 sub-class visas in 2009-10?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
31.	40	Cash	1.1	(1) What was the refusal rate for offshore student applications made in 2009-10? (2) How many visas were granted? In which sub-classes? (3) How does this compare to 2007-08 and 2008-09?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
32.	41	Cash	4.1	How many calls have been made to the dob-in line on an annual basis since its commencement and the nature of those calls?	Policy Framework Evaluation and	TC

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					Analysis Branch	
33.	41	Cash	1.1	(1) How many applications for tourist visas were made in 2009-10? (2) How many were rejected and how many approved? (3) How does this compare with 2007-08 and 2008-09? (4) Are there particular posts where the decline is most noticeable (if there is a decline in applications)? Is there a reason the refusal rate is so high (if it is)?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
34.	41	Cash	1.1	How many of the 410 visa holders are on visas that are valid for 10 years?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
35.	42	Cash	1.1	In relation to 410 visas, have you had any cases to date of those that have expired and have not been granted a further visa?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
36.	42	Cash	1.1	In relation to 410 visa holders becoming permanent residents, when was the Australian Government Actuary analysis of the cost and benefit aspects of this policy option commissioned?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
37.	42-43 and Written	Cash and Crossin	1.1	When will the Australian Government Actuary report on 410 visa holders be finalised and made public?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
38.	43	Crossin	1.1	In relation to 410 visa holders, is the Australian Government Actuary working with representatives of the British ex-pat retirees in Australia?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
39.	48	Cash	4.1	In relation to the three refugees found by the independent inquiry of the Northern Territory coroner as being involved in a sabotage of SIEV 36, are there any legal proceedings pending against these people?	Program Integrity Risks Branch	AC
40.	49	Cash	2.1	In relation to the 55 resettled from the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> , when were they resettled?	BRI Coordination	AM
41.	50	Cash	2.1	In relation to the 57 from the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> who were transited through the Philippines and Romania, how long were they in transit?	BRI Coordination	AM
42.	50	Cash	2.1	Was there any cost at all to Australia as a result of the transiting?	BRI Coordination	AM
43.	50	Cash	2.1	Were any departmental officials sent to Romania at any time in relation to the 44 individuals? Provide details, including cost to the Australian Government.	BRI Coordination	AM
44.	51	Cash	2.1	How many people are currently in the Romanian transit centre?	BRI Coordination	AM
45.	52	Cash	2.1	Who actually runs the facilities in Romania?	BRI Coordination	AM
46.	52	Cash	2.1	Provide photographs of the Romanian transit facility.	BRI Coordination	AM
47.	52	Cash	2.1	What was the Romanian transit facility previously used for?	BRI Coordination	AM
48.	52	Cash	2.1	What is the nature of the population at the Romanian transit centre? What countries have they come from? What is their classification? Are they male/female, family groups, unaccompanied minors et cetera?	BRI Coordination	AM
49.	52	Cash	2.1	Within the Romanian transit centre itself, are people free to move around, are they able to work, are they entitled to medical care, are there any other benefits?	BRI Coordination	AM
50.	54	Cash	2.1	In relation to the refugee status assessments (RSA) undertaken for the 17 individuals at the Romanian transit facility, when was the last RSA actually undertaken?	BRI Coordination	AM

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51.	54-55	Cash	2.1	What is the cost of sending departmental officials to Romania to consider applications of the 17 individuals for visas to Australia and how many are in the team?	BRI Coordination	AM
52.	55	Cash	2.1	In relation to the 17 individuals at the Romanian transit centre, provide the reasons for visa refusal by the US and Canadian authorities.	BRI Coordination	AM
53.	56	Cash	2.1	Check with the Minister whether there have been any discussions or any concerns that the Romanian government has raised with the Australian government regarding the resettlement of the 17 individuals?	BRI Coordination	AM
54.	57	Cash	2.1	What guarantee, if any, has been given to the Romanian government about these individuals?	BRI Coordination	AM
55.	58	Cash	3.1	(1) How many IMAs has the department budgeted for in the 2010-11 period? (2) How many did it budget for in 2009-10? (3) What were the final arrivals for that period? (4) What was the final cost to the budget of onshore detention facilities in 2009-10? (5) What is the budget for 2010-11?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
56.	58	Cash	2.1	(1) By nationality and place of detention on the mainland, how many asylum seekers do not have a Refugee Status Determination (RSD)? (2) How many have had an application before the department but are not yet decided? (3) How many are yet to lodge an application? (4) How many were refused but are in the process of review? (5) How many were refused and no application for review was made? (6) How many were refused at review and are now awaiting departure?	BRI Coordination	AM
57.	58 and Written	Cash	2.1	(1) How much funding was provided to the IOM for activities in the region during the 2009-10 financial year? (2) What activities did Australia fund and what was the outcome of those activities? Eg how many asylum seekers did IOM look after?	BRI Coordination	AM
58.	58 and Written	Cash	2.1	(1) What is the current number of asylum seekers believed to be in Indonesia waiting passage to Australia? (2) How many people found to be refugees by the UNHCR are currently in Indonesia awaiting resettlement places? (3) How many asylum seekers are currently held in Indonesian detention facilities? (4) How much financial assistance has Australia provided Indonesia to build, maintain and operate its detention centres?	BRI Coordination	AM
59.	58-59	Cash	2.1	(1) How many asylum seekers currently held in Australian centres, either on Christmas Island or the mainland, were previously amongst the 255 passengers on board the boat detained by the Indonesian authorities at Merak? (2) What is their current status? (3) How many have been given visas? (4) How many have been refused? (5) How many on appeal? and (6) How many returned?	BRI Coordination	AM

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60.	59	Cash	3.1	How many IMAs arriving in Australia in 2009-10 reported paying a people smuggler to arrange their passage to Australia?	Immigration Intelligence Branch	ZC
61.	59	Cash	3.1	What is the range of payments reported to have been made by the IMAs to these people smugglers?	Immigration Intelligence Branch	ZC
62.	59	Cash	3.1	What accounts have been provided by IMAs regarding representations made to them by people smugglers regarding the likelihood of their obtaining permanent residency or citizenship in Australia?	Immigration Intelligence Branch	ZC
63.	59	Cash	3.1	(1) How long is it currently taking for ASIO to make security assessments of offshore entry persons? (2) How many IMAs in the course of this financial year have had ASIO security checks? (3) How many have received negative assessments? (4) Are there any cases in which ASIO has changed its assessment in the light of later information or for any other reasons?	Immigration Intelligence Branch	ZC
64.	59	Cash	2.1	How many offshore applications for visas were made under our refugee and humanitarian program in 2009-10, by post and by nationality?	BRI Coordination	AM
65.	59-60	Pratt	4.1	When was the last time the Minister used the general conduct provision under section 501?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch	AC
66.	68	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, can you please confirm that the first version of this master plan was issued for review on 21 July 2010?	CDSD Coordination	AM
67.	68	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, when was the original brief issued for the development of the master plan, by whom and under what authority?	CDSD Coordination	AM
68.	69	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, how many revisions of the master plan, the plan that I handed up before which we will call the master plan for purposes of the questioning, have been prepared since the original one? What is the current revision categorisation?  Would revision A be master plan 1? Is that how it works? What I have in front of me says 'Rev U'.	CDSD Coordination	AM
69.	69	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, was the minister advised that a brief had been issued for the development of the master plan when it was originally developed?	CDSD Coordination	AM
70.	70	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, confirm whether the minister or his office was shown or provided a copy of the master plan and, if so, when and what version and, if not, why not?	CDSD Coordination	AM
71.	70	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, in terms of the plan that we have in front of us, Mr Correll—camp 01 existing, camp 02 proposed and camp 03 provision for possible future expansion—in what revision of this plan was the provision for possible future expansion of stage 3 actually made?  Did it appear in the master plan stage 3?	CDSD Coordination	AM

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72.	71	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, can the department confirm that the number of bunk houses or dongas provided for under the most recent revision of the master plan in stages 2 and 3 is the same as what was contained in revision C?	CDSD Coordination	AM
73.	71-73	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, can the department advise when the works commenced on stage 3, who authorised their commencement, who undertakes these works and the estimated costs of the works?	CDSD Coordination	AM
74.	73	Cash	4.2	What is the public policy reason behind the government not expanding the Curtin detention centre beyond 1,200 people? Did the department recommend the expansion of Curtin?	CDSD Coordination	AM
75.	74	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, can the department confirm that a major review decision was made to the master plan for stage 3 on the map to accommodate the provision of a blast zone? Please provide details.	CDSD Coordination	AM
76.	74	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, was any advice given to the department that the blast zone buffer would need to be put in that particular position because of the potential to expand into camp 3?  My understanding is that on map C there is no provision for the blast zone and then on this revision here there is a provision for the blast zone. Did the department receive any advice that this blast zone needed to be moved at all?	CDSD Coordination	AM
77.	74	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, can the department confirm that revision P of the master plan, described as issued for construction, was issued on 3 September?	CDSD Coordination	AM
78.	74	Back	4.2	Provide the environmental assessment that was undertaken at the Curtin detention facility under the EPBC Act.	CDSD Coordination	AM
79.	76-77	Cash	4.2	What was the source of the funding for the contingency works for a possible stage 3 at Curtin?	CDSD Coordination	AM
80.	77	Cash	4.2	I note that an immigration official was quoted in the West Australian on 18 August 2010 saying that there is currently no construction underway beyond the existing stage which can accommodate about 600 detainees. In light of this comment, can the department please explain what works were being conducted at the site at that time on 18 August?	CDSD Coordination	AM
81.	78	Cash	4.2	When did the government commence undertaking works to expand the centre to accommodate 1,200 people?  Land clearing, installation of ground services—the very first time someone went on to that site and undertook some work. If that constituted putting a shovel in and turning one sod over, then I would like to know what that particular date was.	CDSD Coordination	AM
82.	81	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, was there any mention of the 1,200 in the July financial statement, PEFO? Was there any mention in any media statements?	CDSD Coordination	AM
83.	82	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, provide the names of the possible providers.	CDSD Coordination	AM
84.	82	Cash	4.2	What is the value of the variations to the contract with CSS?	CDSD Coordination	AM
85.	83	Cash	4.2	When was CSS appointed to undertake the expansion works at the detention centre for	CDSD Coordination	AM

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				stage 2, including the stage 3 prudent contingency planning works?		
86.	83	Cash	4.2	Could the department please provide a list of all subcontractors working on stage 2 and stage 3—because work has been undertaken on stage 3 of the project—and confirm when requests to tender and/or price on their involvement was sought by the head contractor CSS and when letters of intent were sent to the subcontractors for their involvement in the works?	CDSD Coordination	AM
87.	84	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, when did the head contractor and subcontractors commence procurement for the supply of materials and services to undertake the works?	CDSD Coordination	AM
88.	84	Cash	Internal Product	Provide a copy of the precedent standard confidentiality provisions.	Procurement and Contracts Branch	AC
89.	84	Cash	4.2	Specifically in relation to CSS's contract, because that is the contract we are referring to here, was anything over and above the standard confidentiality clause entered into or required to be in the contract?	CDSD Coordination	AM
90.	85	Cash	4.2	Has the department been made aware of confidentiality clauses being imposed by CSS on any subcontractors for works being undertaken for the department?  Because one of the issues that has been raised with us personally is the fact that subcontractors are effectively being gagged and are unable to actually comment on the type or nature of works that they are actually undertaking within their subcontracts. Hence my question goes to whether they are being gagged, whether there are confidentiality provisions in their contracts and whether or not they were authorised by the department.	CDSD Coordination	AM
91.	86	Cash	4.2	(1) Can the department confirm that CSS contracted Mine Site Services to undertake clearing and groundworks on stage 2 and stage 3, if you refer to the master plan that we have in front of us of the project, to remove the heavily wooded vegetation and level and grade the site for commencement of construction? (2) When were Mine Site Services provided with a letter of intent to conduct these works and what, if any, other works were Mine Site Services contracted to perform?	CDSD Coordination	AM
92.	86	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Curtin detention facility, on what date did all other subcontracts commence work on the site for stage 2 and/or 3 of this project?	CDSD Coordination	AM
93.	86	Hanson-Young	4.2	In relation to the announcement about residence determination, and particularly vulnerable children and families, we know that a time frame has been set down because of the reality of needing to roll out that process. Has there been any thought of removing the restrictions of movement from the current facilities in which families are housed, such as the Aspen or the Darwin Lodge?	CDSD Coordination	AM
94.	90	Hanson-Young	4.2	In relation to the Joint Standing Committee on Migration reports. There were three reports, and we are yet to hear any response from the government to those reports or the recommendations. It has been quite some time now—12 months in relation to the most recent one and longer in relation to the other two. Is the government going to be responding to these reports? If so, when?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch	TC
95.	91	Cash	4.2	How many more staff are planned for the Curtin IDC?	CDSD Coordination	AM



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96.	91	Cash	4.3	The estimate of costs for offshore detention facilities in 2010-11 was \$471 million based on 2,000 arrivals. When the minister says that releasing families into community will be contained within the existing budget, is he referring to the \$471 million contained in the budget papers or will you be seeking additional funds through MYEFO to support that decision?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
97.	91-92	Cash	4.3	Provide a list of all locations that have been designated 'places of detention' being used by the department for the purpose of accommodating irregular maritime arrivals, the number of IMAs being detained at each location, including the number of children and unaccompanied children and this compares with 12 months ago?	CDSD Coordination	AM
98.	92-93	Cash	4.3	Provide the difference between the estimate for 4,500 IMAs and the actual costs for 2009-10.	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
99.	96	Cash	4.2	How many children were there in detention in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010?	Case Management and Review Branch	AC
100.	100	Cash	4.2	Who had the contract to make Scherger a usable detention centre in the short term?	CDSD Coordination	AM
101.	102-103	Cash	4.3	When did the department provide advice to the government on the establishment of a regional processing centre in East Timor? If it was on more than one occasion, please provide the dates.  In terms of the advice that the department provided to the government on previous occasions or prior to the announcement being made, was any advice provided to the government during the time Prime Minister Rudd was in office?	BRI Coordination	AM
102.	104	Cash	4.3	Has the idea of a regional processing centre ever been put on the agenda of the Bali process before? If so, by whom, and what was the reaction of the participants in the Bali process?	BRI Coordination	AM
103.	104	Cash	4.3	Provide the names of the countries that are members of the Bali process.	BRI Coordination	AM
104.	110	Cash	4.2	Provide a time line as to when the Minister had discussions with the Premier of Western Australia before the Northam announcement occurred.	CDSD Coordination	AM
105.	110	Cash	4.2	Does the government agree with Premier Barnett's comments that the Northam detention facility should be limited to 500 detainees because 1,500 detainees could represent a threat to the local community?	CDSD Coordination	AM
106.	111	Cash	4.2	You said that the anticipated capital cost to build the new centre in Northam is \$164.5 million. Could you tell me what it would cost to actually bring stage 3 of Curtin up to operational capacity for another 600 people?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
107.	111	Cash	5.1	What were the outcomes ascribed for the funding to the Australian Nutrition Foundation under the Settlements Grants Program for 2009-10?  This is a program that has been run over a number of years; it is certainly not just in 2009-10. The Australian Nutrition Foundation has previously received a settlement grant in 2008-	Settlement Branch	AC

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				09 and 2007-08. What is the outcome of the funding, because you have now provided it in subsequent years? Were there identified nutritional deficiencies in people who had arrived in the country?		
108.	112	Cash	5.1	Provide a list of all of the translation services that are available to migrants and humanitarian entrants when they come here.	Settlement Branch	AC
109.	112	Cash	5.1	Provide a list of all the languages translators and interpreters are trained in.	Settlement Branch	AC
110.	113	Cash	5.1	What is the uptake and completion rates of the Adult Migrant English Program?	Settlement Branch	AC
111.	113	Cash	5.1	Provide information in relation to the last financial year on those who have come here as humanitarian entrants and who have taken up the offer of the 510 hours and those who have not?	Settlement Branch	AC
112.	114	Cash	5.1	What is the uptake rate of the AMEP by Muslim women?	Settlement Branch	AC
113.	114	Cash	5.1	What amount of funding went to each state for unaccompanied humanitarian minors programs in the 2008-09 and in 2010?	Refugee Support Branch	AC
114.	114	Cash	5.1	In terms of foster care arrangements, what are the foster care arrangements on a state-by-state basis and how much funding is actually given to the states for this purpose?	Refugee Support Branch	AC
115.	115	Cash	1.1	How many Pacific Islanders are currently working in Australia under the program?	Migration Strategies Branch	TB
116.	115-116	Abetz	5.1	Provide details of the proposed feasibility study to settle refugees on King Island.	Refugee Support Branch	AC
117.	116	Barnett	6.1	I have been given advice from the Bible Society of Tasmania. That has provided Bibles to various councils in Tasmania—but not all—and they are given as gifts to new citizens at citizenship ceremonies. Would that particular form of providing Bibles as gifts to new citizens be banned?	Citizenship Branch	TC
118.	116	Barnett	6.1	What does the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code say about the provision of gifts at citizenship ceremonies?	Citizenship Branch	TC
119.	117	Barnett	6.1	Is the department aware of any instructions from the department's Hobart office to the Clarence council that Bibles are not permitted at citizenship ceremonies?	Citizenship Branch	TC
120.	118	Cash	5.1	In relation to the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme establishment, are there any guidelines surrounding what the \$400,000 can actually be used for?	Settlement Branch	AC
				<b>Questions in Writing</b>		
121.	Written	Abetz	Internal Product	(1) Are there any programs within the portfolio and connected agencies of Immigration that are likely to exceed their current budget? If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up). (2) Are there any programs within Immigration that are likely to under spend their current budget? If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up).	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
122.	Written	Abetz	2.1	(1) In each of 2008, 2009 and 2010, how many asylum seekers have (a) arrived annually by sea (boat people) and (b) by conventional means, including by air?	BRI Coordination	AM

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				(2) For each of these two categories (a) how many have been approved as refugees (b) from which source countries have they come? (3) For each source country, how many asylum seekers have made (a) successful (b) unsuccessful claims?		
123.	Written	Abetz	2.1	(1) For 2008, 2009 and 2010 how many "boat people" arriving via Indonesia arrived in Indonesia by air? If an exact figure is not available (a) how many have been identified (b) does the department have an estimate: if not, why not? (2) Do such people arriving in Indonesia by air pay any taxes or levies on arrival in Indonesia? If so, what levies? How much etc..?	BRI Coordination	ZC
124.	Written	Abetz	2.1	How many "boat people" are currently in the "pipeline"?	BRI Coordination	AM
125.	Written	Abetz	3.1	What has been the monthly average for arrivals of "boat people" in 2008, 2009 and 2010?	Immigration Intelligence Branch	ZC
126.	Written	Abetz	4.3	For the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 how long, on average, have arrivals spent in detention?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
127.	Written	Abetz	2.1	For 2009, 2009 and 2010, when claims by "boat people" have been assessed, for each source country (a) how many have been successful (b) how many unsuccessful (c) how many have been appealed (d) what was the rate of successful appeal?	BRI Coordination	AM
128.	Written	Abetz	4.1	(1) How many persons found by the minister's delegate or on appeal not to be asylum seekers have been sent off-shore in 2008, 2009 and 2010? (2) How many have been returned to their original country of domicile? (3) How many of these were "boat people" and how many others?	Compliance Status Resolution Branch	TC
129.	Written	Abetz	2.1	(1) With which countries does Australia have "return agreements"? (2) With whom are we currently negotiating agreements?	BRI Coordination	AM
130.	Written	Abetz	2.1	(1) What standards must refugees meet to be accorded UNHCR refugee status? (2) Do these standards vary from country to country? (3) Are these standards applied consistently by different countries: if not, what differences in application of these standards is the Department aware of in countries transited by refugees to Australia? (4) For each such country, does Australia automatically accept the validity of UNHCR status granted there: if so, why; if not, why not? (5) How do such standards compare to the standards Australia applies in assessing UNHCR status?	BRI Coordination	AM
131.	Written	Abetz	2.1	For 2008, 2009 and 2010 and for each country where UNHCR status has been granted, how many refugee claims have been accepted by Australia?	BRI Coordination	AM
132.	Written	Abetz	2.1	In 2008, 2009 and 2010 how many claimants found not to be refugees have been granted residence in Australia in 2008, 2009 and 2010?	BRI Coordination	AM
133.	Written	Abetz	2.1	(1) How many Chinese have come to Australia on legitimate visas, overstayed and in 2008, 2009 and 2010 subsequently claimed refugee status? What have been the lengths of time between the expiry of their visas and their claims being lodged? (2) Does the Department have any figures or an estimate of how many Chinese in this	BRI Coordination	AM

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				situation have been working "underground" since their arrival? (3) When they claim refugee status what assistance do they qualify for in terms of (a) housing (b) social security (c) other? (4) For 2008, 2009 and 2010 how many such claims have been (a) successful (b) unsuccessful?		
134.	Written	Fifield	1.1	(1) How have visa requirements changed in the past two years for student visa applicants from India and Sri Lanka applying for 572 and 575 visas? (2) Are there any further changes pending?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
135.	Written	Fifield	1.1	Are there currently (as at October 2010) delays in the processing of student visas from Indian and Sri Lankan applicants? If so, why?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
136.	Written	Fifield	1.1	(1) In 2010, what is the average processing time for student visas student from Indian and Sri Lankan applicants? Please provide for 572 visa applications and 575 visa applications. (2) What are the comparable average processing times for the years 2006-2009 inclusive?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
137.	Written	Fifield	1.1	What consultation did the Department undertake with the higher education industry and vocational education providers as to how the new requirements would affect them?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
138.	Written	Fifield	1.1	What evidence of fraud has been found in relation to Indian providers of eVisas?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
139.	Written	Cash	1.1	What was the underlying public policy for the establishment of centres of excellence?	Operational Performance Branch	TB
140.	Written	Cash	1.1	How has the creation of Centres of Excellence strengthened DIAC's back-office processing for temporary skilled migration visas and Labour Agreements? In what way?	Operational Performance Branch	TB
141.	Written	Cash	1.1	Did DIAC create dedicated specialist teams on an industry/sector basis to process applications? If so, what outcomes have been achieved to date?	Visa and Offshore Services Division	TB
142.	Written	Cash	1.1	Did DIAC establish a system of accreditation for employers who exhibit a set of low risk characteristics, including an exemplary record of compliance with immigration and industrial relations laws? If so, please provide a list of the accredited employers.	Labour Market Branch	TB
143.	Written	Cash	1.1	Which elements of duplication did DIAC identify in the processing system when reviewing potential improvements to processing times as recommended by the external reference group?	Migration Strategies Branch	TB
144.	Written	Cash	1.1	What action was taken in respect of the identified elements of duplication?	Migration Strategies Branch	TB
145.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) Are there any restrictions surrounding the lodgement of a 457 visa application to a Centre of Excellence? (2) If so, what are the policy reasons for this?	Labour Market Branch	TB
146.	Written	Cash	1.1	Is the Department reviewing the restriction on the lodgement of 457 visa applications to a Centre of Excellence?	Labour Market Branch	TB

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147.	Written	Cash	1.1	For each Centre of Excellence provide the number of applications made for each month since 1 July 2008.	Visa and Offshore Services Division	TB
148.	Written	Cash	1.1	How many 457 visas were granted in 2009-10 financial year?	Migration Strategies Branch	TB
149.	Written	Cash	1.1	How many 457 visas have been granted this year to date?	Migration Strategies Branch	TB
150.	Written	Cash	1.1	How many 457 visas are subject to a Labour Agreement?	Migration Strategies Branch	TB
151.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) How many 457 visa applications were there? (2) In what industries?	Migration Strategies Branch	TB
152.	Written	Cash	1.1	What is the turn around time for each Centre of Excellence in respect to the processing of 457 visas applications on a monthly basis since 1 July 2008 broken down as follows: (a) 1 to 2 days (b) 2 to 5 days (c) 5 to 10 days (d) 10 to 20 days (e) 20 to 30 days (f) More than 30 days.	Visa and Offshore Services Division	TB
153.	Written	Cash	1.1	I refer to the Delegates authorised to approve 457 visas in the various Centres of Excellence: (a) On a monthly basis since 1 July 2008 how many 457 visa applications were rejected by delegates in each of the Centres? (b) Of these rejected applications how many were referred from each Centre to the Migration Review Tribunal? (c) Of those referrals from the relevant Centre of Excellence to the Migration Review Tribunal, what was the number of decisions that were set aside?	Visa and Offshore Services Division	TB
154.	Written	Cash	1.1	For each Centre of Excellence provide the number of staff in the 457 visa section for each month since 1 July 2008.	Visa and Offshore Services Division	TB
155.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) Has the Department received any complaints in respect of lack of consistency of decision making by delegates involved in the processing of 457 visa applications? (2) If so, how many and what were the nature of the complaints?	Operational Performance Branch	TB
156.	Written	Cash	1.1	What internal mechanisms are in place to ensure consistency of decision making by Delegates?	Visa and Offshore Services Division	TB
157.	Written	Cash	1.1	In the circumstances where a Delegate proposes to reject a 457 visa application, is there an internal review process required to be undertaken prior to a final decision being made? If not, why not?	Visa and Offshore Services Division	TB
158.	Written	Cash	1.1	Is the Department aware of any complaints in respect of the lack of consistency of decision making by Delegates involved in the processing of 457 visa applications?	Operational Performance	TB

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159.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) What qualifications are required to become a Delegate and process 457 visa applications? (2) What training is provided for this role?	Visa and Offshore Services Division	TB
160.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) Has the Department considered a policy change to enable self assessment for certain classes of visa eg 457? (2) What are the advantages of such a policy change? (3) What are the disadvantages of such a change?	Labour Market Branch	TB
161.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) Does the Government have any plans to re-introduce the Visa Capping Bill? (2) If so, when? (3) What was the feedback from industry about the Bill?	Labour Market Branch	TB
162.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) How many applications from offshore agents were received for 457 visas in the years 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010? (2) To which overseas office were these applications submitted? (3) Of these applications how many were rejected and how many were granted? (4) What was the processing time for each application from the date of submission to the date of either the rejection or granting for the 457 visa?	Visa and Offshore Services Division	TB
163.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) Is the Minister / Department aware of any registered migration agents providing the use of their Agent Registration Number to unregistered or unauthorised persons? (2) If yes, please provide particulars of each circumstance? (3) What action if any was taken by the Department in respect to these matters?	Visa Deregulation and Support Branch	AC
164.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) How many 457 applications were approved prior to the changes to the International English Language Testing System? (2) Should these 457 visa holders wish to extend their visas will they be subjected to the more rigorous assessment process? (3) If yes, what consideration was given to the impact on the workforce in the event that the visa holder does not pass the new test?	Labour Market Branch	TB
165.	Written	Cash	1.1	I refer to the Skilled Occupation List which became effective on 1 July 2010. Have any representations been made to the Department or the Government in respect to the adequacy of this list?	Labour Market Branch	TB
166.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) Have any amendments been made to the Skilled Occupation List which became effective on 1 July 2010. (2) If so, what additional skilled occupations have been included or removed from the list?	Labour Market Branch	TB
167.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) Is the Department / Government considering either including or removing any other skilled occupations from the list? (2) If so, what action is proposed?	Labour Market Branch	TB
168.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) In 2009-10 how many employers sought the approval of a Labour Agreement? (2) How many of those were approved? (3) For each agreement, what was the time taken from the date of submission to the date of approval?	Labour Market Branch	TB

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169.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) How many Labour Agreements are currently under negotiation with the Department? (2) In relation to each of these Labour Agreements, on what date were they submitted to the Department?	Labour Market Branch	TB
170.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) Is the Department / Minister aware of complaints regarding the inefficiency of processing Labour Agreements? (2) If so please provide particulars.	Labour Market Branch	TB
171.	Written	Cash	1.1	What is the current average processing time for visa applications in the migration program? Skilled? Family? Refugee/humanitarian? At each of our overseas posts? How has this changed since 2007-08; 2008-09 and 2009-10?	Migration Strategies Branch	TB
172.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) What is the number of visa applications received broken down by on-shore and offshore applications in the following areas:  (a) Skilled Migration (i) Employer nomination scheme (ii) Independent (iii) Regional sponsored migration scheme  (b) Family (i) Spouse (ii) Child (iii) Parents (iv) Carers  (c) Temporary (i) Family sponsored tourist visa (ii) 457 visa (iii) Working holiday maker (iv) Work and holiday maker (v) Student – 571, 572 and 573?  (2) How does this compare with 2007-08; 2008-09? (3) Please provide a breakdown of applications in the categories above that were approved and rejected, and the average processing time for each. (4) How does this compare with 2007-08; 2008-09?	Migration Strategies Branch	TB
173.	Written	Fielding	Internal Product	(1) Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a returned Labor Government (the so-called 'Red Book')? (2) Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief? (3) If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? (4) If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	J Chisholm

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				by the Treasury Department? (5) Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions?		
174.	Written	Fielding	Internal Product	(1) Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a newly elected Coalition Government (the 'Blue Book')? (2) Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief? (3) If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? (4) If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department? (5) Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	J Chisholm
175.	Written	Cash	Internal Product	Please provide an assessment of the resources required by the department to process the application of an offshore humanitarian applicant compared to those for an Irregular Maritime Arrival (IMA).	Refugee Borders and Onshore Services Division	AC
176.	Written	Cash	Internal Product	(1) Were any legal actions commenced against the Department since July 2009 to date? (2) If so provide relevant particulars.	Litigation and Opinions Branch	AM
177.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) Is the Department considering implementing tighter regulation and monitoring of the industry, to address some agents providing false and misleading information regarding avenues for permanent residency? (2) If so, what steps are been taken? If not, why not?	Visa Deregulation and Support Branch	AC
178.	Written	Cash	OMARA	How many complaints about registered migration agents are currently being investigated by professional standards officers?	Office of the MARA	AC
179.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) How many registered migration agents have been prosecuted by the Department for offences in each of the following periods: 2007/2008, 2008/2009, 2009/2010? (2) What was the nature of each offence? (3) How many of these prosecutions succeeded in a conviction and what were the penalties applied where a conviction was obtained?	Visa Deregulation and Support Branch	AC
180.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) How many prosecutions of unregistered persons offering migration advice have been undertaken by the office of MARA since 1 July 2009? (2) What was the result of each prosecution?	Visa Deregulation and Support Branch	AC
181.	Written	Cash	1.1	In relation to the efforts surrounding the decoupling of migration and education policies the number of migration agents acting as education agents please provide an update on the status of this policy.	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
182.	Written	Cash	1.1	What procedures are in place to ensure that overseas migration agents are aware of and comply with the regulatory regime in Australia?	Visa Deregulation and Support Branch	AC
183.	Written	Cash	1.1	What consideration is being given to ensure that only Registered Migration Agents can	Visa Deregulation	AC



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				legally give advice about migration to Australia?	and Support Branch	
184.	Written	Cash	1.1	What consideration is being given to requiring DIAC to accept visa applications from either individuals or Registered Migration Agents only?	Visa Deregulation and Support Branch	Ac
185.	Written	Cash	1.1	Are overseas applicants able to appoint an 'authorised recipient' who is not named within a visa application? Is any consideration being given to this practice being stopped?	Visa Deregulation and Support Branch	TB
186.	Written	Cash	1.1	What steps has DIAC taken to continue to expand the eVisa system as an effective tool to encourage professional conduct of overseas agents.	Visa Deregulation and Support Branch	AC
187.	Written	Cash	1.1	How many student visa applications have been cancelled by DIAC since 1 July 2009?	Education and Tourism Branch	NF
188.	Written	Cash	1.1	How many agents has DIAC withdrawn eVisa access to since 1 July 2009?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
189.	Written	Cash	1.1	In relation to 410 visas, does the Australian Government Actuary report include projections on additional tax revenue as well as those on costs?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
190.	Written	Cash	1.1	It has been suggested that although the health costs of permanent residency for 410 visa holders may be significant, these would be mitigated by the additional tax revenue to the Government which permanent residency would bring. Has the Department commissioned an estimation of the amount of this additional tax revenue?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
191.	Written	Cash	1.1	In relation to 410 visas, did the report from BERIA (British Expat Retirees in Australia), estimate both potential costs and potential revenue? If so, what were the costs and additional tax revenue in that report?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
192.	Written	Cash	1.1	How many WHM visas and extension to these visas have been granted for the last 5 financial years?	Education and Tourism Branch	NF
193.	Written	Cash	1.1	How many WHM visa holders are currently onshore? What is the breakdown by nationality?	Education and Tourism Branch	NF
194.	Written	Cash	1.1	What is the average time taken to process a Working Holiday Maker Visa? How does this compare with 12 months ago	Education and Tourism Branch	NF
195.	Written	Cash	1.1	What actions have been taken in relation to the \$1.7 million integrity enhancements for the Working Holiday-maker Visa program?	Education and Tourism Branch	NF
196.	Written	Cash	1.1	How many Work and Holiday visas (subclass 462) have been granted in 2009-10 financial year? What is the breakdown by nationality under this category?	Education and Tourism Branch	NF
197.	Written	Cash	1.1	How many applications for family reunion visas were made in the 2009-10 financial year and in which categories (i.e. partners, children, parent, other)?	Family and Health Policy Branch	AC

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198.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) How many family reunion visas were granted, how many were refused and how many appealed to the Migration Review Tribunal (provide numbers by category)? How does this compare with 2007-08 and 2008-09? (2) How many of the MRT appeals were successful (provide numbers by category)?	Family and Health Policy Branch	AC
199.	Written	Cash	1.1	In February the Department provided information about the bona fide checks that are undertaken at high risk posts (Question 123 – Additional Budget Estimates). A table giving the five countries with the highest modified non return rate (MNRR) for 2009-10 as at 30 April 2010 was given. Can this table be updated to 30 June 2010? What was the MNRR for 2009-10? How does this compare to the global average MNRR for 2009-10?	Education and Tourism Branch	AC
200.	Written	Cash	1.1	What is the average time taken to process a family reunion visa? How does this compare with 12 months ago? Is the blow-out in processing times a result of the stresses put on the department by the blow-out in asylum seeker numbers and the resources diverted to manage that (If there is a blow-out).	Family and Health Policy Branch	AC
201.	Written	Cash	1.1	Is the Partner Visa program being “managed” or “controlled” by the simple device of not processing any offshore or onshore partner visas in certain processing centres?	Family and Health Policy Branch	AC
202.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) In 2009-10 how many employers sought the approval of a Labour Agreement? (2) How many of those were approved? (3) How many of those were refused? (4) How many of those were withdrawn?	Labour Market Branch	TB
203.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) How many were not finalised due to the employer failing to provide information requested by DIAC? (2) What was the information requested by DIAC in those cases?	Labour Market Branch	TB
204.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) What were the reasons given for any Labour Agreements declined by the Minister? - (2) Were these proposed Labour Agreements inconsistent with the template agreement?	Labour Market Branch	TB
205.	Written	Cash	1.1	What progress has been made on the development of Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with Commonwealth, and State and Territory agencies to facilitate the sharing of information for the purposes of monitoring compliance with regulatory requirements administered by the Department	Labour Market Branch	TB
206.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) How many 457 visas were granted in 2009-10? (2) How many to date this year? (3) How many are subject to a Labour Agreement? (4) How many applications were there? (5) In what industries?	Migration Strategies Branch	TB
207.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) How many inspectors are currently employed by DIAC under Section 140V of the Migration Act? (2) How many monitoring officers are currently employed within the Department? (3) What are the locations where these inspectors and monitoring officers are based?	Labour Market Branch	TB
208.	Written	Cash	1.1	Since September 2009, how many sanctions have been taken out against sponsors using the new monitoring investigation powers that were provided under the worker protection amendments under the Migration Act? Please provide a numerical breakdown by State and	Labour Market Branch	TB

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209.	Written	Cash	1.1	Have there been any civil prosecutions commenced/finalised since the new worker protection powers came into force in September 2009?	Labour Market Branch	TB
210.	Written	Cash	1.1	How many onshore and offshore applications for General Skilled Migration are currently with the Department of Immigration & Citizenship?	Labour Market Branch	TB
211.	Written	Cash	1.1	Of those onshore and offshore General Skilled Migration applications, when were the earliest ones lodged?	Labour Market Branch	TB
212.	Written	Cash	1.1	What is going to be done about those current General Skilled Migration applications which do not have processing priority?	Labour Market Branch	TB
213.	Written	Cash	1.1	What is the public policy reason behind changing the rules so that people's General Skilled Migration applications may never be processed? Is this fair?	Labour Market Branch	TB
214.	Written	Cash	1.1	Will the Minister instruct DIAC to begin the processing of all currently lodged onshore General Skilled Migration applications? If not, why not?	Labour Market Branch	TB
215.	Written	Cash	1.1	Does the Department consider it satisfactory situation to have potential General Skilled Migration applicants, who include current overseas students in Australia, unable to make any plans because no-one knows how the General Skilled Migration program may change?	Labour Market Branch	TB
216.	Written	Cash	1.1	When will the Minister make decisions about further changes to the General Skilled Migration program, such as a revised Points Test or the State Migration Plans?	Labour Market Branch	TB
217.	Written	Cash	1.1	What is the public policy reason behind not exempting current overseas students in Australia from the changes to the General Skilled Migration program when many of them would have chosen to study in Australia because it offered a publicised and perfectly legitimate pathway to Permanent Residence? Is this considered fair?	Labour Market Branch	TB
218.	Written	Cash	Internal Product	What are the KPIs for the processing by visas? Please provide an analysis of whether targets have been met according to visa category for the last 2 financial years.	Operational Performance Branch	AC
219.	Written	Cash	Internal Product	To what extent are locally engaged staff in DIAC's overseas posts involved in the processing of visa applications, and if they are involved, what supervision is there of their work by Australian immigration officers?	Visa and Offshore Services Division	AC
220.	Written	Cash	1.1	How many applications are subject to the Minister's Priority Processing determination?	Labour Market Branch	TB
221.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) Please provide an exact figure for how many visa applications were cancelled as a consequence of the Minister's announcement of 8 February 2010? (2) What was the cost to the budget? (3) What was the total value of the visa application fees refunded?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
222.	Written	Cash	2.1	How many grants were made for off shore applications for protection visas under our refugee and humanitarian programme in 2009-10 by post and nationality group?	BRI Coordination	AM
223.	Written	Cash	2.1	How many humanitarian refugee visas have been granted out of Indonesia and Malaysia from the caseload of asylum seekers processed by the UNHCR in the 2009-10 financial	BRI Coordination	AM

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				year and also the 2010-11 financial year to date? What nationalities were they? What type of visas have they been given?		
224.	Written	Cash	2.1	(1) In 2009-10 financial year and 2010-11 year to date, how many irregular maritime arrivals sought refugee status in Australia by nationality and country of origin? (2) How many of those lodged protection visa applications by nationality and country of origin?	BRI Coordination	ZC
225.	Written	Cash	2.1	How many applicants were granted refugee status in the first instance by the Department in each category by country of nationality and origin in 2009-10 and so far in 2010-11?	BRI Coordination	AM
226.	Written	Cash	2.1	How many primary RSA decisions were made within the Government's stated target of 90 days in 2009-2010 and so far during 2010-2011.	BRI Coordination	AM
227.	Written	Cash	2.1	(1) How many people are awaiting primary decisions? (2) What percentage of them have been waiting for more than 3 months? 6 months? 6 months and above?	BRI Coordination	AM
228.	Written	Cash	2.1	(1) What was the average length of time for a primary RSA decision for IMA arrivals during 2009-10 and to date during 2010-11? Please include those who are subject to the asylum freeze. (2) For those same years, how many were refused and how many subsequently appealed in both 2009/10 financial year and the 2010/11 financial year to date?	BRI Coordination	ZC
229.	Written	Cash	2.1	(1) How many people are awaiting a review decision? (2) What percentage of them have been waiting for more than 3 months? 6 months? Longer?	BRI Coordination	AM
230.	Written	Cash	2.1	Of those who appealed their primary negative RSA decision, how many have had their primary decision reversed on appeal?	BRI Coordination	AM
231.	Written	Cash	4.1	(1) How many of those who have been refused refugee status, either on primary decision or appeal have voluntarily left Australia in 2009-10 in 2010-11 so far? (2) How many have been removed? (3) How many are awaiting removal? (4) On average how long have those awaiting removal been held in detention following their negative decision?	Compliance Status Resolution Branch	TC
232.	Written	Cash	4.1	(1) How many Afghans who have been refused refugee status, either on primary decision or appeal have voluntarily left Australia in 2009-10 in 2010-11 so far? (2) How many have been removed? (3) When was the last one removed? (4) How many are awaiting removal? (5) On average how long have those awaiting removal been held in detention following their negative decision?	Compliance Status Resolution Branch	TC
233.	Written	Cash	2.1	How many of the humanitarian visas granted in 2009-10 were given to irregular maritime arrivals and their families sponsored from overseas?	BRI Coordination	AM
234.	Written	Cash	2.1	(1) What is the average length of time between a primary decision and a review decision? (2) What is the average time taken between a negative decision on appeal or uncontested	BRI Coordination	AM

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				at the primary level and voluntary return?		
235.	Written	Cash	4.1	What is the average time taken between a negative decision on appeal or uncontested at the primary level and an involuntary or voluntary return?	Compliance Status Resolution Branch	TC
236.	Written	Cash	3.1	How many asylum seekers given permanent residency in Australia were resident in countries, other than their stated country of origin for a period of time of greater than 3 years, particularly Indonesia, Iran and Pakistan?	Immigration Intelligence Branch	ZC
237.	Written	Cash	2.1	Can the Department confirm that a formal return agreement is not required to return failed asylum seekers to their country of origin?	BRI Coordination	AM
238.	Written	Cash	2.1	Can the Department confirm what agreements have previously been in place to support repatriation to another country in the past and whether these agreements are still current?	BRI Coordination	AM
239.	Written	Cash	2.1	Is the department negotiating any new return agreements to countries for failed asylum seekers? If so, which countries, what is the status of these discussions, and when are they are likely to reach a resolution?	BRI Coordination	AM
240.	Written	Cash	2.1	In 2009-10 financial year and 2010-11 year to date, how many non irregular maritime arrivals sought refugee status in Australia by nationality and country of origin?	BRI Coordination	AM
241.	Written	Cash	2.1	(1) How many onshore protection visa applications, by nationality, were lodged by people who were not Irregular Maritime Arrivals who arrived with visas and were lawful at the time of application? (2) How many of these were later found to have fraudulent documentation?	BRI Coordination	AM
242.	Written	Cash	2.1	How many onshore protection visa applications, by nationality, were lodged by people, who were not Irregular Maritime Arrivals, and arrived without visas or identity documentation, i.e. were unlawful?	BRI Coordination	AM
243.	Written	Cash	2.1	(1) What is the RSA primary acceptance rate of all IMA's arriving in Australia by country of origin and nationality for applications considered post April 9, 2010? (2) How does this compare with the previous six month period? (3) What is the current acceptance rate after appeal for each group by country of origin?	BRI Coordination	AM
244.	Written	Cash	2.1	According to an answer given in Senate Estimates in May, the acceptance rate of Afghans by Australian decision makers at the primary stage has fallen from 99% in 2009 to 84% in 2010. What is the acceptance rate after appeal?	BRI Coordination	AM
245.	Written	Cash	2.1	Why is the acceptance rate of Afghans in Australia last year so high whilst the acceptance rate for Afghan asylum seekers in the United Kingdom (according to UNHCR figures) was 8% and in Greece the acceptance rate was 0%?	BRI Coordination	AM
246.	Written	Cash	4.1	(1) During the period 2008, 2009, 2010, how many failed asylum seekers, who have arrived in Australia as irregular maritime arrivals, have been returned to their country of origin? (2) Which countries and at what cost? (3) How many failed asylum seekers waiting to be removed are unable to be removed because of issues around their citizenship?	Compliance Status Resolution Branch	TC
247.	Written	Cash	4.1	(1) During the period 2008, 2009, 2010, how many failed asylum seekers who have arrived documented at Australian air and sea ports have been returned to their country of origin? (2) Which countries and at what cost?	Compliance Status Resolution Branch	TC

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248.	Written	Cash	2.1	(1) Please provide the Committee with the “new” country information used by decision makers in making their refugee status determinations on asylum seekers from Afghanistan and Sri Lanka? (2) Is this information also provided to the Independent Review Panel?	BRI Coordination	AM
249.	Written	Cash	2.1	(1) What has been the reaction of Amnesty International and the UNHCR to the “new” country information? (2) Is the Department aware of comments from UNHCR which indicate that the security situation in Afghanistan is the worst it has been for over a decade?	BRI Coordination	AM
250.	Written	Cash	3.1	How much has the department spent on anti-people smuggling campaigns either in Australia or overseas? For example, how much did the Saatchi and Saatchi (volleyball nets and soccer balls) campaign in Sri Lanka cost? Was an evaluation done of that program and what were the measurable outcomes?	National Communications	J Cullen
251.	Written	Cash	4.3	What has been the total cost of the Independent Merits Review (IMR) process for the 2009-10 Financial Year?	Independent Merits Review	TC
252.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) How many cases have been considered and determined by the IMR panel since it was introduced? (2) What is the average length of time taken to review a case by the IMR, from submission of the application to determination? (3) What has been the outcome of IMR decisions taken since their introduction, in terms of rejection or upheld?	Independent Merits Review	TC
253.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) How many members are currently on the Independent Merits Review panel? (2) How many additional members of the Panel have been appointed during 2010? (3) Who employs them? (4) Who are they accountable to? (5) What are the terms and lengths of their contracts? (6) How much are they paid? (7) Has the department provided serviced offices or other accommodation for them? Where? At what cost? (8) Who oversees their decisions?	Independent Merits Review	TC
254.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) What has the department budgeted for the IMRs continued operation over the next financial year? (2) What was the cost of the panel in 2009-10?	Independent Merits Review	TC
255.	Written	Cash	4.1	(1) How many of the unlawful non-citizens who were located during the 2009-10 financial year have been removed? (2) At what cost and to which countries?	Compliance Status Resolution Branch	TC
256.	Written	Cash	4.1	During the 2009-2010 Financial Year, how many visas have been refused/cancelled by a Departmental officer using the delegated powers given by Section 501 of the Migration Act?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch	AC
257.	Written	Cash	4.1	During the 2009-2010 Financial Year, how many visas cancelled under the above powers were refused/cancelled by the Minister himself rather than a delegate?	Policy Framework Evaluation and	AC

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					Analysis Branch	
258.	Written	Cash	4.1	(1) What is the current budget (2010-2011) and in the years 2008-09 and 2009-10; for the conduct of compliance activities within the Department? (2) Has any portion of this budget allocation been transferred to other output areas? If so, how much to each of those output areas?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AC
259.	Written	Cash	3.1	(1) During the 2009-2010 financial year how many visa holders, either temporary or permanent, have had their visas cancelled because they provided fraudulent or false information and/or documents? (2) Were any of these persons onshore and prosecuted in Australian courts? (3) If so, what penalties were applied in each case? (4) Are figures available for this classification for the current financial year to date?	Fraud Investigations and Prosecutions Branch	TC
260.	Written	Cash	4.1	(1) How many non-Australian citizens who have been convicted of a serious crime and served more than 12 months imprisonment have been released from prison and into the community? (2) How many have had their visas cancelled under the provisions of the Migration Act and removed from Australia?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch	AC
261.	Written	Cash	4.1	(1) How many section 501 cases have been considered by the department and by the Minister in 2009-2010 and how many in 2008-09? (2) How many visas were (a) refused and (b) cancelled by the Minister / by the department?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch	AC
262.	Written	Cash	4.1	Can the department guarantee that the level of compliance, bona-fide and investigative activity has not been curtailed as a result of the pressure put on the department by the number of unprecedented unlawful arrivals?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch	AC
263.	Written	Cash	6.1	How many people have had their citizenship revoked as a result of fraud in the gaining of permanent residency and citizenship?	Citizenship Branch	TC
264.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) How many reportable incidents occurred in each of the SERCO managed detention facilities in 2009-10 and in the year to date? (2) What were they? (3) Were each of those incidents investigated? (4) Were any weapons searches conducted after each of these incidents? Were any found? What were they?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
265.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) How many people have broken out of onshore detention facilities? (2) How many have been captured and how many are still at large? (3) Have any been removed from Australia? To which countries?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
266.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) How many deaths have there been in onshore detention facilities in the past 18 months? (2) What was the cause of them? (3) How many have been referred to the Coroner? (4) How many reports completed?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
267.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) How many staff employed by SERCO have been accused of inappropriate conduct and been subject to either internal or police investigation. (2) How many found to be guilty?	CDSD Coordination	ZC

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				(3) What has happened to those staff?		
268.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) Is there a mandated staff ratio for detention centres and other facilities where asylum seekers are detained? (2) Is that ratio currently being met?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
269.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) In March 2010 the media reported that three detainees absconded from the Villawood detention facility. Have any of these absconders been apprehended and returned to custody? (2) What actions (in terms of fines and other sanctions) have been taken by the Government against the operator of the detention facility in relation to these escapes?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
270.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) In May 2010 the media reported that six detainees absconded from the Villawood detention facility. Have any of these absconders been apprehended and returned to custody? (2) What actions (in terms of fines or other sanctions) have been taken by the Government against the operator of the detention facility in relation to these escapes?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
271.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) Can the Department explain how, after the serious incident of the suicide death of Mr Raulueni, two separate groups were able to gain access to the roof of one of the buildings of the detention centre to stage a protest? (2) Where are these detainees now being held?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
272.	Written	Cash	4.2	Has SERCO been sanctioned in relation to the incidents at Villawood where two separate groups of detainees climbed onto the roof? In what way?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
273.	Written	Cash	4.2	What plans are there to ensure that the Villawood facility is secure and that these incidents will not happen again? Has the roof area been secured?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
274.	Written	Cash	4.2	In April 2010 the media reported that a detainee in the custody of DIAC/Serco officers absconded whilst on a "reward" excursion whilst at the Melbourne Aquarium. Has this absconder been apprehended and returned to custody?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
275.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) In May 2010 the media reported that three detainees absconded from the Maribyrnong detention facility. Have any of these absconders been apprehended and returned to custody? (2) What actions (in terms of fines or other sanctions) have been taken by the Government against the operator of the detention facility in relation to these escapes?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
276.	Written	Cash	4.2	In August 2010 the media reported that a detainee in the custody of DIAC/Serco officers absconded whilst on an excursion to a bowling alley. Has this absconder been apprehended and returned to custody?	CDSD Coordination	
277.	Written	Cash	4.2	What is the current detainee population at the Broadmeadows centre? What is the breakdown by age and gender?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
278.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) When was the decision taken to expand the capacity of the Broadmeadows centre? (2) Are the plans already drawn up? (3) Is there a contractor? (4) When was the contract signed? (5) Is Council approval required for the expansion? When was it sought? When was it	CDSD Coordination	ZC



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				received? (6) What will be the final total capacity of the centre once all planned works are complete? (7) Are there any plans to further expand the centre? When? To what capacity?		
279.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) In what ways will the proposed regional processing centre on East Timor differ from the centre that previously operated on Manus Island? (2) Will people be free to come and go from the centre as they pleased? (3) Will they be able to work in the local community?	BRI Coordination	AM
280.	Written	Cash	4.3	When did the department first engage with East Timorese officials to discuss the regional processing centre policy?	BRI Coordination	AM
281.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) Which departmental officers have travelled to East Timor to discuss the establishment of this facility? (2) When were these meetings held? (3) With whom did they meet? (4) Where were they held? (5) What agreements were reached?	BRI Coordination	AM
282.	Written	Cash	4.2	The capital funding allocated for reopening the Curtin immigration detention facility was \$143.8 million. A breakdown of this amount was provided at Budget Estimates in May 2010. How much of this has been spent?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
283.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) What is the standard for the design and fit-out of Immigration Facilities for single occupancy. (2) Is this standard being met at the Curtin immigration detention facility and at the Leonora site?	CDSD Coordination	AM
284.	Written	Cash	4.3	On what date did the government first commence discussions with charity groups and churches about alternatives to community detention?	CDSD Coordination	AM
285.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) Please provide a list of churches and community groups that were consulted about alternatives to community detention? (2) What were they asked to consider?	CDSD Coordination	AM
286.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) Did the Government consult with State Governments about the decision to release families into the community prior to making its announcement? What was the nature of the consultation? (2) What has been the response of the individual Premiers? Have they raised any concerns, if so what? (3) Have they been briefed on the level of health and other services that they will need to provide to this group of people?	CDSD Coordination	AM
287.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) What is the roll-out plan for acquiring housing and other accommodation and timing? (2) How much will it cost? (3) How many places is the government planning to find by Christmas; by April 2011; by June 2011? (4) Where will these places be located? (5) What kind of accommodation have the churches and charity groups identified as being	CDSD Coordination	AM

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				suitable? (6) What budget has been set aside to pay for these alternatives?		
288.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) Will families moved out on "residence determinations" be provided with a visa? If so what kind? For how long? If not, what will their status be? Will they still be considered unlawful non-citizens? (2) What sort of security or reporting arrangements will they be subject to? (3) What entitlements will they receive including but not limited to welfare payments, Medicare, dental, mental health, other health and transport benefits, Cash payments, Clothing allowance, Work rights?	CDSD Coordination	AM
289.	Written	Cash	4.3	Will families moved out on "residence determinations" have a DIAC case manager? What other support will the department provide them?	CDSD Coordination	AM
290.	Written	Cash	4.3	In relation to families moved out on "residence determinations", who will cover their costs whilst in the community? What are the estimated costs?	CDSD Coordination	AM
291.	Written	Cash	4.3	In relation to families moved out on "residence determinations", will the government be considering any special deals to regularise their status?	CDSD Coordination	AM
292.	Written	Cash	4.3	What assurances will the government seek from charities and community groups that they will make families available for removal if their claims are rejected? Is the government confident that these groups will not seek to encourage failed asylum seekers to defy immigration orders to leave? What steps have been taken to obtain these assurances from these groups?	CDSD Coordination	AM
293.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) Based on the Government's statement that unaccompanied minors are to be released into the community, what will happen to the current 382 unaccompanied minors? Who will be appointed as their guardian? (2) What role will State Government departments have in providing carers and accommodation? (3) Has the government discussed these issues with State Governments? (4) What kind of accommodation is available to them? (5) How will this affect accommodation shortages for vulnerable homeless Australian youth?	CDSD Coordination	AM
294.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) How much is it costing to house IMAs in hotels on a monthly basis? (2) Do the arrangements include the cost of meals for the detainees? (3) Do they use private cooking facilities in the hotels? Is there any capacity provided for them to cook for themselves?	CDSD Coordination	AM
295.	Written	Cash	4.2	How many extra staff has Serco engaged as a result of the additional responsibilities of the extra sites? Where are those extra staff working?	CDSD Coordination	AM
296.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) What is the average period of detention for 2009-2010? (2) What is the average period of detention for 2010-2011 (to present day) by nationality? (3) How does this compare with 2008-09?	CDSD Coordination	AC
297.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) Please provide the number of people in each detention facility on the mainland and Christmas Island by gender, age and nationality group? (2) How many births have there been in detention?	CDSD Coordination	AC

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298.	Written	Cash	4.2	Please provide details as to how many mental health professionals are engaged permanently or temporarily at detention facilities on the mainland? Please provide a breakdown on a site by site basis.	CDSD Coordination	ZC
299.	Written	Cash	2.1	How many of these IMAs have lodged protection claims? How many are still to be decided? How many are waiting for a review? How many not lodged and why?	BRI Coordination	AM
300.	Written	Cash	4.2	What is the cost, per person, per day in each of the detention facilities on the mainland, including hotels, motels and other accommodation?	CDSD Coordination	AM
301.	Written	Cash	3.1	(1) How many IMAs arrived in 2009/10? (2) How many did so, without any recognisable form of identity documentation? (3) How many IMA's are believed to have conducted part of their journey to Australia by plane? (4) Please provide a break down by nationality.	Immigration Intelligence Branch	ZC
302.	Written	Cash	4.2	What is the current detention population in Australia by detention centres, alternative places of detention, community detention or transit accommodation, by gender, age and country of origin?	CDSD Coordination	AM
303.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) Please provide a list of all sites that have been considered or investigated by the department as potential suitable sites or facilities for asylum seeker accommodation? (2) Has the Minister been briefed on any or all of these potential locations? If so, which ones? (3) Has a short list of potential sites been drawn up? If so, please provide a copy.	CDSD Coordination	AM
304.	Written	Cash	4.2	Does the department or the government have any further plans to expand existing detention facilities on the mainland? If so when and where and at what are the costs involved?	CDSD Coordination	AM
305.	Written	Cash	4.2	Have any contracts been signed to conduct that expansion work? If so, with whom and in relation to which detention centres? On what dates were the contracts were signed?	CDSD Coordination	AM
306.	Written	Cash	4.2	What capacity has the department recommended to the Government as being sufficient to accommodate the number of arrivals occurring under their policies, for example 6,000? 8,000? 10,000 or more?	CDSD Coordination	AM
307.	Written	Cash	4.2	There were a number of newspaper reports about the department requesting department of defence families be moved to make way for asylum seekers. Did the department or the government at any stage request the transfer of defence force personnel and families to make accommodation available for asylum seekers? If so how many families were requested to move; where were these defence force families located?	CDSD Coordination	AM
308.	Written	Cash	4.2	Is the Government considering releasing any of the asylum seekers currently detained into the community pending resolution of the accommodation crisis?	CDSD Coordination	AM
309.	Written	Cash	2.1	(1) How many people is the department delaying removing from Australia pending the outcome of the High Court Case? (2) If the case is upheld by the High Court, how long has the department estimated that a new decision making process will take? (3) Will there be a new review mechanism? (4) Will those affected by the decision be released from detention pending a new decision	BRI Coordination	AM

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				on their case?		
310.	Written	Cash	2.1	If the High Court case is upheld, will the cases of those asylum seekers who were given a permanent protection visa as a result of the Independent review panel's decision to set aside a department decision, also be done again? If not, why not?	BRI Coordination	AM
311.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) How many external trips "excursions" are made by clients from Australia's metropolitan immigration detention facilities each year? (2) How are clients supervised on these trips? (3) What measures are put in place to prevent escapes during these trips? (4) What are the locations that have used for these excursions (aquarium, bowling alleys)? (5) What risk assessments are made of these locations before undertaking such excursions? (6) How is security of the locations assessed and what risk assessment is undertaken on the clients before arranging such excursions?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
312.	Written	Cash	4.2	Are these excursions provided for only those clients under assessment or are they also provided to those who have had claims rejected and awaiting removal?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
313.	Written	Cash	4.2	What are the costs involved in admission fees, etc for those excursions? Is there a budget for these types of expenses incurred and what is the total annual expenditure on these excursions?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
314.	Written	Cash	4.2	Have there been any allegations of any kind of abuse – sexual or physical – against any detainee in any of the detention facilities on the mainland or on Christmas Island by another detainee, employee of the Government or employee of the contractor? What has been the outcome of those allegations?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
315.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) Did the Department prepare options for additional family accommodation for unauthorised maritime arrivals prior to the election? (2) If yes, when was this list prepared? Please provide a copy of the list? (3) Was Inverbrackie in South Australia on that list of options? (4) Was Northam in Western Australia on that list of options?	CDSD Coordination	AM
316.	Written	Cash	4.2	What community consultation was undertaken prior to the Prime Minister's announcement on the 18 <sup>th</sup> of October in relation to Inverbrackie?	CDSD Coordination	AM
317.	Written	Cash	4.2	What community consultation was undertaken prior to the Prime Minister's announcement on the 18 <sup>th</sup> of October in relation to Northam?	CDSD Coordination	AM
318.	Written	Cash	4.2	When did the Department of Immigration begin discussions with the Army the prospect of using the Inverbrackie site?	CDSD Coordination	AM
319.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) Please provide a list of all sites in Australia where the Department or Government has undertaken contingency works in relation to potential accommodation for asylum seekers? (2) What will be the total detention capacity on the mainland once these centres have been completed and the extensions to existing facilities completed?	CDSD Coordination	AM
320.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) What was the cost of the repairs necessary to rectify damage caused during the recent incident at the Darwin Immigration Detention Centre? (2) What has been the cost of upgrades to the centre?	CDSD Coordination	AM

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				(3) Has the Department commissioned a report into this incident?		
321.	Written	Cash	4.2	Are there any plans to expand the northern detention centre? If so by how many? Under what conditions would any plan to expand the centre be activated?	CDSD Coordination	AM
322.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) In relation to the Darwin Immigration Detention Centre, has the department received incident reports from SERCO in relation to the riots, breakouts and other incidents which have occurred over the past 18 months? (2) Has the department sanctioned SERCO in any way? If yes, in what way? Have these sanctions included monetary? (3) Have any actions been taken to resolve compliance failures? What are they?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
323.	Written	Cash	4.2	In relation to the Darwin Immigration Detention Centre, are there any plans to make the centre more secure so that incidents such as the one in September do not occur again?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
324.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) Have any asylum seekers been charged in relation to the incident in Darwin? (2) What about the incident involving the Indonesian crews? (3) Has security at the centre been increased since these incidents? If so, in what way and at what cost?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
325.	Written	Cash	4.2	What is the nightly/weekly/monthly rate being paid at the Airport Lodge site in Darwin – per person? Per room?	CDSD Coordination	AM
326.	Written	Cash	4.2	(1) When was the decision taken to expand the capacity at airport lodge from the initial accommodation contract? (2) How many was it expanded by and when? (3) Were there subsequent variations to the contract in order to expand the capacity? If yes, when did these occur? (4) When was the decision taken to expand the capacity of Airport Lodge to 400 made? (5) When was the contract signed? (6) When did the work begin? (7) Was any work at all undertaken prior to any announcement being made?	CDSD Coordination	AM
327.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) The 2010-2011 Budget provided an allocation of \$357,786,000 for Program 4.3 – Offshore Asylum Seeker Management. What is the number of illegal maritime arrivals this figure was based upon? (2) Has this figure been adjusted? By how much? What is it now?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
328.	Written	Cash	4.3	Has the Department been required to vary this allocation as a consequence of the longer detention periods experienced due to the processing freeze and the increase in arrivals? If so, what amount of additional funding has been sought?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
329.	Written	Cash	4.3	How many departmental staff, contract staff and clients are on Christmas Island as at 30 June 2008, 30 June 2009 and 30 June 2010?	Workplace Planning and Reporting Branch	AC
330.	Written	Cash	4.3	What was the annual cost of electricity supplied to the Christmas Island detention facility for the 2009-2010 financial year?	CDSD Coordination	AM
331.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) What was the annual cost of providing meals to the clients at the Christmas Island detention facility?	CDSD Coordination	AM

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				(2) What is the daily cost of feeding detainees on a per person basis?		
332.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) What is the current state of the infrastructure on Christmas Island? (2) Are there any plans to expand the facility? If so, to what capacity and when will works begin and be completed? If not, why not?	CDSD Coordination	AM
333.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) According to the latest available figures on people in detention provided on 13 August 2010, there are 339 Afghan males under the age of 18 currently detained. How confident is the department that these males are in fact under the age of 18 years? (2) What tests are carried out to ensure that adults are not posing as children?	CSM Principal Advisor	ZC
334.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) Have any communicable diseases been detected in any of the detention facilities on Christmas Island? What are they and how have they been managed? (2) Have any people with treated or untreated communicable diseases been transported to the mainland? How? (3) What are the disease management protocols on Christmas Island?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
335.	Written	Cash	4.3	How many asylum seekers detained on Christmas Island have been transported to the mainland for health reasons? What are those reasons? What conditions have been treated?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
336.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) Are the Tamils who were refused security clearance by ASIO still on Christmas Island? (2) Has the department found a third country to accept some or all of them?	BRI Coordination	ZC
337.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) What about those of security concern who were transferred to Sydney? Are they still in Villawood? (2) What was the cost of transporting the family to Villawood from Christmas Island and what is the cost of keeping them detained in the community housing facility at Villawood? (3) How long have they been there? How long will they remain? (4) What is the cost of providing guards to escort the eldest child to school?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
338.	Written	Cash	4.3	(1) In the 2009-2010 Financial Year, how many charter aircraft flights were procured by the Department to support the processing of illegal maritime arrivals on Christmas Island? (2) What was the cost of charter flights to carry departmental staff and provisions to and from the Island? (3) What was the cost of transporting asylum seekers between the Island and the mainland and back again? (4) What was the sum total cost of these charter flights above? What was the average cost of these charter flights?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
339.	Written	Cash	2.1	Mr Hughes previously gave evidence at the Estimates hearing held on 9 February 2010 [at page 78] that: <i>"It is not uncommon for the department in circumstances where there is a particular humanitarian need identified to resettle people in a much shorter time frame than the average....."</i> (a) How does the Department determine if there is a "particular humanitarian need"? (b) Provide details of all resettlements that have taken place since 1 January 2008, where a "particular humanitarian need" was identified including: (i) The identified humanitarian need; and (ii) The time taken to process the particular refugee's visa.	BRI Coordination	AM

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				<a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/hansard/senate/commttee/S12748.pdf">http://www.aph.gov.au/hansard/senate/commttee/S12748.pdf</a> .		
340.	Written	Cash	2.1	I refer to the Subclass 204 Visa – Women at Risk. Is any consideration being given to formally increasing the 10.5% annual target? If not, why not?	BRI Coordination	AM
341.	Written	Cash	2.1	I refer to the Answer to QON 32 in which it was stated “ <i>where no documentation is available and depending on the consistency of responses at interview, DNA testing may be requested as a last resort to verify the claimed parent child relationship</i> ”. (a) Since November 2007, how many requests have been made the Department for DNA testing? (b) What has been the result of those tests? (c) In the event that the DNA test does not confirm a parent child relationship exists, what action is taken by the Department in relation to the alleged parent and the alleged child? (d) Is this a criminal offence? If not why not? If so, what is the penalty? (e) Please outline the process undertaken by the Department when interviewing a child to determine if a parent child relationship exists.	Family and Health Policy Branch	TB
342.	Written	Cash	2.1	I refer to the Answer to QON 46 in which it was stated that to 31 May 2010 of the 4286 visas granted under the onshore component of the 2009-2010 Humanitarian Program, 14 visas had been granted under Ministerial Intervention Powers. (a) In each of the 14 cases please outline why the Ministerial Intervention Power was exercised. (b) Please update the Answer to QON 46 to 22 October 2010.	BRI Coordination	AM
343.	Written	Cash	2.1	I refer to the Answer to QON 47 “How many places in the humanitarian and refugee program have been provided to the family members of onshore asylum claimants, including by those who have arrived by boat?” in which it was stated that “Data is not compiled in a way that can be interrogated to answer the question asked”. What action is taken by the Department to compile such data?	BRI Coordination	AM
344.	Written	Cash	2.1	[Answer to QON 90] Of the 122 Irregular Maritime Arrivals at Villawood as at 17 May 2010 that have all been refused refugee status: (a) What is the current status of each of these persons? (b) How many have been repatriated from Australia?	BRI Coordination	AM
345.	Written	Cash	2.1	[Answer to QON 89] Of the 34 detainees who were transferred from Christmas Island to Villawood on 5 April 2010 (as at 11 June 2010) please advise: (a) What is the status of the 26 persons who are undergoing Independent Merits Review? (b) What is the status of the 4 persons who were affirmed as not being refugees by the Independent Merits Review and were at that time awaiting removal? (c) What is the average time for those who have been refused refugee status to be removed from Australia? (d) What is the status of the three people found to be refugees and were undergoing health, character and security checking? (e) What is the status of the 1 person who had been issued with a Criminal Justice Stay certificate and is the subject of people smuggling charges?	BRI Coordination	AM

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346.	Written	Cash	2.1	[Answer to QON 53] I refer to the longest serving irregular maritime arrival in detention as at 26 July 2010 who had had his negative decision on his Refugee Status Application affirmed by an Independent Merits Reviewer in May 2009. (a) On what date did this person enter Australian territory? (b) On what date was his application for refugee status originally refused? (c) Has the decision to refuse this persons refugee status been the subject of appeal and if so, how many appeals and to which bodies? (d) What is the current status of this person?	BRI Coordination	AM
347.	Written	Cash	4.1	(1) What is the current budget for the conduct of compliance activities in the department? (a) What activities are undertaken? (b) Can you provide full details? (2) How does the budget this year compare with the previous five financial years?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
348.	Written	Cash	4.1	Has any portion of the budget allocated to compliance activities in the 2010-2011 budget been transferred to other output areas? If so, how much to each of those other output areas.	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
349.	Written	Cash	1.1	(1) What kind of bona fide checks are undertaken in high risk posts? (2) Which posts are they? (3) What is the current overstay rate of visitors from those overseas posts? (4) How does this compare with the past three years?	Education and Tourism Branch	AC
350.	Written	Cash	3.1	What processes are undertaken to verify documents?	Identity Branch	TC
351.	Written	Cash	3.1	(1) How many travellers to Australia have been detected presenting with false or altered documents in the last financial year? (2) How does this compare to the last 5 financial years?	Identity Branch	TC
352.	Written	Cash	4.1	(1) How many unlawful non citizens have been located as a result of compliance activities? (2) How many have been removed from Australia? (3) How does this compare with activity in each of the last three financial years?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch	TC
353.	Written	Cash	3.1	(1) What is the percentage of people refused immigration at airports and seaports, as a proportion of total passenger and crew arrivals for the period 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010? (2) What does that figure translate to in terms of numbers of people refused immigration? (3) Please provide the reasons for which these people were refused immigration?	BRI Coordination	ZC
354.	Written	Cash	3.1	(1) What biometric tools have been trialled or are scheduled to be trialled for potential use at Australian airports and seaports? (2) What policies are in place to protect the privacy of travellers and prevent airport workers from misusing security equipment?	Identity Branch	ZC
355.	Written	Cash	3.1	I refer to the answer given to Question on Notice 93 asked at the Budget Estimates hearing on 27 May 2010, regarding the current length of time taken for ASIO to make security assessments of offshore entry persons. ASIO advised DIAC that the average time taken to complete security assessments of IMA's is 35 days from receipt of the referral from DIAC. (a) Is 35 days still the average time taken by ASIO to complete security assessments of IMA's?	Immigration Intelligence Branch	ZC



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				(b) How does this figure compare with the average processing time over the last 10 financial years?		
356.	Written	Cash	4.3	How many irregular maritime arrival crew members are in immigration detention and in which locations?	CDSD Coordination	ZC
357.	Written	Cash	1.1	<u>Retirement Visa (410)</u> (1) The original end date for the Department's contract for the report from the AGA (Contract Note 193208) was 1 December 2009. (a) What were the costs estimated to be in the preliminary AGA report? (b) Was any additional tax revenue estimated in the preliminary report? (2) The contract was subsequently amended in June 2010 for an extra \$13,000. (a) What is the new revised end date for the final report? (b) What additional work from the AGA will the \$13,000 amendment to the contract involve?	Education and Tourism Branch	TB
358.	Written	Cash	5.1	In the 2009-10 financial year, the Geelong Ethnic Communities Council Inc was granted \$327,500.00. Further grants in 2010-2011 and 2011-12 of an additional \$654,000.00 have been earmarked. This grant is stated to be for "Community Development and Integration Services and Orientation to Australia Services." (a) What are the measures of financial accountability and outcomes for the Geelong Ethnic Communities Council? (b) Please detail by year; how this money was spent and what community development activities took place.	Settlement Branch	AC
359.	Written	Cash	5.1	The Multicultural Development Association Inc has for the 2009-2010 financial year been granted \$763,475.00 for Orientation to Australia and Community Development. (a) What were the measures of financial accountability and outcomes for the Multicultural Development Association Inc? (b) Please detail how this money was spent and on what it was spent.	Settlement Branch	AC
360.	Written	Cash	5.1	The National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) was granted the sum of \$566, 00.00 on 31 July 2009. (a) What were the measures of financial accountability and outcomes for the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters? (b) What did this grant cover and what were the outcomes of the spend.	Settlement Branch	AC
361.	Written	Cash	5.1	The Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre was given a grant of \$164,000.00 on June 30th 2009. This grant was for Integration services. (a) What were the measures of financial accountability and outcomes for the Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre? (b) Please detail how this money was spent and what was achieved.	Settlement Branch	AC
362.	Written	Cash	5.1	On the 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 for a period of 24 month, the Griffith City Council was allocated \$42,900.00 for Pacific Seasonal Workers Pilot Scheme. (a) What were the measures of financial accountability and outcomes for the Griffith City Council?	Settlement Branch	AC

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				(b) What was the grant for? (c) What did it achieve?		
363.	Written	Cash	6.1	What issues of cultural, racial and religious intolerance is the Department currently addressing. What steps is it taking to address these issues?	Multicultural Affairs Branch	AC
364.	Written	Cash	6.1	Please outline what the Department is doing to promote the benefits of a united and diverse Australia.	Multicultural Affairs Branch	AC
365.	Written	Cash	5.1	Please advise the status of the development of the multicultural centre in Mirrabooka, Western Australia.	Settlement Branch	AC
366.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	If there are any outstanding questions on notice from Budget Estimates 2010: Please explain why there are still some outstanding questions on notice from Budget Estimates 2010.	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	NF
367.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office in the 2009-10 financial year? (2) Which agency or agencies provided these services?	National Communications	J Cullen
368.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies in the 2009/10 financial year? (2) Which agency or agencies provided these services?	National Communications	J Cullen
369.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the department instituted any policies or protocols that restrict or deny staff the use of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs? If yes, please explain what restrictions has been put in place. Why were these restrictions put in place? IF NO: Why not? (for example there may be legitimate reasons for some staff to access these sites for legitimate purposes). Are staff utilising these sites during work hours? If yes, how many hours are spent on these sites? What time are these sites most accessed (i.e. lunch time?). Will measures be introduced to restrict access to these sites?	Security and IT Service Operations Branch	AC
370.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) Did the Government, Minister or his office return any documents to the Department once the caretaker conventions began? (2) Did these documents include Ministerial submissions, briefs or notes? (3) How many unread, unsigned or undealt with Ministerial submissions, briefs or notes were sent back? (4) What was the date of the earliest such document that was sent back from the Minister's office and the date of the last? (5) Did the Minister or his office request prior to the calling of the election that no more submissions, briefs or notes be sent?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	J Chisholm
371.	Written	Barnett	Internal	Were any of the government's election promises in your portfolio costed before the election was called by the department or Treasury or Finance? If so, which ones? Provide details	Financial Strategy	J Chisholm

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			Product	of what work was done.	and Budgets Branch	
372.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Had your department or any agency in your portfolio provided information on any of the government's election promises in your portfolio to the Government before the election was called? Was any work done on formulating any of the Government's election commitments? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	J Chisholm
373.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	What is the status of each election commitment from the 2007 election within the portfolio?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	J Chisholm
374.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Which 2007 election commitments are experiencing slippages? Why? Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates? What are the implications of this slippage?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	J Chisholm
375.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Are there any 2007 election commitments that will not be implemented? If yes, please provide details. Were departmental resources provided to implement these commitments? How much? What will happen to the funding now?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	J Chisholm
376.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	What is the status of each election commitment from the 2010 election within the portfolio? Please provide a list.	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	J Chisholm
377.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has implementation of the 2010 election commitments within the portfolio commenced? If yes, provide details. If no, why not?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	J Chisholm
378.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Will additional departmental resources be required to implement 2010 election commitments within your portfolio? If yes, provide details. If no, why not? If unable to provide an answer please explain why.	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	J Chisholm
379.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	How will the election commitments in your portfolio be offset? Will your portfolio be required to offset the new spending in your portfolio?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	J Chisholm
380.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<u>2010 Election</u> What type of work did your portfolio engage in during the campaign?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	J Chisholm
381.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<u>2010 Election</u> Did you receive any requests for information from the Government, your portfolio Ministers or any other Ministers?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	J Chisholm
382.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Will the Department be releasing its Incoming Government Brief ('Red Book')? If yes, when and why? If no, why not?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	J Chisholm

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383.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Will the Department be releasing its Incoming Government Brief ('Blue Book')? If yes, when and why? If no, why not?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	J Chisholm
384.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has your portfolio started implementing the Government's savings election commitment of a maintaining the annual efficiency dividend on departmental expenses at 1.25 per cent? If not, why not? If yes, give details.	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
385.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Will any agencies in your portfolio be seeking an exemption to implementing the efficiency dividend?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AM
386.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) How do you think you will implement the efficiency dividend? Give examples of the types of cuts you will make (i.e. no more pot plants in departmental buildings). (2) Will there be cuts to staff? If yes, give details.	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
387.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	What is the total expenditure on staffing for the Department and for all portfolio agencies? What is the SES and non-SES breakdown?	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
388.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	What are the current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers?	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC
389.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	How many SES were employed in your Department and portfolio agencies on 10 May 2010?	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
390.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	How many SES were employed in your Department and portfolio agencies as of today?	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
391.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) What is the breakdown by each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? (2) What is the gender breakdown by each level (each SES band, each Executive Level	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC

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				band and each APS band)? (3) What is the breakdown by location for each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? (4) What is the breakdown by each level of ongoing staff and non ongoing staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)?		
392.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	What has been the general staffing trend in your department and portfolio agencies since the 2007 election (for example SES numbers and recruitment has increased by X per cent because of Y).	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
393.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) What have been the changes in staffing levels since Budget Estimates 2010? (2) Why have these changes occurred? (3) What have been the Budgetary implications? (4) In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? (5) What functions these staff performed have been sacrificed and why?	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC
394.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Are there expected changes to current staffing levels over the next 12 months? If yes, provide details including a breakdown of each level staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band) detailing the changes. Will this be different to what was reported in the 2010-11 Budget?	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC
395.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? (2) What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this? (3) Will staff reductions be used to achieve the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
396.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how have staff been identified for such offers? (2) Are there such plans for the future?	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC
397.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	How many permanent staff recruited since Budget Estimates 2010? What level are these staff? Where is their location?	People Services Branch	AC
398.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Since Budget Estimates 2010, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	People Services Branch	AC
399.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the current efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts since Budget Estimate s2010? If so, where and at what level?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
400.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.	Workforce Planning and Reporting Branch	AC

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401.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	If your Department/agency has been identified in the 2010 election as delivering efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, savings commitments included reducing program funding, rationalising grants etc how will these impact the department and staffing) .	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AM
402.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions or increases are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.	People Services Branch and Learning and Development Branch	AC
403.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Are there plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? What data will be included?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	AC
404.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) Did the Department prepare electorate level reports for the Government Ministers for the 2010 election? (2) What data is included in these reports? (3) How often is this updated? (4) Why is this material not publicly available? (5) Please provide copy of latest reports.	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	J Chisholm
405.	Written	Barnett	5.1	Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007?	Settlement Branch	AC
406.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) How much has the Department spent on consultancy services since Budget Estimates 2010? (2) Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). (3) How can the department justify this expenditure?	Procurement and Contracts Branch	AC
407.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since Budget Estimates 2010? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts awarded? Provide total figures since Budget Estimates 2010 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.	Procurement and Contracts Branch	AC
408.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contracts website? Are the figures available on that site correct?	Procurement and Contracts Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and	AC

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409.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has there been any changes in the consultancies are planned for this calendar year since Budget Estimates 2010? If yes, have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	Procurement and Contracts Branch	AC
410.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Could the Department provide a complete list of current consultancy services. For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use. For each consultancy, please indicate why the Department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves.	Procurement and Contracts Branch	AC
411.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Procurement and Contracts Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
412.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Procurement and Contracts Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
413.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.	Procurement and Contracts Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
414.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.	Procurement and Contracts Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
415.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Procurement and Contracts Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
416.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Procurement and Contracts Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and	AC

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417.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Procurement and Contracts Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
418.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Procurement and Contracts Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
419.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Procurement and Contracts Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
420.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) How much has the Department and portfolio agencies spent on advertising and marketing since Budget Estimates? Ask for justification of expenditure. (2) Could the Department provide a complete list of current contracts. Please indicate the rationale for each service provided and its intended use.	Procurement and Contracts Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
421.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	What communications programs has the Department and portfolio agencies undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken? For each program, what is the total spend?	National Communications to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	AC
422.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since Budget Estimates 2010? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Procurement and Contracts Branch	AC
423.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Procurement and Contracts Branch	AC
424.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio since Budget Estimates 2010? (2) Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. (2) How much did each report cost? (3) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? (4) What is the current status of each report? (5) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	AC



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425.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	What is the Department's hospitality spend since Budget Estimates 2010? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Accounting and Financial Control Branch	AC
426.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	For each Minister/Parl Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	AC
427.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? (2) What is the gender ratio of appointments made to boards since Budget Estimates 2010? (3) Are you implementing the Government target of 40 per cent women appointed to Boards?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	AC
428.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests?	Governance and Audit Branch to coordinate with MRT/RRT and OMARA	LS
429.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) How many FOI requests has the Department received? (2) How many have been granted or denied?	Governance and Audit Branch	LS
430.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?	Governance and Audit Branch	LS
431.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the Department/agency received any FOI requests for its Incoming Government Brief ('Red Book')? If yes, when and will it be released?	Governance and Audit Branch	LS
432.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the Department/agency received any FOI requests for its Incoming Government Brief ('Blue Book')? If yes, when and will it be released?	Governance and Audit Branch	LS
433.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) What was the cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates 2010? (2) How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meeting? (3) What was the total cost of this travel? (4) What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's office?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	NF
434.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings? (2) How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or relogged? Please provide example of why this would happen. (i.e. last minute policy changes or redate papers due to items not being discussed when initially scheduled).	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	TC
435.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since Budget Estimates 2010? (2) Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 including:	Policy Innovation, Research and Evaluation Unit	AC

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				<p>i. when those reviews were provided to Government,  ii. estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and  iii. if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review.  (3) How many reviews are ongoing?  (4) How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates?  (5) What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency?  (6) Will any of these reviews cease due to the 2010 Election?</p>		
436.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)	Property and Financial Operations Branch	AC
437.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<p>(1) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?  (2) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Property and Financial Operations Branch	AC
438.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<p>(1) What are the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. special type of paper, envelopes)?  (2) What are the cost of these items? Is the Department/portfolio agencies paying for these?</p>	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch	AC
439.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<p>Can you detail what changes have occurred in your portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 September 2010.  (a) Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage or whether refurbishment or additional space will need to be leased to accommodate new staff. Alternatively, will agencies be left with empty office space due to loss of staff). Please provide details  (b) Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)?  If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band.</p>	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AC
440.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Can you describe what, if any, Administrative Arrangements Orders occurred in your portfolio between November 2007 and July 2010? Please detail the costs associated with these.	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AC
441.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<p><u>Media Subscriptions</u>  (1) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.  (2) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.  (3) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes,</p>	National Communications	J Cullen

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				please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.		
442.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<p>(1) The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed a whole-of-government coordinated procurement arrangements for travel and related services. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies? Please explain the changes that have occurred to your department and portfolio agencies in relation to its travel and related services.</p> <p>(2) Is purchasing of travel and related services less expensive under the new arrangements?</p> <p>(3) Is purchasing of travel and related services more efficient under the new arrangements?</p> <p>(4) Have savings been achieved in your portfolio because of the new arrangements?</p> <p>(5) How much did your department and portfolio agencies spend on travel in 2008-09, 2009-10 and to date this financial year.</p> <p>(6) How have staff within your department and portfolio agencies found the new arrangements? For example is it more efficient to arrange travel?</p>	Property and Financial Operations Branch	AC
443.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<p>(1) The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed the establishment of Commonwealth Property Management Framework. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies?</p> <p>(2) Has the implementation of this Framework lead to savings in your portfolio? Please provide details.</p>	Property and Financial Operations Branch	AC
444.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<p>(1) The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies?</p> <p>(2) Can you provide details of how these efficiencies will be achieved? Please provide specific examples.</p> <p>(3) Will the implementation of the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend impact on your department or portfolio agencies ability to meet the efficiencies outlined in the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook?</p> <p>(4) Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff to meet the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies in your portfolio? If so, please provide details? Are there such plans for the future?</p>	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch	AM
445.	Written	Xenophon	5.1	<p>(1) What support programs does the Department run for new migrants?</p> <p>(a) What do these programs include?</p> <p>(b) What is the take up rate for these programs?</p> <p>(c) Are they tailored for specific cultural groups or just general programs?</p> <p>(d) What feedback has the Department received about the success of these programs?</p> <p>(e) What ongoing reviews or reassessments does the Department perform in relation to these programs?</p> <p>(2) What programs run by other parties does the Department contribute to?</p> <p>(3) How much total funding is provided to third-party programs each financial year?</p> <p>(4) What assessment criteria do these programs have to meet to receive funding?</p>	Settlement Branch	AC

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				(5) Does the Department perform ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of these programs once they are funded? If so, what are the criteria for assessment?		