

Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Questions on Notice Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, Tuesday 18 October 2011

Infrastructure and Transport Portfolio

Q#	Program: Division or Agency	Senator	Broad Topic (to be provided later)	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written Q	Date Rec'd	Date Tabled
1	n/a CORP	COLBECK		<p>Senator COLBECK: Can you tell us when your annual report will be out?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will be tabling the annual report prior to 29 October. It is currently with the minister for consideration, and then we will go to the printer.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Is 29 October your statutory deadline?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is correct. We will try to do it as quickly as possible, before that date.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: How long has it been with the minister?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think it has been there for about two weeks.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Can you tell us when it was sent to him, on notice if need be?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice and come back to you with the exact date.</p>	5 18/10/2011		
2	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I want to go back to Senator Edwards' questions about property leaseings and add a couple of issues to that. Mr Mrdak, in your extensive portfolio, including the management of Badgerys Creek, could you also provide, besides the requests on notice of Senator Edwards, the ABN and ACN numbers of the people that you lease to or from? In other words, we want to know the corporate entities, where their registered offices are et cetera.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take on notice what information we have—</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: But surely, Mr Mrdak, if you lease from someone, you know who you are leasing from, and they have an ABN number and a</p>	10 18/10/2011		

				registered office. Mr Mrdak: Yes, we will do that.			
3	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		Senator HEFFERNAN: I would like to know the entity. Also, what are the arrangements for the legal fees? Do you have a set fee in arranging all these leases? Mr Mrdak: I don't know that we have a set fee; we obviously incur some legal costs, which are met within the department's legal budget. Senator HEFFERNAN: So, with a click, can you identify the legal costs associated with leasing? Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice. I am not sure about that.	11 18/10/2011		
4	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		Senator HEFFERNAN: Are you conscious of the subleasing arrangements from the people you lease them to? Mr Mrdak: We use a commercial real estate agent who does that. I would need to take on notice whether there are some— Senator HEFFERNAN: Could you also provide to me on notice, in relation to the properties that you lease at Badgerys Creek, if there are subsequent sublettings of those properties and who those sublettings to? Mr Mrdak: Certainly. I am not aware of any sublettings, but I will certainly take that on notice. Senator HEFFERNAN: Thanks very much. Could I also ask you to include the corporate entity address and property owners you lease from? Mr Mrdak: Yes.	11 18/10/2011		
5	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		Senator HEFFERNAN: She had the authority to be able to draw on her own credit card— Mr Banham: She had the authority with the bank but not the approval from the department. Senator HEFFERNAN: What did she have the authority to draw? How much cash? Mr Banham: I do not know. I will have to take it on notice.	12 18/10/2011		
6	n/a CORP	EDWARDS		Senator EDWARDS: It would be very efficient if you had these figures at your fingertips, but I will put this question on notice for you. It goes back to budgets and accounts. In the 2010-11 financial year, how much did you spend	14 18/10/2011		

				<p>on advertising and travel—domestic and international, and then economy, business and first-class? Perhaps you could also detail hospitality, entertainment, information and communications technology, external consultants, education and training of staff, any external accounting, external auditing, external legal services, and memberships or grants paid to affiliate organisations. Do you foresee any of those items attracting a significant increase in 2011-12?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Some of those are already publicly available, such as our contracts, which are published on our website.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I am only new here. The shadow minister is not.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: In my answer I might point you to where those materials are publicly available. In relation to a number of those matters we have recently provided answers to questions on notice for the year just gone and expenditure to this point this year. I am happy to update that for you on notice for each of those items that are not publicly available.</p>			
7	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the number of personal staff working in the Minister's Office? 2. How many DLO's are in the Ministers office? 3. How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? 4. What is the total expenditure on staffing for the Department and for all portfolio agencies? What is the SES and non-SES breakdown? 5. What are the current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers? 6. How many SES were employed in your Department and portfolio agencies on 10 May 2011? 7. How many SES were employed in your Department and portfolio agencies as of today? 8. What is the breakdown by each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? 9. 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)? 10. 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? 	Written		

				<p>11. Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this? Will staff reductions be used to achieve the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend?</p> <p>12. Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the current efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts since Budget Estimates 2010? If so, where and at what level?</p> <p>13. 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.</p> <p>14. 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).</p>			
8	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>1. Are there any outstanding questions on notice from Budget Estimates 2011?</p> <p>2. If so, please explain why there are still some outstanding questions on notice from Budget Estimates 2011.</p>	Written		
9	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>1. What is the status of each election commitment from the 2007 elections within the portfolio?</p> <p>2. Which 2007 election commitments are experiencing slippages? Why? Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates? What are the implications of this slippage?</p> <p>3. 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?</p> <p>4. What were your election commitments for agriculture in 2010? Please provide a list and a copy of the Labor Government's election policy for agriculture.</p> <p>5. Has implementation of the 2010 election commitments within the portfolio commenced? If yes, provide details. If no, why not?</p> <p>6. Will additional departmental resources be required to implement 2010</p>	Written		

				<p>election commitments within your portfolio? If yes, provide details. If no, why not? If unable to provide an answer please explain why.</p> <p>7. How will the election commitments in your portfolio be offset? Will your portfolio be required to offset the new expenditure in your portfolio?</p>			
10	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has the department done to deliver savings through rationalisation of corporate functions? 2. How is that impacting on department staffing? 3. 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. 4. Is the efficiency dividend impacting on the negotiations for the next workplace agreements? 5. Will any agencies in your portfolio be seeking an exemption to implementing the efficiency dividend? 6. How do you think you will implement it? Give examples of the types of cut you will make (i.e. no more pot plants in departmental buildings). 7. Will there be cuts to staff? If yes, give details. 8. Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? 	Written		
11	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. 2 Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 3 Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)? Provide the details for each advertising item. 4 Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 5 What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other 	Written		

				communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?			
12	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 2 For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 3 What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 4 For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 5 What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 6 For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 7 What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 8 For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 	Written		
13	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 2 Detail any board appointments for the year 2010-11. 3 Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD. 	Written		
14	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written		
15	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2 How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? How many have been granted or denied? 3 How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI 	Written		

				<p>requests for the year 2010-11?</p> <p>4 How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? How many have been granted or denied?</p> <p>5 How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?</p>			
16	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>1 What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held for the year 2010-11?</p> <p>2 How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>3 How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>4 What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11?</p> <p>5 What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD?</p> <p>6 How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>7 How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>8 What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD?</p>	Written		
17	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>1. How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings?</p> <p>2. How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or 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).</p>	Written		

18	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN	<p>For the year 2010-11:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Reviews were being undertaken by DOTARS & its agencies in each portfolio? 2. When will each of these reviews be concluded? 3. What reviews have been concluded? 4. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? 5. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 6. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? <p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What reviews are planned? 2. When will each of these reviews be concluded? 3. What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? 4. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? 5. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 6. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 	Written		
19	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 2 Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes 3 How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 4 Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements? 	Written		

				5 How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			
20	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11? 2 Which agency or agencies provided these services? 3 What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? 4 What has been spent providing these services FYTD? 	Written		
21	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain.	Written		
22	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>Since May 2011:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. 2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details. 3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details. 4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details. 5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. 6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details. 	Written		

				<p>7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p>			
23	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>1. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>2. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>3. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>	Written		
24	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>1. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p> <p>4. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>5. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>6. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government</p>	Written		

				intending to respond to these reports?			
25	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the year 2010-11, did 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.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For accounts not paid within 30 days, was 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? b. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 2. For the FYTD, 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.) 3. 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? 4. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written		
26	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11? 2. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? 	Written		
27	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. 	Written		

				<p>b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?</p> <p>2. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?</p> <p>3. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?</p>			
28	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>1 For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.</p> <p>2 For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</p> <p>3 For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</p> <p>4 For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.</p> <p>5 For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by</p>	Written		

				<p>your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.</p> <p>6 For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</p> <p>7 For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</p> <p>8 For the year FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.</p>			
29	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>1 What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>2 What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>3 What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>4 What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>5 What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>6 What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide</p>	Written		

				<p>a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>7 What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>8 What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>			
30	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>1. For the year 2010-11, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.</p> <p>2. For the FYTD, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.</p>	Written		
31	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>1. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information for the year 2010-11:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted</p> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service</p>	Written		

				<p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used</p> <p>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
32	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services</p> <p>a) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>b) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted</p> <p>c) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1c), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used</p> <p>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written		

33	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 2 For the year 2010-11 list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments. 3 For the FYTD list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments. 	Written		
34	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		How much is spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.	Written		
35	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 How many cars are owned by DOTARS and each agency in your portfolio? 2 Where is the car/s located? 3 What is the car/s used for? 4 What is the cost of each car for 2010-11? 5 How far did each car travel in 2010-11? 	Written		
36	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2010-11? 2 Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 	Written		
37	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? What is their classification? 2 What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? 3 How is corporate credit card use monitored? 4 What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? 5 Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. 6 What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written		

38	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agency's. 2. List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to. 	Written		
39	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>I refer to Budget Paper No. 1 page 6-40 in relation to spending on rail and road transport.</p> <p>For the road funding allocated in each of the financial years 2011-12 to 2014-15 could you please break down the spending by programme, including the amount from the Nation Building Programme, Building Australia Fund, the Regional Infrastructure Fund and from other sources?</p>	Written		
40	n/a CORP	HEFFERNAN		<p>I refer to Budget Paper No. 1 page 6-40 in relation to spending on rail and road transport.</p> <p>For the rail funding allocated in each of the financial years 2011-12 to 2014-15 could you please break down the spending by programme, including the amount from the Nation Building Programme, Building Australia Fund, funds spent by the ARTC which were not provided by government and from other sources?</p>	Written		
41	1.1 IA	MILNE		<p>Senator MILNE: On the national electricity market rules and your negotiations around them, when do you expect the changes? I notice that, in your report, you say that the proposed changes to the rules to implement scale-efficient network extensions and interregional transmission charging are expected to be finalised in June 2011 and very 2012. Can you tell me what was finalised in June and what is expected to be finalised in February?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: I will get you the details, perhaps on notice. The Minister for Resources and Energy, Mr Ferguson, is responsible for this area, by and large, and the changes that have been underway are well advanced. I will get you an update on the detail on where they are at.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Can you explain what the problem is at the moment because of the connection cost burden on first movers?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: There is an issue for first movers and who pays the cost. That is</p>	15-16 18/10/2011		

				part of the work that the people at the energy regulator have been trying to deal with. I will get you details of that on notice.			
42	1.1 IA	MILNE		<p>Senator MILNE: Is Infrastructure Australia talking to the Australian Energy Market Operator, AEMO, and also the commission about how best to facilitate the rollout of the grid and to finance that infrastructure?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: We are in discussion with a range of the players involved, including private sector proponents in renewable energy.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: What is the one thing that you would say needs to happen quickly to facilitate that outcome?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: I think it will come back in every case to ensuring that there is a proper economic assessment of the proposals before us and there is proper consideration of the pricing mechanisms that are associated with these sorts of developments.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: And that will come from this assessment through the national electricity market rules?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: That will be a very large part of it, yes.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: And I will get on notice as to where that is up to.</p> <p>Mr Deegan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: We have \$100 million at the moment for smart grid trials. Can you give us any indication of where that is taking Infrastructure Australia in terms of the learning experience?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: We are at arm's length from the detail of the trials, but again it might be better if I take that on notice, as there is another portfolio dealing with the trials themselves.</p>	16 18/10/2011		
43	1.1 IA	EDWARDS		<p>Senator EDWARDS: I guess I would like to know if there is a system where you address those KPIs with those seriously credentialled people in your office.</p> <p>Mr Deegan: Yes, it is part of our performance arrangements that we have those discussions. They need to provide evidence that they have met those targets.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Great. Thank you, very much. That was very helpful, Senator Edwards. Those targets and those KPIs: can you provide to the committee the benchmarks that your staff have to meet?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: Let me take that on notice.</p>	25 18/10/2011		

				<p>Senator NASH: I would think that taxpayers would like to know what process is in place. I take the point that you have made a number of times now, that it is important to send, I think these were your words, 'a clear message about their engagement with the cities and thought it appropriate to have the Major Cities Unit both collocated with Infrastructure Australia and in the nation's largest city.' I accept that; that's absolutely fine. What I and my good colleague Senator Edwards are trying to understand here is the process by which you determine value for money. I think we are getting somewhere today. If you could provide for the committee the key performance indicators that Senator Edwards was talking about, those benchmarks that you use to determine whether or not that \$1.1 million of taxpayers money is value for money, it would be extremely useful.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: To be fair, it is over \$100,000 a desk.</p> <p>Mr Deegan: I will take the question on notice.</p>			
44	1.1 IA	HEFFERNAN		<p>Is Infrastructure Australia aware that, of the eight projects listed in MYEFO 2010-11 under the Nation Building 2 Program, the Parramatta-Epping Rail Link was the only project not to be mentioned again in the 2011-12 Budget Papers?</p> <p>If so, can Infrastructure Australia explain why the Parramatta-Epping Rail Link was not mentioned in the 2011-12 Budget?</p>	Written		
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50	1.1 NB-II	MACDONALD		Senator IAN MACDONALD: I know how efficient and how good your department is. I know how generous the Commonwealth is with the states, but it irks me when roads are in an appalling state. As a Queensland senator, I think my colleagues will excuse me if I refer to Queensland and the Bruce Highway. Every time the Bruce Highway is mentioned it is always the Commonwealth's fault. The state minister always blames the Commonwealth. I know that is not right, but I am simply seeking some information from you that would allow me to protect your department and to protect the minister's government against these outrageous allegations from the Queensland minister, who has a penchant for this. As an exercise, the road between Ayr and Townsville last year was subject to five different sets of road works at one time, which makes it hell, I might say, for the travelling public, stopping five times in an hour and waiting for five to 10 minutes for lights to change. Anyhow, that is beside the point. Last year those road works were done and	9 18/10/2011		

				<p>this financial year there are another three, and again with the Queensland government's road management arrangements travelling that hour from Ayr to Townsville you stop at three different sets of roadsides. That is nothing you have any control over, unfortunately. As a sort of snapshot example, could you just explain to me the funding arrangements in those instances? It is a fairly confined piece of work. It does not include Vantassel road, which I do not think has been started yet. What I really want to know is what the arrangements are—who is contributing how much, when your money went in, what the time lines were, when you first said that money would be available, when the work was done and when the final accounting was done?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can do that. I will see if we can answer it at the table. Otherwise we are happy to take that on notice and come back to you as soon as we can.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: We might take that on notice.</p>			
51	1.1 NB-II	EGGLESTON		<p>Senator EGGLESTON: Thank you. I am very familiar with those road upgrades around Port Hedland. Port Hedland already has a very good road system. You said nothing about the bridges north of Broome—that is a major area that needs addressing—nor anything about the specific issue which the member for Durack has raised on this Bindi Bindi stretch, which is an area of real concern because there will be a fatality there. I would be very interested to hear about that and, in general, what your role is as the Manager of North West Roads, because I did not know we had such a position. Please tell us what your brief is .</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Perhaps I might start. In relation to the position on those roads you mentioned to the north-west, we are happy to take on notice any such matters. We are currently in the process of working with Western Australia, as Mr Jagers outlined, on the future investments in the national investment program. We are not familiar with and do not have any proposals in relation to those bridges or that road you mentioned on behalf of Mr Haase, but I am happy to take that on notice and come back to you with any information that we may glean from the state of Western Australia in relation to their plans. I will ask Mr Pittar to outline—</p>	32 18/10/2011		
52	1.1 NB-II	LUDLAM		<p>Senator LUDLAM: Regarding the road stretch that Senator Eggleston was referring to, I wonder whether you are aware that between Wiluna and</p>	34 18/10/2011		

				<p>Meekatharra a stretch of the key freight route between Kalgoorlie and the north-west coast is actually still dirt; it has not even yet been paved. To your knowledge has a proposal ever come forward from the Western Australian government for sealing that very dangerous stretch?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: I will have to take that on notice and get back to you.</p>			
53	1.1 NB-II	MACDONALD		<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Have there been any requests from the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads for funding for flood-proofing upgrades to the Bruce Highway at Goorganga Plains near Proserpine, at Sandy Gully near Bowen and at Yellow Gin Creek near Home Hill? Can anyone tell me that easily?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Please don't give me a web site.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: No, we won't.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Please say whether there is or isn't. I am also interested in any application for safety upgrades on the Haughton River bridge and whether there has been allocation of federal funding for those particular projects.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: We'll come back to you. It's possible that there could be black spot projects on that road that we don't have listed in front of us. But also funding through the NDRRA flood reconstruction work could be in those locations as well, so we'll need to check with Regional Australia.</p>	34-35 18/10/2011		
54	1.1 NB-II	MACDONALD		<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: In question 71 I asked a series of relatively detailed questions on the Cooroy to Curra section of the highway—in fact, 25 in all—and I was told in answer:</p> <p>The Government will make announcements about future investment as part of future budgets. What does that mean? For example, question 25 was:</p> <p>25) Has any land acquisition taken place in the last 12 months? If so, how many properties and in which suburbs are these properties?</p> <p>The answer is:</p> <p>The Government will make announcements about future investment as part of future budgets. We were praising you for getting these answers in, but that is not an answer to the question I asked. Is it possible to get answers to question 71?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will take that on notice, if you do not mind. I think the government's answer reflects that they are currently considering future</p>	36-37 18/10/2011		

				<p>investments in Cooroy to Curra as part of the consideration of the nation building program going forward. But I will certainly take on notice whether we can provide any more information on behalf of the government in relation to those questions you have asked.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Thank you. I also asked: I understand that further information was received from the Queensland Government in April 2011. On what date was this information received?</p> <p>I do not think the government is going to get up and make an announcement about that. These are relevant—and they may be relevant in other states—to me as a representative of Queensland, because, again, I think the Commonwealth is being poorly done by for all the good work it is doing, and I am trying to just assess when you did things and when Queensland has not. Certainly that answer does not help me do that. If you are under instruction from the minister simply not to answer questions, please give that answer. Say, 'The minister has instructed us not to answer these,' and we will take that up elsewhere. But if that is the department's work, and I have a suspicion that it is not, it is not much of a response. To question 72, again, the answer is: See question 71.</p> <p>The answer to question 71 says: The Government will make announcements about future investment ...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Again, Senator, I will take that on notice to see what additional information we may be able to provide.</p>			
55	1.1 NB-II	LUDLAM		<p>Senator LUDLAM: Minister, can I throw to you—it will have to be on behalf of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—the question of whether there is consideration by the government in the next budget cycle to include a stand-alone funding commitment for cycling and active transport?</p> <p>Senator Carr: That is something I will have to take on notice. Clearly, I am not familiar with the detail of the budget bids that are being made at the moment, nor for that matter would I be able to comment, even if I were. I will ask the minister for a response.</p>	42 18/10/2011		
56	1.1 NB-II	NASH		<p>Senator NASH: I am sure you do. What evidence does the department have that those jobs were created in that immediate environment? It says here that it was supposed to create immediate jobs in communities. What evidence does the department have that those immediate jobs were created? I am sure there</p>	46 18/10/2011		

				<p>was some tracking of this program.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: As part of the government's tracking of the fiscal stimulus, the government is on record as setting out what it believes has been the employment creation as a result of the whole range of fiscal stimulus programs. On these individual ones, as I said about a number of those communities, they are important projects. They are putting confidence into the local business community as well as providing immediate jobs in construction and ongoing jobs in a number of situations. A number of projects provide ongoing employment in a number of locations.</p> <p>Senator NASH: On notice, can you provide the committee with the identified jobs that the department has on record as a result of the spend?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>			
57	1.1 NB-II	NASH		<p>Senator NASH: I do not have a problem with that, but there is normally a process that goes with those types of things. In this instance, I understand the government wanted to try and create some jobs so there was not the normal application type of process. But for longer term structural programs like this there would be an expectation from taxpayers that there would be an appropriate application process. From time to time we do not have one. The government has a bit of a track record on this. With Better Regions we saw every single one of those was an election commitment. Again, there was no application process for the Better Regions Program. There seems to be a developing strain here leading from the government side rather than letting an appropriate application process take place.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We would be very happy to take on notice the jobs issue and also the value for money considerations, which we did look at quite closely and which the ANAO comments on in their report on the program administration.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Of the 19 that were sent down by the minister to the department for assessment against the guidelines—and obviously I understand there might be confidentiality issues—can you give us, perhaps on a case basis without referring to any component, the reasons why those did not make it through the assessment process?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can do that. The ANAO listed those in some detail in the report, but let us come back to it.</p> <p>Senator NASH: That would make it easy for you to send them to me. The other thing is the assessment against the guidelines. I am assuming that the</p>	46 18/10/2011		

				<p>guidelines that you had for this program are easily accessible for the committee.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can provide those.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Thank you. I know you said you were going to take the jobs figures on notice, but can you give us a ballpark figure, out of those 14 projects, roughly how many permanent jobs are being created?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am reminded that the audit report includes some figures. Let us get those as quickly as we can for you.</p> <p>Senator NASH: All right. If you would not mind, when you are providing those figures could you break them down into the short-term jobs relating to those projects and longer term employment?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>			
58	1.1 NB-II	EDWARDS		<p>Senator EDWARDS: Okay. Five million dollars evaporated by virtue of the funding being withdrawn. Do we ever expect to get some benefit from the work that was carried out using that \$5 million? If so, about how much in monetary terms?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The answer that Mr Wood's given is that there has not been a vanishing or an evaporation. The work that has been undertaken will continue to be used by the South Australian agencies in relation to their traffic planning for the CBD. It is all of value.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Okay. Are you able to report back and quantify what will be of use in the future and that has been extinguished in value?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will certainly take that on notice and see what further detail that you can provide you with.</p>	51 18/10/2011		
59	1.1 NB-II	RHIANNON		<p>Senator RHIANNON: How many mining related infrastructure projects are currently on your books for New South Wales? I am happy for you to take that on notice. I am interested in a list of the names and a brief description of them and how much money that you have allocated for them.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can certainly provide you the details. As Mr Wood outlined, the Australian Rail Track Corporation, which is the Commonwealth's investment vehicle in the Hunter Valley rail line, has a range of capital works programs underway. We can certainly provide you with details about those.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I am not just interested in rail projects. Do you have any involvement in any of these port plans or some of the bridges that they</p>	51-52 18/10/2011		

				<p>come up with or anything else?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We certainly have a major project in the Hunter, which is the Hunter Expressway, and we have a number of rail projects. They are the projects in which we have an investment interest in the Hunter at the moment. We do not have an investment program or any projects in relation to the Port Waratah or any of the other Hunter maritime issues.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So in terms of the benefits to the coal industry, it comes down to your rail and road projects?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly, and principally our investment through ARTC into increasing the capacity of the Hunter Valley coal system.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: And you will be able to quantify the specific coal related projects in terms of the monetary cost?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can certainly provide you with the amount that the Commonwealth has invested in ARTC in terms of the Hunter Valley.</p>			
60	1.1 NB-II	NASH		<p>Senator NASH: How many projects had money deferred to the Queensland flood recovery? Do you have a list of those?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: We can certainly get that for you.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Is that something that you have with you?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: These are the five that have now been reinstated. There was an initial deferral of five projects. In the budget this year those projects, as a result of some savings that had been realised in other parts of the Queensland program, have been reinstated.</p> <p>Senator NASH: So all the funding that had previously been announced is deferred for the Queensland recovery.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: If we are talking about those five Queensland projects, then yes.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Are there any others across the country for which it was deferred? So far we have the five Queensland ones. There were a number of others around the country as well—is that correct?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: We have already mentioned the South Australian O-Bahn project.</p> <p>Senator NASH: I do not want them piecemeal; I want them in a bunch.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There was rephrasing of two rail projects—the North Sydney freight corridor project and the Victorian Regional Rail Link project.</p> <p>Senator NASH: What has happened with those? Is it the same issue as for Queensland? Have they been reinstated?</p>	52 18/10/2011		

				<p>Ms O'Connell: No. The phasing stays as it was. It was a rephrasing of the commitment.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Do you want to take that on notice, or do you have it?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will certainly take it on notice and give you the full details, but that essentially is the picture in relation to all of the rephasing.</p> <p>Senator NASH: And perhaps you could also put in any time delays that have occurred from the rephasing or that will occur from the rephasing, and from that period of delay when it was reconfigured for a while and then reinstated. That would be great.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>			
61	1.1 NB-II	EDWARDS		<p>With reference to Budget Paper No. 2 p.268 in relation to the deferral of funds from the F3 to Sydney Orbital feasibility study.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been deferred from this project? 2. Has the budgeted amount been allocated to another project? 3. If not, why not? If so which project(s)? 4. Which financial year will the money be paid in? 5. Was the NSW Government consulted prior to this decision being made? If not, why not? If so, when was this undertaken? What did this consultation involve? 	Written		
62	1.1 NB-II	EDWARDS		<p>With reference to Budget Paper No. 2 p.269 in relation to the deferral of funds from the Victorian Regional Rail Link.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much will be deferred from this project? 2. How much will be deferred for each of the forward estimates? 3. Do you know what this money has been reallocated to? 4. If yes, what project(s)? If not, why not? 5. Are you aware of cost blow-out projections for the Regional Rail Link of anywhere between \$700,000-\$1 billion? 6. What affect will this delay in funds have on the proposed completion date of the project? 7. Was the Victorian Government consulted prior to the announcement earlier this year that the funding would be deferred? 8. If not, why not? If yes, when was this undertaken? 9. What did this consultation involve? 	Written		

63	1.1 NB-II	EDWARDS		<p>With reference to Budget Paper No. 2 p.269 in relation to the deferral of funds from the Princes Highway East project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been deferred from this project? 2. How much will be deferred for each of the forward estimates? 3. Do you know what this money has been reallocated to? 4. If yes, what project? If not, why not? 5. Was the Victorian Government consulted prior to the announcement earlier this year that the funding would be deferred? 6. If not, why not? If yes, when was this undertaken? What did it involve? 	Written		
64	1.1 NB-II	WILLIAMS		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you give an update on your negotiations with the NSW government in relation to the Pacific Highway. 2. Can you give me an outline as to how you determine what speed restriction is appropriate to maintain safety outcomes? 3. Can you please provide updated statistics on the percentage of the Pacific Highway that has now been duplicated and percentage still to be duplicated? As well, as the length in kilometres still to be duplicated and already duplicated. 4. Given the funding shortfall and the length of time construction had taken to date, how is 2016 completion of the duplication achievable? 5. In order for the Pacific Highway duplication to be completed by 2016 significant funds will have to be made available. Would you agree? 6. Presumably future works on the Pacific Highway duplication will have to come from the Nation Building 2 package. What is the progress work on the Nation Building 2 package in determining its length of time and how much in funding will be available? 	Written		
65	1.1 NB-II	HEFFERNAN		<p>What is the total expenditure or expected expenditure on roads for each of the financial years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 from the Nation Building Programme and Nation Building 2 Programme?</p>	Written		
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68	1.1 NB-II	HEFFERNAN		Please provide a table of the expenditure from the Regional Infrastructure Fund by state and electorate.	Written		
69	1.1 NB-II	HEFFERNAN		In light of the item in MYEFO 2010-11 to provide \$2.08 million over four years to construct the Parramatta-Epping Rail Link from 2014-15 under the Nation Building 2 Program, can the Department confirm if funding has been allocated towards this project within the current forward estimates period? If so, what amount is allocated within each year and to perform what functions?	Written		
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74	1.1 NB-II	HEFFERNAN		<p>Has the Department been involved with discussions with the Minister, the Minister's office, or Infrastructure Australia regarding the intended steps if the NSW Government does not commit to contribute funding towards the Parramatta-Epping Rail Link?</p> <p>If so, what are the outcomes of these discussions?</p>	Written		
75	n/a ARTC	WILLIAMS		<p>Senator WILLIAMS: Do you know offhand the number of coal and non-coal movements on that Hunter Valley line? Is that difficult to find out?</p> <p>Mr Fullerton: I could get that for you. Obviously it is dominated by coal, both domestic and, primarily, export.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Could you take that on notice and give us a break-up of the coal and non-coal movements on the Hunter Valley line? Could you also give me the excess capacity currently of the line? In other words, there is so much coal being moved and so many non-coal movements; is there any capacity there for more? As I say, hopefully it will be a bumper wheat crop where there will be a lot of grain shifted. I just have some concerns about the Hunter line being able to manage not only the coal but the grain and the other things as well, as you mentioned.</p> <p>Mr Fullerton: I will just make one comment about that. The declared capacity for coal is about 135 million tonnes per annum, and we are currently running at just above 100 million tonnes per annum actual.</p>	55 18/10/2011		
76	n/a ARTC	BACK		<p>Senator BACK: I have one other question. It goes to net finance costs or income. It is addressed in note 5 on page 71. It relates to the fact that in the previous financial year there was a \$78.4 million surplus, whereas in the financial year ending 30 June 2011 it reversed to a \$11.7 million loss. The explanation refers to:</p> <p>Finance Costs comprised: interest remitted by/(payable) to ATO applicable to grants related income tax assessments ...</p> <p>Can somebody just give me an explanation as to how that position went from an \$81 million, I imagine, interest remitted by the ATO in the previous year to a nil figure in the year-end report. Can you just explain to me the significance</p>	57 18/10/2011		

				of that and what it means. Mr Fullerton: I might need to take that question on notice...			
77	n/a ARTC	RHIANNON		<p>During questioning in the Rural Affairs and Transport Committee hearing on Tuesday 17 October 2011, Mr Fullerton of the ARTC declined to answer a number of questions in regard to China Shenhua and the ARTC on the grounds of confidentiality.</p> <p>The Clerk of the Senate advises in regards to confidentiality at estimates:</p> <p>The terminology “public interest immunity” is significant. The Senate has made it clear that a claim that particular information should not be produced must be based on a particular ground that disclosure of the information would be harmful to the public interest in a particular way. A statement that the holder of information does not wish to produce it, or that the information is confidential, is not a proper claim for public interest immunity.</p> <p>It is open to the Senate to determine that any risk of harm to the public interest by disclosure of information is outweighed by the benefit to the public interest in the provision of the information.</p> <p>The Clerk also advises that a claim on the grounds of “commercial confidentiality” must “be based on specified potential harm to commercial interests”.</p> <p>Mr Fullerton has not given a specific reason why he is unable to answer the questions due to confidentiality. I believe that this does not meet the criteria set by the Senate for an agency to refuse to answer a question at a hearing, particularly one that is ultimately controlled by the Commonwealth Government.</p> <p>Further, as indicated in the ARTC Annual Report, it is a Commonwealth funded body, which received \$409.3 million from the Commonwealth on 21</p>	Written		

				<p>July 2011.</p> <p>With this in mind, I would like the ARTC to consider the following questions on notice and provide more complete answers than those provided at the hearing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents released by the Greens in the NSW Parliament detail monthly meetings between China Shenhua and ARTC about plans to move coal from the Liverpool Plains to Waratah Port. What topics or issues do these meetings cover? 2. Have you had any discussions with China Shenhua or NSW Government agencies about: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. China Shenhua missing the August 2010 coal nomination deadline for an allocation to export coal from Liverpool Plains through the Newcastle coal loader? b. Potentially moving coal from Liverpool Plains to Newcastle Harbour by truck? 3. Did China Shenhua make a port nomination in the August 2011 process? 4. Has China Shenhua made any payments to your department? 5. Are you aware if China Shenhua is pursuing the private construction to the north west of the PWCS Carrington Coal Loader on land owned by Newcastle Port Corporation that is leased to Buildev? 			
78	n/a ARTC	WILLIAMS		Can you please provide a break-up of the coal and non-coal movements on the Hunter Valley line?	Written		
79	n/a ARTC	WILLIAMS		<p>Can you provide an update on the concrete re-sleeper efforts on the Melbourne-Sydney track?</p> <p>Do you have any figures on the percentage of on-time train movements along the line? Is the trend increasing or decreasing?</p>	Written		
80	n/a ARTC	WILLIAMS		Do you have any updated figures on train partings (cars decoupling) since the last estimates on the main north-south line?	Written		

81	n/a ARTC	WILLIAMS		Have speed restrictions changed since the last estimates hearings? If, so have speed restrictions been relaxed or tightened?	Written		
82	n/a ARTC	WILLIAMS		Have you undertaken any process changes in light of your consultations with the ATSB? If so, please give details.	Written		
83	n/a ARTC	WILLIAMS		How are you addressing the mud hole issue?	Written		
84	n/a ARTC	WILLIAMS		a) The ATSB has recently released its preliminary report into the Melbourne-Sydney track. Do you have comment on that? b) What actions have you taken to address the concerns raised by relevant parties? c) What consultation have you had with the ATSB as they prepare this preliminary report and the final report? When did this occur?	Written		
85	n/a ARTC	WILLIAMS		What is the total cost of the line upgrades on the Melbourne-Sydney track? Is this higher than anticipated? If so, why? Would that also reflect the total cost of the re-sleeping works on the line or are other upgrades being undertaken as well?	Written		
86	2.2 STP	BACK		Senator BACK: Sure. You would know the membership of your committee: is treasury represented on your committee? Mr Wilson: Treasury was. If you like I can go through the— Senator BACK: Would it be possible on notice. Ms Gosling: I actually recall that in the questions on notice from the last hearings we actually provided the details of the membership of each of the reference groups, but we can certainly provide the full membership again if that is helpful...	62 18/10/2011		
87	2.2 STP	BACK		Senator BACK: How many Australian flagged vessels do we have at the moment on the Australian coastline? Mr Wilson: We have 22 major trading ships flagged on the Australian coastline. Senator BACK: Represented by how many companies?	63 18/10/2011		

				Ms Gosling: We might have to take that on notice.			
88	2.2 STP	COLBECK		<p>Senator COLBECK: That is all right. I just wanted to make sure we are where we are supposed to be. Better to find out early! I have a historical question—and I will be testing memories here, I think. I want to get some context around a clause in the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme that relates to transport of wool backwards and forwards across Bass Strait. I understand that there is one particular clause in there that relates to wool going to auction. It provides for wool exported from Australia through an auction that is conducted on the mainland to still qualify for the Freight Equalisation Scheme. You may have to take this on notice.</p> <p>Ms Gosling: I think I will have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: This may go back away. I am just trying to get a context around that clause being placed in the Freight Equalisation Scheme. It is quite unique, particularly in relation to exports. So perhaps, on notice, you could give me that, if it is available.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>	66 18/10/2011		
89	n/a AMSA	BACK		<p>Senator BACK: Can you tell me from the records, or can you take on notice, whether your operations officer—or whatever title they are given—would have had any communication with the vessel itself, with people on board, either by mobile phone or by radio communication, or would that not be something that an AMSA officer would engage in?</p> <p>Mr Young: My recollection is that in this particular incident there was no communication with the vessel, certainly not by AMSA. I am not aware of whether Customs did. I do not believe so.</p> <p>Senator BACK: I wonder if you would be kind enough to take on notice a confirmation of that. If that is the case, then you will not appear again.</p> <p>Mr Young: Certainly.</p>	69 18/10/2011		
90	n/a AMSA	HUMPHRIES		<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Can I ask about another boat, one that was believed to have left Indonesia on about 13 November 2010. I understand that DIAC, in answer to a question on notice, has confirmed that DIAC received inquiries from relatives of people on this boat who had not heard from them since they left Indonesia on 13 November 2010. Can you tell me whether AMSA is</p>	71 18/10/2011		

			<p>aware of the issue of that boat?</p> <p>Mr Young: Give me a second and I will look through the records here.</p> <p>Mr Kinley: Can we take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: I have other questions that flow from that, so if it is possible to identify whether you have some information about the boat that would be useful at this point.</p> <p>Mr Young: My preference would be to take it on notice. I would be talking without any briefing on the subject.</p>			
91	n/a AMSA	XENOPHON	<p>Senator XENOPHON: So a significant number of operators. In general terms, what protocols and safeguards are there to ensure that those operators have appropriate standards of pilots training and of safety so that you know that the rescuers in a sense will not need to be rescued? Are there particular requirements that are set for those operators in terms of minimum standards?</p> <p>Mr Young: Yes, there are. Firstly, we contract commercial operators. They obviously need to have an air operating certificate approved by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority. We provide specialist search and rescue pilot training. That is about flying at lower altitudes, bad weather and special requirements for search and rescue operations. We run an audit program through which we go out with aircraft and watch their specialist operations.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I might place some of my questions on notice. Essentially, if they have the air operator certificate, that gives you comfort, because in order to get that you need to satisfy CASA. So you quite justifiably rely on that. In addition to those minimum requirements for an AOC you undertake your own audits.</p> <p>Mr Young: We undertake our own audits of the search and rescue operation not flight operation.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Perhaps on notice you can give me some information on the extent of those audits.</p> <p>Mr Young: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: And whether there been any issues with respect to any of those audits.</p> <p>Mr Young: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you say whether there have been any concerns or outcomes as a result of those audits with respect to any of your operators? Are you able to answer that now, or do you want to take that on notice?</p>	72 18/10/2011		

				Mr Young: I would prefer to take that on notice, thanks.			
92	2.2 PAR	HEFFERNAN		1 How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package? 2 Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?	Written		
93	1.1 MCU	EDWARDS		Senator EDWARDS: Are you able to tell me the travel costs for the department for 2010-11? Mr Mrdak: I think we would need to take that on notice.	75 18/10/2011		
94	1.1 MCU	EDWARDS		Senator EDWARDS: Also on the same theme, can you detail the hospitality costs expended by the MCU in that same period. What priority activities is the MCU currently completing? Ms Ekelund: During the previous quarter we worked on an implementation plan for the national urban policy, which was launched in May. We have been progressing work on a national urban design protocol, which was discussed at previous hearings. We have undertaken workshops to progress a policy agenda on active travel—that is, walking and cycling. We have completed the 2011 <i>State of Australian cities</i> report, which was referred to earlier today, which the minister will soon launch.	75 18/10/2011		
95	1.1 MCU	LUDLAM		Senator LUDLAM: Will that be made public eventually? Ms Ekelund: That will be up to the minister. Senator LUDLAM: Minister, apologies for bothering you. Senator CARR: That is very polite. It has been a long day. Senator LUDLAM: Minister, it has been referred back to the government as to whether the active transport strategy that the MCU is working on will eventually be a public document. Senator CARR: I will have to take that up with the minister directly.	80 18/10/2011		
96	1.1 MCU	NASH		Senator NASH: What does the contract require? Mr Mrdak: Let us come back to you with the details. We do not think we have a copy of the contract. Ms Ekelund: No, I do not.	80 18/10/2011		

97	1.1 MCU	EDWARDS		<p>1. Outline all of the programs that the Major Cities Unit is jointly involved with other Departments.</p> <p>In responding to question 1 provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name of the program b. MCU's role in that program c. The total budgeted amount for the program d. The portion of the budgeted amount that the MCU is responsible for? 	Written		
98	2.1 OTS	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I refer to the list of 'prohibited items' not allowed on board aircraft as specified in the <i>Aviation Transport Security Regulations</i>. Are these regulations based on ICAO recommendations? 2. The regulations set out types of items which are not allowed on aircraft such as "items that can be used to restrain someone" giving the examples of cable ties and handcuffs. What is the scope of this provision? 3. Does this provision include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A belt, b. Rope, or, c. Masking tape? 4. Who administers these regulations at Australian airports? 5. What training is in place to ensure that the regulations are enforced appropriately? 6. Upon reading the regulations, the officer undertaking the screening is given the discretion to determine what items should be disallowed. What mechanisms are in place to ensure this discretion is exercised appropriately? 7. Does OTS or the Department provide precedent information to officers on what common items are considered to fall within the definition of 'prohibited'? 8. What mechanisms are in place to ensure that unusually strict or loose interpretations of the regulations do not develop? 9. What mechanisms are in place to ensure that the regulations are applied consistently across various airports? 10. What avenues are available to passengers who have a complaint about the confiscation of a particular 'prohibited item'? 	Written		

99	2.1 OTS	XENOPHON		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the event of what appears potentially to be an explosive device is found on board, what is the standard protocol for crew and the airline to deal with it? 2. Would it be expected that the Captain of the aircraft with a suspected explosive device on board could contact the airline's Security management immediately to obtain advice? 	Written		
100	2.1 OTS	XENOPHON		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regarding the issuing of Maritime Security Identification Cards, how many cards are issued each year, on average? 2. Since changes to the scheme were made in December last year, has the rate of cards issued dropped? Has the lifting of the criteria resulted in less cards being issued? What are the numbers? 3. Were the December criteria changes applied retrospectively; eg. to those already holding MSICs, or did it only apply to new applications or applications for renewal? 	Written		
101	2.1 OTS	HEFFERNAN		<p>19 September 2011 two people walked through an exit door at the Sydney T3 domestic terminal, bypassing security checks. Consequently 2000 passengers had to be evacuated and re-screened (including those who had already boarded their flights).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been an inquiry into this incidence, if so, can we have a copy of the report, what was the response? 2. How was it possible that security staff allowed a member of the public to enter the sterile area through an exit? 3. Are there security measures on this door which would stop this sort of incident occurring again? 4. How long did it take for the security staff to realise that a breach had occurred? 5. Were the two people found? If so what was the result? If not, how did they escape detection and what has been done in an attempt to find them? 6. In April of 2011 there was an almost identical incident which occurred at Melbourne Airport. Were there any security changes which came from the incident in Melbourne and were they applied to Sydney? 7. If not, why were they not applied? If they were applied, what allowed 	Written		

				<p>this breach to occur for the second time?</p> <p>8. Have the security staff on duty at the time been briefed and reprimanded for this lapse?</p> <p>9. Has there been a change in security practice following this incident?</p> <p>10. If there has not been a change does the Department accept that there is a need for a review of procedure? That being the case, why has there not been a change?</p>			
102	2.1 OTS	HEFFERNAN		<p>On Monday 10/11/2011 a member of the public was allowed to enter the secure section of Townsville Airport, through x-ray scanners, carrying two metal box cutting knives in his pocket. The gentleman became aware of this after he had left the airport and was not discovered by security staff.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would the department please provide details of how the breach was able to occur as soon as a report is made? 2. What scanning equipment does Townsville Airport use? Is it the same as is used in other airports? 3. Does the department believe that a replacement of the security scanners is necessary? If not why not. 4. Is there a technical reason why this breach was allowed to occur (eg sensitivity of the machine, metal used in the blade etc)? If so provide details. 5. Is there an investigation into this breach? 	Written		
103	2.4 AAA	FAWCETT		<p>Senator FAWCETT: I would ask you to, and to take that on notice. Certainly what is there, and there is photographic evidence of it being there—large pieces of plant as well as many members of the public attending auctions at that location—is problematical. As you read both the Queensland legislation and the federal, the obligation is a two-way street. One is to protect people on the ground—and there was an accident adjacent to that location a number of years ago when the pilot, and four people working in a factory, were killed when an aircraft crashed. There is also the obligation to the aircraft and its pilot and passengers to provide safety in a zone which is one of the most critical areas. US studies show that about 80 per cent of accidents occur in that area on takeoff, or landing when there is an undershoot, if you have an engine failure. The obligation is on your department to make sure that we provide a safe area around airports so that in the event of an emergency</p>	89 18/10/2011		

				<p>the pilots do have somewhere to land. It is not like military aircraft with ejection seats and the options to try and turn back. Civilians are constrained—</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Fawcett, I will remind you that if there is a question would you please come to it. The questions are very important, but I do not honestly believe we need all the preamble. You have the call and I urge you to get to the question.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: We will take the issue with regard to the end zone at Archerfield on notice and provide the committee with a detailed response.</p>			
104	2.4 AAA	FAWCETT		<p>Senator FAWCETT: Do you have any plans for industry involvement so that they can have some input as to how their perspective can be incorporated?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We certainly will. We have not got to that stage as yet. I think the first stage is for our officers to identify exactly what the current processes are and where the weaknesses are. That will then enable us to design a better way to handle this. As Mr Doherty and Mr Stone indicated in the evidence from the department a little earlier, this is an area which we are taking up with a great deal of strength with the states and their planning agencies.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I am very pleased to hear that. Could you take on notice to provide to the committee how industry will be involved, particularly how feedback around an application is transparent so that, rather than just being told consultation has occurred but not knowing whether all the submissions were positive or negative, industry know whether they are a lone voice or everyone else supported their position but, for some reason, the decision has gone the other way? That would be very useful.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>	96 18/10/2011		
105	2.4 AAA	FAWCETT		<p>Has there been any occurrence in Australia where the PANS-OPS base has had to be increased because of the construction of high-rise buildings in nearby city regions? Of particular interest is Brisbane and Sydney airports.</p>	Written		
106	2.4 AAA	FAWCETT		<p>What steps are being taken to enforce regulatory requirements where a proposed development site may adversely affect the operational capacity of an airport? How will the airline and aviation operators, CASA and Air Services Australia have opportunity to register their opposition in a transparent way that would be available to all interested parties?</p>	Written		

107	2.4 AAA	HEFFERNAN		<p>A number of aviation associations have condemned Minister Anthony Albanese for failing to stop development on land in the public safety area at Archerfield Airport.</p> <p>Archerfield Airport Corporation has allowed the land on the other side of a public road to be used as a warehousing area for an auction company.</p> <p>The aviation industry claims that this makes the area unsafe.</p> <p>The Minister has responded by stating that CASA approvals for the main plan of the Archerfield Airport development and that ministerial approval was not necessary in this case.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did Minister Albanese become aware that the development on public safety land was being undertaken? 2. Does the Minister accept that public safety land is an integral part of ensuring the community and the aviation industry is kept safe? 3. If so, does the Minister believe that he should have stepped attempted to stop the development of land on this public safety area? 4. A spokesperson for the Minister stated that a decision will be made when all of the information has been received. When does the Minister expect to receive this information and what is the estimated date of the decision being passed down? 	Written		
108	2.4 AAA	HEFFERNAN		<p>On Monday 26 September 2011 a light plane crashed whilst approaching Bankstown Airport to land following a routine training flight. Both passengers escaped unharmed. The Weather Bureau reported that there were up to 37km/h (20 knot) southerly gusts. Runway 18/36 was designed to provide a safe landing and takeoff for conditions where northerly or southerly winds exceeded 10 knots. This runway was closed in 2006.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been a report into this incident? If so what were the findings? If not why not? 2. Would the landing have been made safer and easier if Runway 18/36 was open? 3. Has the department found any link between the crosswinds which the pilot was forced to tolerate and the accident? 4. If there has been a finding; does the department concede that by closing Runway 18/36 the Airport violated clause 9.2 of their lease agreement: 	Written		

				<p>9.2. Maintenance of runways and pavements <i>The Lessee must maintain the runways, taxiways, pavements and all parts of the Airport essential for safe access by air transport to a standard no less than the standard at the commencement of the Lease.</i></p> <p>5. Given the facts of the accident and the terms of the lease does the department believe that a review of the Bankstown Airport lease should be undertaken?</p> <p>6. Given the facts of the accident and the terms of the lease does the Department concede that there must be action taken for breach of lease agreement or endangerment.</p>			
109	2.4 AAA	HEFFERNAN		<p>With regard to the long running dispute around Tralee, from press reports over the past 6 – 9 months it is clear that there have been ongoing discussions about Tralee between the Minister for Transport (Albanese) and the NSW Minister for Planning, as well as between the Department of Transport and NSW Department of Planning.</p> <p>1. Please provide dates & outcomes of these meetings since 24 August 2010?</p> <p>2. Has the Minister and/or Department met with representatives of Village Building Company since 24 August 2010? If so, when?</p> <p>3. Has the Minister and/or Department met with representatives of Canberra International Airport since 24 August 2010, If so, when?</p> <p>4. Has the Minister and/or Department met with representatives of Queanbeyan City Council since 24 August 2010, if so, when?</p> <p>5. Has the Minister and/or Department met with representatives of Jerrabomberra Community Group since 24 August 2010, if so, when?</p> <p>6. Can the Department provide an update on those discussions?</p> <p>7. What is the Minister/Department's current policy regarding the building of houses under the Canberra flight path?</p>	Written		
110	2.4 AAA	HEFFERNAN		<p>Bankstown Airport Limited (BAL) has removed a number of vital infrastructure assets since they were given the lease to run the airport. The list below is a sample of these lost assets;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The only cross wind runway in the Sydney area available to general aviation aircraft. Runway 18/36. - Taxiways 	Written		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Run up bays - Compass swing area - Helicopter training areas - Road Closures - Aircraft parking areas - Windsocks <p>Bankstown is the only class D airport in the country that now does not have a cross wind runway. All other class D airports such as Jandakot, Moorabbin, Parafield and Archerfield have cross wind runways</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On or about December 2006, Bankstown Airport Limited closed Runway 18/36, who authorised the closure of Runway 18/36? 2. At the time of closure, what consultation was done with the aviation community? Please provide details. 3. During the Master Planning process where it was proposed to remove the runway, did you get any responses from interested parties objecting to the removal? 4. How many responses did you receive that were positive to the removal of the runway? Please list names and responses that agreed and disagreed to closure. 5. Was CASA consulted about the closure of the runway? Can you supply evidence? 6. Was Air Services consulted about the closure of the runway? Can you supply evidence? 7. Where there any studies done on the safety impact of removing the runway? Do you have evidence? 8. Where do you anticipate pilots should fly to now in the event that Bankstown becomes unusable due to high winds from a North/South direction? 9. What economic impact has it had on businesses at BKN when it has become too dangerous to fly at BKN due to wind conditions? Has a study been undertaken, if so, please provide a report. 10. Why was the runway removed or fenced off during the Christmas period of 2006 when most other construction work ceases? 11. How many of the current BAL staff are pilots? 12. How many pilots did BAL have on staff when the decision about the 			
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				<p>removal of 18/36 and other crucial infrastructure were made at Bankstown Airport?</p> <p>13. Was the runway closed by BAL/BAC Devco or Korda Mentha?</p> <p>14. Why was the decision made to close Runway 18/36 so as to sell Lot 27 and Lot 28 for non aviation use?</p> <p>15. Was there approval by CASA or Aviation and Airports for the closure of the runway? If not why not/</p> <p>16. Where do you think pilots can land safely in the Sydney Basin in an unacceptable and unsafe crosswind, 5 knots to 10 knots is considered safe?</p> <p>17. Why was the Runway closed without the approval of CASA and Air Services Australia?</p> <p>18. Why was the runway closed, when it was in direct contravention of Clause 9.2 of the Lease from the Commonwealth of Australia?</p> <p>19. When was the decision to close Runway 18/36 made?</p> <p>20. Was the decision to close Runway 18/36 made as an inducement for BAC Devco to purchase the Lease to enable a commercial development site?</p> <p>21. How much was paid by BAC Devco for the purchase of its interests in Bankstown Aerodrome?</p>			
111	2.4 AAA	HEFFERNAN		<p>In Hansard dated 18 October 2011 (follow up questions)</p> <p>1) Mr Doherty, you said on the 18th of October 2011 that you thought there were only 2 submissions in response to the closure of the cross wind runway 18/36 at Bankstown during the 2005 master planning process. Can you take on notice to confirm that there were only 2 submissions?</p> <p>2) Can you also take on notice to confirm the intent of those submissions, were they positive or negative for the removal of the runway?</p> <p>3) Can you also confirm what action was taken in response to those submissions.</p> <p>4) Can you also confirm what response was given to the people who had made the submissions and how their concerns were answered?</p>			
112	n/a AA	BACK		<p>Senator BACK: Mr Russell, can I take you back to the inquiry hearing we had at Perth Airport on 28 April last year regarding noise. In your opening</p>	93-94 18/1/2011		

			<p>statement then you made the comment that you were not satisfied that Airservices yet had enough data from independent noise monitoring and that you were undertaking more monitoring. You went on to state that the results of the further monitoring would be made public as soon as they could be and that action would be taken.</p> <p>A couple of recently published results point to excessive noise at the locations at which monitoring was occurring and I was wondering if you could comment on that for me. The first is the Perth Airport NFPMS report. It shows LAeq 24-hour measures of 45 to 52 over the 12-month period when the Chidlow monitors were in place and that this is in excess of the Airservices measure used in the environmental self-assessments below which noise is not considered significant. I wonder if you could comment as to action you may have taken as a result of those analyses coming back to you.</p> <p>Mr Russell: Thank you for the question. We put some additional noise monitors into the Hills district of Perth around the time, as you rightly point out, of the Senate inquiry in Perth and during that period. We were at that time receiving a lot of complaints from the Hills district. We did implement two noise monitors. I would have to go back and look at the results in detail to be sure that I am giving you an accurate answer but, from memory, I was of the view that the results of those noise monitors did not cause us to believe that there was excessive noise from overflights of aircraft over those suburbs. Those noise monitors also measured ambient noise, noise from traffic and a number of other things. I am happy to take the details of that issue on notice and come back to you if I may.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Minister, for your edification or information, we should declare that there is one point east and slightly north of Perth Airport where the overflight paths of about three or four different approaches and departures all conjoin. They happen to be directly over Senator Adams's home, but that is completely and utterly incidental to the questions.</p> <p>Mr Russell, could I draw your attention to the draft document <i>Remote noise monitoring at Chidlow, WA: a post-implementation review</i> of April 2011, which was presented to the PANMCC. It uses different measures to evaluate the noise recorded in Chidlow, but makes this conclusion: 'Combining the above criteria with the average measured noise levels of aircraft shown above, practically all aircraft types can cause noise events from 50 to 60 decibels at</p>			
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			<p>both Chidlow monitors and therefore potentially could cause annoyance at night-times in accordance with WHO guidelines.' I draw the draft document to your attention. Do you agree that these results do show significant excessive noise at the locations of those two temporary monitors in Chidlow?</p> <p>Mr Russell: I do agree that the results are accurate. I want to go back and review the document in detail. I am happy to elaborate, as we mentioned earlier, if I could take that question on notice. There are some details I want to be clear on.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Sure. In so doing, I ask you to take on notice, in the event that the draft results do confirm this observation, I am keen to know what action either has or will be taken to ameliorate the effects. Please answer now, are there other locations in the Perth Hills which either are the subject of examination or will be examined for excessive noise in the same manner?</p> <p>Mr Russell: From memory there are not others. Again, I will include that in the answer to the questions.</p> <p>Senator BACK: It is possible my colleagues will want to come back to the same issue. One complaint that has been registered in the office of one of my colleagues is that each weekday morning, when runway 21 is in use, there are many off-track departures by turboprop aircraft. There are numerous other incidences where off-track and direct-to-way-point tracking are causing aircraft noise problems outside the published route corridors. Are these excursions from the standard instrument departure for the benefit of the operators and to the detriment of those whose properties they overfly or are there because the RAVON two standard instrument departure cannot cope with the volume of early-morning traffic?</p> <p>Mr Russell: I do not mean to be pedantic on this, but I want to make sure I get this answer right. If I could, I will add that to the response to your other questions.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Certainly. Again, in taking that question, if it is the procedure that cannot cope, obviously putting air traffic controllers under stress, is it not possible to introduce a flow-control system which I understand has existed in Europe for over 30 years? Please pick that up in your response.</p>			
113	n/a AA	FAWCETT	<p>Senator FAWCETT: On a slightly different topic, do you still act on behalf of CASA to develop departure approach plates as part of the AIP publications for aircrew?</p>	95-96 18/1/2011		

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114	n/a CASA	FAWCETT	<p>Senator FAWCETT: How do you go with maintaining the currency and competency of both your engineering workforce and your flight operations inspectors to allow them to do their role and stay up to date with, in the case of the flying guys, their flying instrument ratings et cetera and, in the case of the engineering guys, the evolution into more FADEC and electronic systems? How do you tackle that challenge?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: We are doing a very extensive training program. We have a number of tiers in that training. One of them is basic inspector training and then there are advances, for instance, in the engineering world that you speak of. We have courses we put people through. It is nascent days for us going</p>	101-102 18/10/2011		

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115	n/a CASA	FAWCETT	<p>Senator FAWCETT: So it is unique, it is unusual, but it maybe accounts for the take-off. But what about the overshoot case, where somebody has come off the 28 RNAV, is forced to do an overshoot because of heavy rain and so does not have visual contact with what is now quite a large obstacle that intrudes into the airspace?</p> <p>Mr Cromarty: May I take that on notice and get the definitive answer for you?</p>	105 18/10/2011		

116	n/a CASA	ABETZ	<p>Senator ABETZ: When did you indicate that verbally?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I indicated that verbally to Qantas—I do not have the date with me—before any industrial action had started.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: If you could take on notice to get us that date, that would be helpful</p>	105 18/10/2011		
117	n/a CASA	ABETZ	<p>Senator ABETZ: Can you tell us which unions? Was it to the Transport Workers Union or the licensed engineers association?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: The letter that we sent is dated 14 October 2011. It went to the chief executive officer of QantasLink, the chief executive officer of Australia and New Zealand Jetstar, the president of the Australian Federation of Air Pilots, the managing director and chief executive officer of Qantas Ltd Australia, the federal secretary of the Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association, and federal secretary of the Transport Workers Union.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: And that was an identical letter to this?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Correct.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Are we able to be provided with a copy of that letter? If you need to consider that, you can take it on notice. Whilst I accept that the officials at the table may not necessarily be able to give us a history of the consequences of previous strikes, would there potentially be files in the archives of CASA which could shed some light on how maintenance had slipped with certain airlines as a result of strike action, and then how long it took them to get their fleet back to a fully healthy condition—and excuse my lack of technical terminology there?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: We will certainly do that, Senator, and if you can give us more specificity in a question on notice we could most probably look more carefully at a particular operator, if you wish.</p> <p>CHAIR: While we are at it, I want you to take on notice a question on information you may have about overseas outsourcing of maintenance and how that may have affected previous situations similar to the one we are facing here in Australia.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Yes, we still recall the thrust of your committee investigations into pilot training. We have that in our minds. I would like to correct one thing I said earlier on. I said that our funding was over five years; it is actually over four years.</p>	105-106 18/10/2011		

118	n/a CASA	XENOPHON		<p>Senator XENOPHON: Mr McCormick, when did the government seek your advice on the Senate committee report?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I do not have that actual date. We will try and get that date.</p>	108 18/10/2011		
119	n/a CASA	XENOPHON		<p>Senator XENOPHON: All of those reforms that you refer to, all of those matters that have been dealt with by Jetstar, how long have they been in force? Obviously, since 22 April.</p> <p>Mr Hood: I received a draft report this week and I am currently reviewing that with a view to having a look at what our own team said about verifying Jetstar's actions.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: You need to verify the actions to see that they will actually make a difference in relation to the fatigue issues?</p> <p>Mr Hood: Once again our role is to trust but verify. The airline will tell us some of the actions they have taken. Our job is to go and verify that they have taken those actions.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Sure, but this relates to cabin crew and flight crew.</p> <p>Mr Hood: This relates to fatigue in general. The specific review that I asked for related to cabin crew. The measures taken relate more broadly, it is my understanding, to the review of fatigue practices within the airline.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I do not know whether you are in a position to provide any of those documents—</p> <p>Mr Hood: I only have my notes here but I am happy to provide you with a copy of the timelines since 22 April.</p>	110 18/10/2011		
120	n/a CASA	XENOPHON		<p>Senator XENOPHON: This goes to this issue of receiving upgrades from the airline. I think there was the issue of the chairman's lounge. Back on 26 May I asked:</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Do you see any issue ... for any executives in CASA ... to be receiving upgrades from any airline?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: No, I do not. Provided it is properly declared, I do not see an issue at all.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: 'Provided it is properly declared', but is a proper declaration something that ought to be public?</p> <p>You took it on notice and said:</p> <p>CASA is considering the question of whether, and if so in what circumstances, CASA staff members might properly accept an upgrade, and if it is determined that they may properly, what would constitute a proper disclosure in such circumstances.</p> <p>I am happy for you to put on notice as to what systems are in place in terms of</p>	112 18/10/2011		

				<p>transparency with respect to upgrades. Mr McCormick: We will take it on notice.</p>			
121	n/a CASA	FAWCETT		<p>An auction site that stores large plant and equipment and attracts significant numbers of people has been placed within the public safety area of runway 28 Right at Archerfield Airport. Does this breach the Queensland public safety area policy and if not why not? Is CASA happy that single engine aircraft have adequate safety margins in the event of engine failure after takeoff or approach landing?</p>	Written		
122	n/a CASA	FAWCETT		<p>In reference to the ATSB report in relation to Archerfield runway 28 Right in response to the proximity of aircraft hangers located on the airport, could an explanation be given as to which MOS 139 tables were used to determine inner edge distances. Why was 150m used instead of 180m? Is CASA satisfied that there are adequate safety margins for a baulked landing off runway 28Right e.g. due to reduced visibility from sudden adverse weather conditions?</p>	Written		
123	n/a CASA	FAWCETT		<p>How many currency flying hours are required for flight operations inspectors (FOI) to remain competent? Do FOI's agree with the current allocation?</p>	Written		
124	n/a CASA	FAWCETT		<p>Given the removal of the North-South runway at Bankstown Airport, do you consider it an acceptable risk for light aircraft needing to land in the Sydney Basin if cross-winds exceed 10 knots?</p>	Written		
125	n/a CASA	HEFFERNAN		<p>Qantas Flight QF1 from Sydney to London on May 19th 2011 was forced to make an emergency landing at Bangkok Airport following engine difficulties. Passengers on the flight reported a loud bang followed by repetitive thudding, shuddering, erratic lurches and smoke coming from one of the engines.</p> <p>It is understood that several recent episodes of similar critical engine failures have occurred with the RB211 engines on Qantas 747s, due to rupture of the compressor blades, resulting in severe engine damage, and that the fault is acknowledged by the Rolls Royce manufacturer - who have designed an</p>	Written		

				<p>engine modification that prevents this critical engine failure from occurring.</p> <p>The manufacturer has recommended that there is no need for urgent repair of all the faulty engines - but rather that they should be repaired at the time or regular maintenance. It is understood from CASA that Qantas is choosing to follow this recommendation, rather than undertake an urgent and immediate upgrade of all affected engines.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was CASA made aware of these engine issues and what date were they made aware? 2. Given the inherent safety risks of this engine fault, why did CASA not suggest that the engine modification be completed immediately? 3. What reasons were given for the decision to allow Qantas to allow flying with potentially faulty engines? 4. What measures have been put in place to reduce the risk of accident for planes flying with potentially faulty engines? 5. Has CASA and Qantas made this information public? 6. Does CASA accept that they owe a duty to inform the public that they may be flying in a plane with known engine issues? 			
126	n/a CASA	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to Mr Trevor Sava, what were the qualifications of Mr Sava's FFS-6 signatory on the 16/07/2003? 2. Would the length of Endorsement Training Australia's course conducted in 2003 be approved by today's standards? 3. What is the official CASA policy on finishing type ratings outside of full courses? 4. What are the experience criteria of CAR 5.21 approved simulator instructors? 	Written		
127	n/a ATSB	NASH		<p>Senator NASH: I did, on the expenditure on the ATSB. There was a figure given at the last estimates that in the 2012-13 budget there is new capital of \$3 million. And in an answer to a question on notice Mr Dolan said: Of this, \$2.367m is earmarked for the fit-out and equipping of new and expanded office accommodation so that additional ATSB staff can be accommodated to undertake additional investigation work in rail and maritime. How many additional ATSB staff?</p>	10 18/10/2011		

			<p>Mr Mrdak: I will check that with Mr Dolan. That figure of \$3 million refers to the capital component of the additional funding. There was additional funding over and above that for resourcing of the ATSB for staffing.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Yes, but in the answer it says particularly that the reason for the extra fit-out is so that 'additional ATSB staff can be accommodated'. I am just trying to get a sense: is it 200, 300?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: No, it is a relatively smaller number. But I will come back to you through the day and ensure Mr Dolan, when the ATSB appears later in the day, as an independent agency—</p> <p>Senator NASH: If for some reason I miss him later, could you take on notice for me a breakdown? It is a significant figure for a fit-out to accommodate some new staff, so if you would not mind sending us a breakdown of that figure.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly. If Mr Dolan cannot deal with that this evening, I will take that on notice on his behalf.</p>			
128	n/a ATSB	FAWCETT	<p>Senator FAWCETT: My last question before the chair moves me on is talking around departures. I notice on page 3 of your report, where you talk about the turn initiation area, you describe in the PANS-OPS terms things like the obstacle identification surface and 150 metres which is normally the inner edge running along. Under the old MOS 139 it was table 7-1 and under the new one it is table 10-1. Table 10-2 applies to take-offs whereas table 10-1 applies to landings. The figure of 150 is relevant for approach runway considerations for a code 3 runway. For a code 3 runway for departures it is actually 180 metres. Would you care to comment on that discrepancy, given that, as you said, your investigation focused on departures as opposed to arrivals?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: On the basis of what I have in front of me, I do not think I am in a position to comment.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Please take that on notice and whether whoever worked on that area of the report could explain the different numbers between the various versions of MOS. He could explain whichever one he wishes to use.</p> <p>Mr Dolan: I would be very happy to take that on notice. There are two things to come back to this committee based on the view we come to on that consideration. It is always open to us, if additional information comes to light,</p>	115-116 18/10/2011		

				to reopen one of our investigations if that is necessary. I am not undertaking to do that, but I am certainly undertaking to consider it if necessary.			
129	n/a ATSB	HEFFERNAN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you please provide an update on your inquiry into mud holes on the Melbourne-Sydney rail line? 2. You were given quite a broad scope in your inquiry's terms of reference so can you describe the scope of your inquiries? 3. What resources are the ATSB using to investigate this matter? 4. Since the release of your preliminary report, what consultation have you undertaken? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. With whom? b. What has this involved? c. Has there been an opportunity for confidential reporting? 5. What has the ARTC's involvement in the investigation been? 6. Have you any findings at this point in relation to the cause of mud holes on the line? 7. Have you any findings at this point in relation to the side insertion method for resleepering? 8. How many incidents posing a serious potential safety risk have you been made aware of in this investigation? 9. How many of these incidents have been confirmed or proven? 10. Have the speed restrictions on the track been sufficient to address the track deterioration? 11. Have you identified any process failures that can be corrected? If so, give details. 12. When is the final report expected? 	Written		
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