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5	Office of Transport Security	<del>OTS 01</del> CORP 17	O'Brien	<p><i>(Official Development Assistance)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Welcome back to Estimates. I wonder if it would be possible to get a copy of the presentation you just gave us. If we could get it expeditiously, there are a couple of points I want to check before I ask you questions on it. So if we can get a copy of that quickly, that would be very useful. On an unrelated matter, I want to put a question which I am certain you will take on notice. Could the Department please provide full details of the official development assistance eligible expenditure and activities undertaken by this Department since the financial year 2000-01 to date?</p> <p><b>Mr Taylor</b>—I am happy to take that on notice</p>				1
13	AusLink	AUSL 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(Allocation of AusLink Strategic Funds)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Is it possible to get an update of the spreadsheet showing the status of all AusLink related projects—expenditure, forward estimates, dates of expected completion and so on—as they currently stand, as has been provided in the past?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—The schedule we have provided in the past is a schedule of all AusLink national projects. We would certainly be happy to provide that again.</p>				2
14		AUSL 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Strategic Funding Agreements)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Is it a standard form of agreement that each council signs, with variations?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Can we have a copy of that standard form?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—Yes.</p>				3

14		AUSL 03	O'Brien	<p><i>(Signage for Strategic Projects)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Is there a direct relationship between funding and sign size?</p> <p><b>Ms Armitage</b>—If it is between five and 10 it is proposed that the sign would be bigger than the 80 kilometre sign. We can actually provide you with those sorts of details if you want—</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—If you would, please.</p>				4
15		AUSL 04	Sterle	<p><i>(Major Projects – Performance and Budget)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Which projects have come in on budget, compared to the original applications from States and Territories? Just give us a run-down on the major projects since you started.</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—I think it might be easier to take that on notice. There are literally dozens of projects. There are changed circumstances with a range of them, where the scope of the project has changed, and we would need to be able to set that in context. There are some, certainly, that have been completed. There are some that have not been started. There are some that have come in on budget, some that have come in under budget and there have been a certain number which have exceeded their budgets. But it is quite difficult, I think, to describe an entire program in a short answer.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Could you give us an idea of which ones in the last year or two have come in on budget?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—I will want to confirm these answers on notice—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—All right.</p>				5
17		AUSL 05	Sterle	<p><i>(Evaluation Strategy)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—So you obviously have a plan for a certain date to do those comparisons?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—Yes, we do. We have previously provided this Committee with a copy of our AusLink Evaluation Strategy, but I will be happy to provide the Secretariat with a further copy for you. That sets out a quite detailed sequence of evaluation, which goes from post-program implementation, learning the lessons, adjusting administration type things, through a review of the individual components of AusLink on a program business performance basis. Then in about 2008-09 it goes to doing the overarching review of AusLink to see if it is making a difference and how it sits in terms of its economic performance, which Ms Page has referred to.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—The Committee would appreciate that.</p>				6

18		AUSL 06	Sterle	<p><i>(Investment Program Funding)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Is that AusLink investment program funding confidential?</p> <p><b>Mr Hogan</b>—No.</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—I think I made an announcement about it when I was roads Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Great. Could the Committee have a copy?</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—As I recall, I took a close interest in it because my dad had a farm just north of Bindoon and so it was a stretch of road I was very familiar with. I share your view that it is a very dangerous piece of road—very narrow and with massive amounts of traffic on it. I pushed very hard, with the strong support of Judi Moylan, the federal member, and Wilson Tuckey, another federal member who had an interest. As I recall, the process from the distant past when I was roads Minister was that basically you would have a fairly constructive, iterative process between the state and federal governments. They would come forward and say: these are the sorts of works that are required to bring that road up to standard. For that road, that means widening it significantly, straightening out some of the bends and generally improving the surface to bring it up to the national standard. Many parts of it are certainly substandard at the moment. It sounds to me like that process is now getting to the pointy end and the WA Government are saying: these are the stretches of road that we will improve, here is our plan for works and here are the costings. That is my memory of the process and it sounds like that is going on. Will it be quick enough for you and me and our constituents? That is highly unlikely, but we know that the road is going to be fixed and that it will be fixed very soon.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Thanks, Minister. So we can get a copy of the—</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—Subject to the Minister being happy with the way we compile the information, we will give you some detail on notice.</p>				7
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19-20		AUSL 07	Sterle	<p><i>(Road Network Maintenance- Funding)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—I do understand, and thank you. But there is a difference between disaster and serious chunks of road being affected by rushing water, potholes or whatever, which I see would come into the maintenance side. I am not talking about bridges being washed away.</p> <p><b>Mr Elliott</b>—If an event qualifies as a disaster, and a whole area of road is washed away—as I say, I am not sure of the definition of ‘disaster’—I think there would be some impact there. The other issue is that the Government applied additional funding in the last budget not only to Townsville to Cairns but also to the Victoria Highway in the Northern Territory, which is one of the flood-prone areas.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—I do understand. But there is a bit of difference between a disaster and the deterioration of a highway.</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—I am not sure that natural disaster funding covers roads. We can confirm that for you. Generally, if the magnitude of damage is of the order that you have indicated, it probably would not qualify as maintenance anyway; you would be looking at reconstruction and the types of projects that Mr Elliott has described such as the ones on the Victoria Highway.</p>				8
21		AUSL 08	Sterle	<p><i>(Road Network Maintenance- Funding)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—So, with the maintenance figure of \$300 million, we are talking blocks of five years. What was the maintenance figure for the previous five-year block?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—All right.</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—The accurate answer to that is there was not a five-year block before.</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—No, but we can add up the numbers.</p>				9
21-22		AUSL 09	Sterle	<p><i>(Road Network Maintenance- Funding)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Thanks, Ms Page, but just out of pure curiosity: what does a kilometre of road cost to build?</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—It depends.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Okay, let us just say through the Kimberley. It is a dirt road, and there is your normal creek or floodplain every 300 metres.</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—We would have to take that on notice. There is huge variation.</p>				10

22-23		AUSL 10	Sterle	<p><i>(Audits of Local Councils)</i></p> <p><b>Mr Atkinson</b>—We are hoping to have this round of audits completed in May. However, it will become an ongoing activity over the life of the program. A number of councils will be audited each year.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—You say a number will be. Not all of them will be?</p> <p><b>Mr Atkinson</b>—Not all councils will be audited. I think around 100 councils will be audited over the program. I will just check that figure.</p>				11
23		AUSL 11	Sterle	<p><i>(Roads to Recovery Grants)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Can you provide a breakdown of the number of Roads to Recovery grants to each electorate and the total dollar value of Roads to Recovery grants to each electorate?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—It is not something we would normally regard as part of our management suite, but on notice we could provide advice about—</p> <p><b>Senator IAN CAMPBELL</b>—It goes to council boundaries, does it not?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN CAMPBELL</b>—It would be quite difficult. You would have to—</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—We could have a go at how councils match or do not match electorates and do it for that current four-year program. So it would not be paid; it would be allocations.</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—R2R is not a discretionary program in the sense that the funds are allocated in accordance with the same formula that the Grants Commission uses in relation to the distribution of untied local road funding paid under FAGS. It is exactly the same formula as that. We could do it by electorate, but what that will show is a distribution of funds carved up according to the Grants Commission formulas within the total, if you like, that has been allocated for R2R.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Can you give that a go.</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—We will give it a go</p>				12
27		AUSL 12	Nash	<p><i>(Bells Line of Road)</i></p> <p><b>Senator NASH</b>—No, it is not. I was of the understanding, though, with the view to those who would like to see the Bells Line become an alternative road, that the step forward for Government was to have the Bells possibility considered as part of the strategy. If you are not aware, could you take that on notice and come back to me?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—I will be happy to. It is not one I have been personally involved in so I will take that on board and see what we can provide to you.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH</b>—Thanks.</p>				13

28		AUSL 13	O'Brien	<p><i>(Milestones for Strategic Regional Projects)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Okay. So what are the milestones for the two projects that have agreements?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—Can we take that on notice? We did not bring those agreements with us.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Sure.</p>					14
28		AUSL 14	O'Brien	<p><i>(Milestones for Strategic Regional Projects)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—How much of the funds in this year's allocation do you expect will actually be expended of the strategic projects' money?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—That is a good and fair question. Can I take it on notice please?</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Sure. Is the detail of the expenditure on the Black Spot Program for this year and the coming years available on the website?</p>					15
29		AUSL 15	O'Brien	<p><i>(Black Spot Committees)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Where would I find details—members and chairs—of each of the Black Spot Committees? Is that on the website?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—No, they are not. If the Minister agrees, we will be happy to provide it to you on notice.</p>					16
30		AUSL 16	O'Brien	<p><i>(ARTC Projects)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—I might be in the wrong area; maybe it is in marine and land transport. If I cannot find the right area, I will put it on notice. Is it possible to get an update on the status of each of the ARTC projects, perhaps in a way similar to the AusLink spreadsheet information we received.</p> <p><b>Mr Wolfe</b>—We can ask ARTC to provide that.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Is it possible to get an indication of the status of each project—any anticipated delays, cost overruns?</p> <p><b>Mr Wolfe</b>—Yes, I think we can get the ARTC to do that.</p>					17
30		AUSL 17	O'Brien	<p><i>(Investment of ARTC Funds)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Thank you. Does the ARTC have any funds invested; if so, how much and where, and how are they performing?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—I think that we will need probably to talk to the Minister and to the Chair of the ARTC. It is a company, and some details of those matters would be available from its annual report. We will consider the question.</p>					18
35	AusLink	<del>MLT 01</del> AUSL 18	O'Brien	<p><i>(Rail Cooperative Research Centre Projects)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Can you give us an update on the projects currently underway at the Rail Cooperative Research Centre?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—I cannot, but I can take that on notice and get some details for you</p>					19

37	Australian Transport Safety Bureau	ATSB 01	Nash	<p><i>(Novice Driver Program)</i></p> <p><b>Senator NASH</b>—Where are the trials going to be held?  <b>Mr Motha</b>—The trials will be held in New South Wales and Victoria.  <b>Senator NASH</b>—Are there no plans yet for where?  <b>Mr Motha</b>—At this stage it will be in metropolitan Melbourne and Sydney as well as possibly some regional centres.  <b>Senator NASH</b>—When you say ‘possibly regional centres’ when will that decision be made?  <b>Mr Motha</b>—It will be made very shortly. The program management tender also has to be awarded. Part of that tender will be to determine where the sampling will take place.  <b>Senator NASH</b>—When that is available, could the Committee be provided with where those regional centres will be?  <b>Mr Motha</b>—Yes.</p>				20
42		ATSB 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Factors in Aviation Incidents)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—So what work do you do? Have you looked at statistical issues like age of aircraft or level of pilot experience—factors such as those?  <b>Mr Bills</b>—Yes, we have. In terms of age of aircraft, we put out a report extremely recently, as in 6 February this year, entitled <i>How old is too old? The impact of ageing aircraft on aviation safety</i>. In part, that was sparked by a question you asked almost two years ago. It has taken a while to pull some of the research together. That is quite a useful report in terms of aircraft in the Australian fleet. We also have various reports on human factors, including a recent one that compares our experience with the United States using its data and our data. It is reasonably comparable, as you would expect. There is also a number of other research reports that we could refer you to if you were interested.  <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Thanks for that.</p>				21
45	Aviation and Airports	Documents tabled at the hearing. See p. 57 of Hansard	O'Brien	<p><i>(Letters of Comfort)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Also, in recent airport lease audits, it was noted that certain letters of comfort have been provided regarding sublessees remaining on airport sites as lessees in the event of early termination of the airport lease. Can you tell us who the recipients of the first five letters of comfort were and which airports and which developments were covered in them?  <b>Mr Williams</b>—Can I take that on notice? I will try to get it today.</p>				N/A

46		AAA 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(Audit of Management of Federal Airport Leases – Aeronautical Development Obligations)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Thank you. The audit also notes some concerns about the Department's approach to assessing the achievement of each airport's obligations to undertake capital expenditure on aeronautical infrastructure development. What were the inconsistencies in the nature of expenditure that were accepted or rejected for different airports?</p> <p><b>Mr Williams</b>—Again, I will have to take the detail on notice.</p>				22
46		AAA 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Audit of Management of Federal Airport Leases – Aeronautical Development Obligations)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Perhaps on notice would you mind letting me know what the current status of each of the leased airports is when it comes to aeronautical development obligations?</p> <p><b>Mr Williams</b>—Yes, we can get you that. In relation to the inquiry into the Bill the other day, we have been looking into the capital expenditure and we have a table we can provide to the Committee. There are only four airports left with obligations.</p>				23
46-47		AAA 03	O'Brien	<p><i>(Airport Development Plans)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Which airport development proposals are still being considered by the Minister or are undergoing a consultation process with the airport lessee?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—In terms of major development plans?</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Yes, major development plans.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—We can get you some details on that.</p> <p><b>Mr Williams</b>—I will have a go from memory, but I will confirm it if I am not correct. Currently, the Minister has before him a major development plan from Canberra airport for some offices near the Brindabella Park area. He has two minor variations to master plans for the Adelaide and Parafield airports. Hobart airport has its direct factory outlet proposal that the public comment period closed on last year. They have not yet submitted that proposal to the Minister. Melbourne airport similarly had some retail and bulky goods centres proposal out late last year. Again, I think the public comment period has closed on that and that has not yet been submitted to the Minister. Perth airport currently has a proposal for a distribution centre out for public comment.</p> <p><b>Mr Doherty</b>—I think the Brisbane airport additional runway has just closed for the public comment period but, again, is yet to be lodged with the Minister</p>				24



47		AAA 04	O'Brien/ McEwen	<p><i>(Airport Development Plans)</i>  <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—What are the master plan changes being proposed by Adelaide?  <b>Mr Williams</b>—I believe Adelaide relates to a variation that would enable a childcare centre to be constructed on the Burbridge West precinct.  <b>Senator McEWEN</b>—Is that an extension to an existing childcare centre or a new childcare centre.  <b>Mr Williams</b>—I am not sure. I will have to take that on notice. With Parafield, I will have to check for you.</p>				25
48		AAA 05	Sterle	<p><i>(Perth Brickworks – Impacts)</i>  <b>Senator STERLE</b>—Were there any other sources for your advice?  <b>Mr Williams</b>—Apart from the monitoring I mentioned to Senator O'Brien in terms of the facts—a number of the conditions went to some of the aviation impacts—and some advice from CASA and Airservices.  <b>Senator STERLE</b>—Would you be able to supply the Committee with those impacts or those other impacts?  <b>Mr Williams</b>—The advice from Airservices and CASA?  <b>Senator STERLE</b>—Yes.  <b>Mr Williams</b>—Yes, I will take that on notice.</p>				26
51		AAA 06	Sterle	<p><i>(Perth Brickworks – Authorisations)</i>  <b>Senator STERLE</b>—What permits, licences, authorisations et cetera has the WAC and BGC been required to obtain from the state government and local Government up to this point and what will they be required to obtain prior to the completion of the building of the brickworks and prior to the commencement of brick production?  <b>Mr Mrdak</b>—I would have to check as to what they have at this stage. In terms of statutory authorisations and the like, we know that there has been process concluded with the council in relation to some of the road issues. But I would have to check in terms of any other particular licences or permits that have been required. I am not sure that too many have been required at this point, but I will check for you.</p>				27

51		AAA 07	Sterle	<p><i>(Perth Brickworks- Contact between DOTARS and State Government)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Thank you. What contact did the Department of Transport and Regional Services have with the WA Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the WA Department of Environment and Conservation regarding Westralia Airports Corporation’s plans to lease Perth airport land for a brickworks?</p> <p><b>Mr Williams</b>—I am not aware of any particular contact. That would have been a matter for the WAC in the first instance when it brought up the proposal.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—So DOTARS had no contact with the state government.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—We will check that. Our role is really in the assessment of the major development plan once it was lodged, which included submissions from WA agencies.</p>				28
51		AAA 08	Sterle	<p><i>(Perth Brickworks – Objections)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—You might want to take this on notice too. Have either of these Departments indicated that there was no objection on planning or environmental grounds in regard to the location of a brickworks on Perth airport land?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—Certainly the WA government did lodge a submission on the major development plan which included, I would have thought, comments from those agencies. We will check that and come back to you in relation to their exact comments. But those comments were addressed in our assessment for our Minister in relation to the project.</p>				29
51		AAA 09	Sterle	<p><i>(Perth Brickworks – Decision On Location)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—One of the reasons given for approving the building of the brickworks on Perth airport land was that there was no other commercially viable and environmentally suitable site available in proximity to the Perth metropolitan region. How did the Department justify its position that the location of a brickworks conforms to contemporary community standards regarding the community’s right to be able to reside in environmentally safe urban areas?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—Certainly the issue of the suitability of that site was part of the MDP and also our assessment of the MDP which was undertaken. I would have to go back and check the MDP, but it certainly went through the argument in relation to why that site was the most favourable and why that was suitable land use for that site. We essentially concurred with that view.</p>				30

52		AAA 10	Sterle	<p><i>(Perth Brickworks – Decision On Location)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Did the Department correspond with the WA Department of Planning and Infrastructure requesting information on possible locations in or near the Perth metropolitan area?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—We will check whether there is any direct correspondence. I am certain that there were consultations and discussions between the WAC, the brickworks developer and the Department, but I will check whether there was any direct correspondence between ourselves and that agency.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—If there were, would you be happy to supply it to the Committee?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—I would be happy to. I will check that.</p>					31
52		AAA 11	Sterle	<p><i>(Perth brickworks – Contact with WA Department of Health)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Given the responsibilities under the Airports Act 1996 to prevent environmental and public health hazards on Australian government airport land, did the Department seek input on the Perth airport brickworks proposal from the WA Department of Health?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—As I say, the WA Government provided a submission to the MDP. We looked at that MDP and sought advice from our environment and heritage Department.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—So you never had any contact with the WA Department of Health?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—I will check that, but I am not aware of any such contact.</p>					32
52		AAA 12	Sterle	<p><i>(Perth Brickworks – Contact with WA Department of Health)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Would you know whether there was correspondence between DOTARS and the Department of Health in WA about the possible public health issues in respect of the proposed brickworks?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—I am not aware of any such correspondence between ourselves.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—If there is, would you be happy to supply it?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—I am happy to supply it if there is, but I am not aware of it.</p>					33

54		AAA 13	Sterle	<p><i>(Perth Brickworks – Chimney Stack)</i></p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Would you be able to tell me the size of the chimney stack for the Perth brickworks?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—I will come back to you on that.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—You may want to take this on notice, Mr Mrdak. How close to the end of the runway is that chimney stack?</p> <p><b>Mr Williams</b>—We will take on notice the exact details. The assessment took into account the potential impact on what is called the obstacle limitation surface which is the protection of airspace in and around the airport. The chimney stack came well within the height limitations of the obstacle limitation surface. It did not penetrate the OLS. The assessment said that the plume that would come out of the chimney stack would not penetrate and cause a potential impact on aviation operations. The conditions on the approval also highlight towards the end that, once the brickworks is operational, if the speed of the plume coming out of the stack is different to what was proposed or modelled in the MDP, that would need to be referred back to CASA and to Airservices for further assessment.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—I will get you to take it on notice. Can you come back to me with the height and the distance from the end of the runway. I have no further questions.</p>				34
54-55		AAA 14	McEwen	<p><i>(Vacant Land and Land Tax)</i></p> <p><b>Senator McEWEN</b>—Are there any exemptions or special requirements? Does the issue of vacant land apply in terms of calculating land tax?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—Yes, it does. It is a similar provision in relation to it. The land tax provision is really designed to ensure that businesses that are operating commercial operations on the airport are not at an advantage to those operating outside the airport through the application of land tax on rate equivalent payments. I would be happy to provide you with the relevant section of the airport lease which deals with land tax as well if that would be of assistance.</p> <p><b>Senator McEWEN</b>—That would be useful.</p>				35

		AAA 15	McEwen	<p><i>(Vacant Land and Land Tax)</i></p> <p><b>Senator McEWEN</b>—Are the principles that you use for calculating the land tax and the council rates the same?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—Broadly. We apply the equivalent provisions of State legislation and the like.</p> <p><b>Senator McEWEN</b>—And that is available—</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—We provided some guidance material to airports quite early on when this regime was first put in place. There was some tension around how this would operate. But the guidance we have provided to airport operators, which has largely operated quite well since the early days, we can provide to you and that will show how this is calculated.</p> <p><b>Senator McEWEN</b>—That would be good—including any exemptions.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—The provision of the lease sets out the areas that are subject to the land tax.</p>					36
		AAA 16	McEwen	<p><i>(Vacant Land and Land Tax)</i></p> <p><b>Senator McEWEN</b>—Have any airport operators refused or withheld payments to the Commonwealth on the same basis that councils have because they are not happy with the calculations?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—Not that we are aware of.</p> <p><b>Senator McEWEN</b>—Never?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—I will check that, but I do not think so.</p> <p><b>Senator McEWEN</b>—If that has happened and there has been a refusal to pay, could you check whether the Department has used its powers under the legislation to have the payments made.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—The provisions for land tax are under the lease, but we can certainly check. I am not aware of any such dispute.</p>					37

		AAA 17	Sterle	<p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—A massive expansion of an existing brickworks—two new kilns.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Yes, I think I read something where you said something that did not quite match up, Minister, and I would like to have a further conversation about it. That was a proposal for a new kiln, was it not?</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Was that at Boral?</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—It is an EPA document. We can actually table the document. I am happy to get it.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Was there a proposal for two? I am just trying to remember.</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—You do the remembering. We will find the document and table it.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE</b>—Yes, good.</p>					38
58	Civil Aviation Safety Authority	CASA 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(CASA Restructure – Establishment of Air Transport Operations Group)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—How far away is the full establishment of the Air Transport Operations Group headquarters in Brisbane?</p> <p><b>Mr Byron</b>—Again, I think it is only a matter of a small number—a handful. I gave the organisation a target of June 2007 for this to be complete. When I visited the Brisbane office, and certainly from the briefings I had over the Christmas-January period, the clear indication to me was that we are probably about 90 per cent there. I can give you a detailed figure before we complete these proceedings this afternoon, but there are not many more to be included in there.</p>					39

67		CASA 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Notice of Proposed Rule Making)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—So has CASA formed a view that there is no benchmark against which you will operate in relation to aircraft now? You will look at each circumstance and each operator and determine whether they will be licensed to whatever you call them—longer or shorter periods—where they will be away from an opportunity to land?</p> <p><b>Mr Murray</b>—No, the situation at present, Senator, is that CASA does have time lines. However, there is a draft of an EDTO—MPRM—which has been circulated. It has gone through various stages of circulation. This MPRM is interesting in that it was developed jointly with the New Zealand CAA with extensive involvement from airlines on both sides of the Tasman to address the particular issues. The MPRM is now at a state where there is agreement between both authorities. It is in line with the current thinking of ICAO. I will have to check but I believe the MPRM is likely to be at that final stage. I know it has been through the SCC process for comment.</p>				40
68		CASA 03	O'Brien	<p><i>(Extended-range Twin-engine Operations standard)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Jetstar International is an entity which is a subsidiary of Qantas. It is a subsidiary; it is not Qantas. They will be engaging their own pilots. Qantas will be doing their maintenance and providing the aircraft, but not the pilots or the crew. Are there any other international operators that you can point to where the relevant regulatory authority has given immediate approval for a 180-minute ETOPS standard for an operator with no experience of the aircraft type in that class of operation?</p> <p><b>Mr Murray</b>—I cannot point to a particular operator at the moment. I could certainly make inquiries and get back to you. I think it is important, though—going back to something I mentioned earlier on—if these time limitations, which are times to continue flying to a suitable airport following a particular failure, are the consideration, then the crew training required to deal with the emergency, or the problem, the competence in continuing to fly that aircraft, whether it is flying for 90 minutes, 120 minutes or 100 minutes, really takes the emphasis off the crew competence because the crew competence is associated with dealing with the emergency, assessing the emergency and then going ahead and landing the aeroplane at wherever the place happened to be. The fact that it was in the air for longer is far more associated with those reliability aspects, which are the maintenance ones that I referred to earlier on.</p>				41

69	Airservices Australia	AA 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(Payment for the Solomon Islands Airspace Management Contract)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Will you be seeking the approval of the government to enter into arrangements if you do seek to pay outside of the Solomon Islands?  <b>Mr O'Callaghan</b>—I would have to take that question on notice. I do not know if there is a requirement for that.</p>					42
69-70		AA 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Payment for the Solomon Islands Airspace Management Contract)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Given the sensitivities about the way moneys are paid and the problems that have occurred in the past, will whatever solution you work out be the subject of approval by the Government?  <b>Mr Hodgson</b>—My understanding is that whatever we work out we will run past the ANAO to make sure it is comfortable with it.  <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—It will be the ANAO that will approve it, not the Minister.  <b>Mr Hodgson</b>—We may seek the Minister's approval as well. I am not sure to be honest.  <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Will you take that on notice?  <b>Mr Hodgson</b>—Yes.</p>					43
73	Maritime & Land Transport	MLT 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(International Maritime Organisation Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—I am told that the International Maritime Organisation's Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic contains a provision that says governments will not require visiting seafarers to hold visas. Are you aware of that?  <b>Mr Kilner</b>—I might pass to Mr Sutton to answer that.  <b>Mr Sutton</b>—I am not aware of that particular provision. We will certainly take that on notice.</p>					44
75	Office of Transport Security	OTS 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(Breaches of Regulations)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—In respect to the Office of Transport Security under the Aviation Transport Security Act and Aviation Transport Security Regulations and subsequent amendments, how many infringement notices were served for a breach of regulation 4.67, which is security of flight crew compartment, and how many people were successfully prosecuted for a breach of that regulation?  <b>Mr Collett</b>—In respect of specific breaches of the regulation, the actual charging and prosecutions actions under those are managed depending on the jurisdiction which is responding. So it may be a question that the AFP might be able to assist you with, or State police forces. Alternatively, we may be able to request some information on notice for you.  <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—If you would, I would appreciate that.</p>					45



75		OTS 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Breaches of Regulations)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—If you would, I would appreciate that. Do you know how many people were charged with breaching regulation 9.01, which is bomb hoaxes et cetera?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett</b>—Again, the numbers in relation to charges would be a matter for those jurisdictions, but we can take that on notice and provide that detail.</p>					46
75		OTS 03	O'Brien	<p><i>(Inspections of Walk-through Metal Detectors)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—I certainly would not be asking where you arrive but I was just wondering how many inspections you have done.</p> <p><b>Mr Collett</b>—I could certainly get some details for you on notice about how many were done in the past. What sort of time frame or period?</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—In this financial year.</p> <p><b>Mr Collett</b>—This financial year. Certainly.</p>					47
76		OTS 04	O'Brien	<p><i>(Aviation Security Identification Cards)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—How many employees of DOTAR have ASICs?</p> <p><b>Ms Johnson</b>—I would have to take that one on notice.</p>					48
76		OTS 05	O'Brien	<p><i>(ASICs – Lack of Security)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—In the August 2006 edition of <i>Australian Aviation</i> there is an article 'ASICs—massive effort no security' and it quotes the vice president of AOPA as saying that despite all the emphasis on security he was told to collect his own ASIC from Qantas in Canberra. He was shown a box of red plastic cards on their lanyards and was left to sort through them unsupervised. He said, 'I could have pocketed any quantity of ASICs I wanted.' What investigations have occurred into that allegation and what action has been taken?</p> <p><b>Ms Johnson</b>—On the specific allegation, I cannot give the details. I do know that a conversation has been held with Qantas about what they are planning to do into the future. I would have to take any further detail on notice and come back to you.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Could you tell us whether there have been any actions, fines or penalties issued in relation to that allegation. It does not sound like there was but perhaps you could let me know on notice if you do not know now.</p>					49

80-81		OTS 06	O'Brien	<p><i>(Details of Foreign Flagged Ships with Voyage Permits)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—I want to ask for some information, and I suspect you will need to take this on notice. I am interested in the details of all foreign flagged ships that have operated on the Australian coastline under single or continuous voyage permits since 1 September 2005. I would like the names of the ships entering Australia, the dates the ships operated on the Australian coastline, the cargo carried, the country of registration, the details of the nationality of the crew and the type of permit under which the ship was operating. I would also like to know the details of ships that carried high-consequence dangerous goods and what the goods were.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue</b>—We will have to take that on notice. I think we have addressed many of those for you previously.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—In the past, that is right.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue</b>—In approving the answers coming through, I do not remember the nationality of the crew being one. That might slow us down, if I could just put that caveat in. It is the same with high- consequence dangerous goods; a high level of fidelity might challenge us but we will do our best to get you as much detail as possible.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Okay. Also, where it is known that there were dangerous goods on board, I would also like to know the type of permit. If you could marry the two things, that would answer both questions, would it not?</p> <p><b>Mr Kilner</b>—Yes.</p>				50
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83	Regional Services	REGS 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(Appointment of Deputy Chairs of ACCs by Minister)</i></p> <p><b>Ms Gosling</b>—Also, Senator, in terms of working with the executive officers of the ACCs, they have been aware since that time and the Regional Services Division both through the national office and regional offices have been working through the detail of what needed to happen in terms of their own constitutional requirements to give effect to that decision.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—So ACCs were instructed to amend their constitutions?</p> <p><b>Ms Gosling</b>—In some cases that was necessary, yes—bulk of cases probably. Some ACCs may not have had requirement, for example, for a deputy chair. Again, it is sort of slightly different in each case.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Is it possible to have copies of the correspondence between the Department or the Minister to the ACCs about this constitutional issue?</p> <p><b>Ms Gosling</b>—I can take that on notice, Senator. As I said, we actually have regular ongoing communication with the ACC executive officers, so some of it has actually been in discussions orally and in terms of information sessions we held during September and October with those ACCs. Some of it has actually been done orally.</p>				51
84		REGS 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Appointment of Deputy Chairs of ACCs by Minister)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—That was obviously not considered when the decision was taken. Have all ACC constitutions now been amended so that the Minister appoints the Deputy Chair? Perhaps you could tell me which ones have not. That is probably the easier way of asking that question.</p> <p><b>Ms Gosling</b>—I will probably need to come back to you with that information. Again, I know that there are some ACCs that have their amendments with the state regulator for approval. Again, some of it is out of their control.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Perhaps you can tell me those who are awaiting approval and those who fall into another category.</p> <p><b>Ms Gosling</b>—Yes, Senator.</p>				52

85-86		REGS 03	O'Brien	<p><i>(Residence of ACC Deputy Chairs)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Do you know if the Deputy Chair resides in the ACC region?</p> <p><b>Ms Gosling</b>—I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that information.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—If you would, please. Was it a requirement that Chairs and Deputy Chairs reside in the region they serve?</p> <p><b>Ms Gosling</b>—Obviously in most cases that is the situation. There may be a small number I think in Melbourne; for example, with the chairs appointed to 31 December 2006 there is a chair who did not quite reside in the region. I think there may be a handful of cases where people with knowledge of the region who may reside outside the region could be appointed. It is not a requirement but in the vast majority of cases that is the situation.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Thank you. Could you on notice provide us with details of Chairs and Deputy Chairs that do not reside in the region of the ACC to which they have been appointed?</p> <p><b>Ms Gosling</b>—Yes.</p>				53
91-92		REGS 04	O'Brien	<p><i>(Bert Hinkler Hall of Aviation)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Are there any other sources of funding for this project?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—I do not have that information with me.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Could you take that on notice, please.</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—Yes.</p>				54
92		REGS 05	O'Brien	<p><i>(Dalby Showgrounds)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—What is the value of the project?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—It is \$2 million in terms of the Regional Partnerships contribution.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Are there other contributions that you have been advised of?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Thank you.</p>				55

94		REGS 06	O'Brien	<p><i>(Stirling Library History and Business Centre)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—The Stirling library RP application: what is the status of an application for funds to assist the Adelaide Hills Council to add a history and business centre to the Stirling library?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—The Ministerial Committee met yesterday and again this morning and this project was considered at the meeting this morning. A decision was taken, but as the applicant has not been notified I cannot comment on the outcome of that decision at this point.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Can you take the question on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Thank you. When was the application first received?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—I do not have that information either, Senator. It would have been received in the last quarter of last year.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—I would rather you did not guess and just let me know, thank you.</p>					56
95		REGS 07	O'Brien	<p><i>(Kingscote Community Hall)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—The plans for the upgrade show that the kitchen facilities are located off the council chambers and are not accessible from the hall. Is that something that the Department has inquired into—if this is part of the community hall?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—We will have to take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Good. Thank you.</p>					57
96		REGS 08	O'Brien	<p><i>(Kingscote Community Hall)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—I see. Does the Department have a breakdown in costs with an indication of where Regional Partnerships moneys have been spent on this project?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—We will have to take that on notice.</p>					58
96		REGS 09	O'Brien	<p><i>(Kingscote Community Hall)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Does the Department have the latest plans for the project?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—If I could take that on notice, Senator. We have received progress reports on the project and I will check those to see if there are plans included in those progress reports.</p>					59

96-97		REGS 10	Ferris	<p><i>(Egg Processing and Layer Plant)</i></p> <p><b>Senator FERRIS</b>—Has a financial assessment been done on the project?  <b>Ms McNally</b>—I would have to take that on notice.  <b>Dr Dolman</b>—I do not think we have that information.  <b>Senator FERRIS</b>—Okay. Without wanting to hold the Committee up any further, if you could take on notice that I have asked questions about it and if some answers could be given as a composite answer I would appreciate that very much. Thanks, Chair, for your indulgence.</p>					60
97		REGS 11	O'Brien	<p><i>(Gunnedah Grains to Ethanol Project)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Primary Energy's Gunnedah grains to ethanol project: has the final payment been made to the proponent? It was due in March 2006 and was dependent on a final milestone report being provided.  <b>Ms Page</b>—No, that payment has not been made. There has been no change in that project, I think, since we last spoke.  <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Could I, on notice, ask for a description of the milestones actually achieved and the funds allocated to each milestone.</p>					61
98		REGS 12	O'Brien	<p><i>(ACC Members- Possible Conflict of Interest)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Could you tell me when Mr Kevin Humphries resigned as chair of the New England North West ACC?  <b>Ms Gosling</b>—I would have to take that on notice.  <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Okay. Perhaps on notice you will need to tell me: was the Department aware that he was a Director of a Moree-based company, Mack Fuels, and that he was involved in a memorandum of understanding with the council in Moree to construct an ethanol plant?  <b>Ms Gosling</b>—I think the Department would have to take that on notice.</p>					62
98		REGS 13	O'Brien	<p><i>(ACC Members- Possible Conflict of Interest)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Is the Department aware of allegations that Matthew Kelley, the Primary Energy proponent, was also at one stage on the Board of Directors of Mack Fuels?  <b>Ms McNally</b>—No, but we can check that.</p>					63

99-100		REGS 14	O'Brien	<p><i>(Tweed Heads Dental Training Clinic)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—The Minister, in a press release on 13 December, said he was fast-tracking the Government's consideration to fund a Tweed Heads dental training clinic. How has he fast-tracked the proposal?</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE</b>—That is pork-barrelling in one of those Labor electorates!</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—We will have to take that on notice. We do not have specific information on that.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—No specific information, Ms McNally?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—I do not have it with me, Senator.</p>				64
102		REGS 15	O'Brien	<p><i>(Year of the Outback)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—I meant in previous years. How much has been allocated to the Year of the Outback in previous years?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE</b>—But it goes to people in the outback?</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—I hope so.</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—That is the aim.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Could you take that question on notice, just to make sure, so that Senator Joyce can be sure it does.</p>				65
103		REGS 16	O'Brien	<p><i>(Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund Applications)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Have any been approved in the last six weeks?</p> <p><b>Dr Dolman</b>—No.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—If they are not there, will you let us know?</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—We will make sure, Senator</p>				66
104		REGS 17	O'Brien	<p><i>(Bank@Post Service Installations)</i></p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Have all 266 Bank@Post services been installed?</p> <p><b>Ms Gosling</b>—With Bank@Post installations, a small number of licensed post offices declined the offer. Currently, we have 246 operating, and the Government has been looking at ways of back-filling the vacancies under the Bank@Post program, going back to the rural transaction centres and looking at those centres that got electronic post services as part of the RTC program and considering whether they can elevate some of them to get the maximum advantage out of the Bank@Post program.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Where are the 20 that were intended to operate but have not been installed? Can you give us that on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Gosling</b>—Yes.</p>				67

104		REGS 18	Joyce	<p><i>(Projects in the Baradine District)</i></p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE</b>—Are there any projects in the Baradine district?</p> <p><b>Dr Dolman</b>—In Queensland?</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE</b>—No, in New South Wales, to make up for the State Labor Government’s closure of the timber industry and putting everybody out of a job.</p> <p><b>Ms McNally</b>—We will have to take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE</b>—Thanks for that.</p>				68
108	National Capital Authority	NCA 01	Lundy	<p><i>(Staffing and Budget)</i></p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—What was the total staffing budget for 2004-05 and for 2005-06?</p> <p><b>Ms Pegrum</b>—The budget for salary expenditures for 2006-07 is \$7,871,000. I am happy to take another question while our officers are looking for that answer for last year.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Sure. I am keen on the figures both retrospectively and into the future up to 2009-10. I know we have your appropriations up to 2009-10 as the result of an answer to a question on notice last time, but we would like the staffing budget for all those out years.</p> <p><b>Ms Pegrum</b>—I would be happy to provide that. What I can tell you is that we currently have 94 paid employees and that is the equivalent of 88.44 full-time employees. Of those, 28 are ELs, there are five SES and 60 at the APS levels.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—How much has that grown in the last five years?</p> <p><b>Ms Pegrum</b>—I would have to go back to the figures, but we have been fairly stable. Over five years we may have actually reduced. But I am very happy to give you the figures. My recollection is that that is relatively stable.</p>				69



111		NCA 02	Lundy	<p><i>(Adelaide Avenue- Development Control Plan)</i></p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—but you have also ascertained, in the knowledge that there may be some application for a lease purpose change under the Territory plan, that there may be a subsequent consultation process under the Territory plan requirements post the approval of this development control plan.</p> <p><b>Ms Pegrum</b>—Under the Territory lease requirements.</p> <p><b>Mr Rohl</b>—Yes, that is the advice we received from ACTPLA on 13 February.</p> <p><b>Ms Pegrum</b>—I think that will only apply, though, to the gallery site, not to the Embassy Hotel site or to the residential site.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Is that because the lease purpose change had already occurred or because it did not need to occur?</p> <p><b>Ms Pegrum</b>—It does not need to occur, as far as we can tell.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—So there is already a proponent? There is already a developer?</p> <p><b>Ms Pegrum</b>—That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—But there is not for the Solander Gallery site?</p> <p><b>Mr Rohl</b>—The Territory Plan itself and the lease clause, as far as I am aware, is very narrow in relation to what can happen to the Solander Gallery site. The advice we received is that, for any future development done in accordance with that, there is likely to be a lease change. In terms of the Embassy site, I would have to clarify the existing lease clause. I would expect that if, for example, a hotel developed there, unlike the current one, you would not need to go through that revised lease process, but I can certainly clarify that.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Yes, could you take that on notice.</p>				70
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114	Territories and Local Government	TLG 01	Lundy	<p><i>(Ownership of Googong Dam Infrastructure)</i></p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—In the extrapolation of that legislative right of the ACT to be able to access that water, is the infrastructure to get the H2O from the dam to Canberra now being claimed as a Commonwealth asset to be retained by the Commonwealth?</p> <p><b>Mr Angley</b>—No. I do not think you can go that far.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—I did not think I could either, but that is how I am interpreting what you are telling me.</p> <p><b>Mr Angley</b>—No. We are saying two things. I do not know that you can go that far, but really it is an issue that is still in discussion between the Department of finance and the ACT Government. We are not involved in that discussion.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—My understanding of the discussion, based on the evidence of DOFA the other night, is that we are, in fact, only talking about the land and we are not talking about the water infrastructure or the equipment that is out there that allows it to be a dam and allows the water to be moved. Could I ask you to clarify that? Perhaps take it on notice in conjunction with consulting with DOFA or whatever you need to do to try and get me an answer on that.</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—To the extent to which it falls within our responsibility.</p>				71
115		TLG 02	Lundy	<p><i>(Management of Googong Dam Land)</i></p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Yes. I want to the turn to the question of the land. Who manages that Commonwealth land around Googong?</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—Again, we are not certain of the precise arrangements.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—But it is Commonwealth.</p> <p><b>Mr Angley</b>—Certainly, the ACT manages the improvements and the water, but I am not sure about the land. It is Commonwealth land. We will take that on notice. I assume it is the ACT managing it as a project manager, but it is certainly owned by the Commonwealth.</p>				72

116		TLG 03	Lundy	<p><i>(Decision to Transfer Googong Dam Land - Briefing of Minister Lloyd)</i></p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Two days ago the Department of finance told Senator Sherry in another Committee that they recently formed the view that the Commonwealth had never intended to transfer the land to the ACT. The Department of Finance and Administration said they had briefed their Minister, Senator Minchin, in June 2006. When was Minister Lloyd briefed on this recently formed view?</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—We would need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Was it before then?</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—We will take it on notice and when we get the answer you will know the answer.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Is the situation that Minister Lloyd ignored advice from Senator Minchin on this issue when he signed these documents, which clearly express the intent to transfer the Googong land to the ACT, after we now know Senator Minchin was briefed in June of 2006? I think that is one for you, Minister.</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—I cannot speculate, Senator, on the Minister’s motivation at the time and, as I have indicated, we would need to provide you with advice on when Minister Lloyd was briefed on the Finance view.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—I think the natural observation for me to make was that Minister Lloyd was either kept out of the loop or out on a limb and not advised of decisions or determinations by other cabinet Ministers with respect to his portfolio—</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—I suspect that is highly unlikely.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—or that Minister Lloyd ignored advice or a view presented by Senator Minchin on this issue when he deliberately and specifically signed that MOU, which clearly expresses the intent to transfer—</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—Two people can read two different documents and find totally different angles in them. We have taken on notice the bits that we cannot answer.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—I appreciate that but I also want to make it clear that I am not extrapolating any meaning or interpreting meaning in that passage that I read out. That is printed in the document.</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—I do not doubt it.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Can anyone advise me or the Committee when Minister Lloyd did become aware of the government’s decision to effectively welsh on the deal, the 20-year-old deal, to transfer the Googong Dam land to the ACT?</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—I think you have asked the question: when was Minister Lloyd—you said, ‘When was he briefed on the Finance position?’</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—If you could take that question on notice, Minister.</p>				73
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117		TLG 04	Lundy	<p><i>(Communication between DOFA and DOTARS about Googong Dam)</i></p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—The Department of finance I think advised us last year of its view in relation to the Googong Dam.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—When was that?</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—I would need to take that on notice. There may well not be a formal record of the initial contact. They may well have started that contact through telephone calls.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—If you could take on notice to provide the Committee with any records of the contact between DOFA and Territories in any way related to Googong Dam.</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—To the extent that we have written records on that, we will do that.</p>				74
118		TLG 05	Lundy	<p><i>(Communication between DOFA and DOTARS about Googong Dam)</i></p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Could I ask officers then if they have had those conversations or contact with DOFA before or after August 2006.</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—We will have to take that on notice, Senator.</p>				75
119		TLG 06	Lundy	<p><i>(Norfolk Island Education Budget)</i></p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Can you advise the Committee on whether or not a shortfall exists within the education budget on Norfolk Island?</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—I have indicated that, to the best of our knowledge, the Government has no outstanding arrears.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—What was that conclusion based on?</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—That is based on the monthly financial indicators, I think, that are tabled within the Norfolk Island Government for the month of December.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Could you provide those to the Committee.</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—We can.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Thank you. Could you provide an explanation about the shortfall as it was previously identified and how you have reached your conclusion that it has now been fulfilled.</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—We can do that, yes.</p>				76

120-121		<p>TLG-07 Committee approved deletion.</p>	Lundy	<p><i>(Report of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories)</i></p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—The joint standing Committee report that I referred to is near unanimous, the exception being Ms Sophie Mirabella, and it states: The Committee has stated its preference for the Commonwealth to resume responsibility for social security, health and aged care services, national census and economic statistics collection, immigration, customs and quarantine. Commonwealth law should be applied to Norfolk Island, most particularly in the areas of corporations law and trade practices. A range of State-type services, in-so-far as they do not already exist, would also fall under the Commonwealth’s umbrella, including primary and secondary school education and vocational education— et cetera. The joint standing Committee report goes on to say: The Committee is convinced that the adoption of its recommendations will lead to greater financial sustainability— et cetera. I think my question needs to go the Minister and perhaps be referred to the Minister. Why, when Minister Lloyd had been committed to reform the governance and accountability of Norfolk Island, did the Howard Government then ignore—once again, in reference to what I think are other times when the Minister has been ignored in cabinet—those recommendations? The Minister has said on at least one occasion that Norfolk Island has an unsustainable future and also: ... current self-government arrangements are simply too complex and costly for a community the size of Norfolk Island to sustain. Could you take that on notice to the Minister, please, unless you would like to respond on his behalf.</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—I could. I was in the cabinet discussion when I was the former Minister, so I have views about it. I happen to strongly support the position that the cabinet took, as you would not be surprised to hear. The governance arrangements and the financial state of Norfolk Island have been an ongoing issue for generations. I spent a lot of time reading about the history of Norfolk Island when I was the Minister, and I visited there a couple of times. From a vested interest point of view, if we established a Centrelink office and a Medicare office, I could visit there as their Minister.</p>				N/A
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121		TLG 07	Lundy	<p><i>(Correspondence with Chief Minister)</i></p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—As he flagged on this occasion, the Minister indicated that he had suggestions that could assist the Norfolk Island government in its efforts to improve accountability and transparency and ensure that the Norfolk Island community has an equivalent level of protection and recourse as that available to other Australians, and he has since written to the Chief Minister outlining issues that he would like the Norfolk Island Government to pursue.</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY</b>—Could you provide that correspondence to the Committee?</p> <p><b>Ms Page</b>—Yes, we will take that on notice.</p>					77
<b>WRITTEN QUESTIONS</b>									
Written	Maritime & Land Transport	MLT 02	Milne	<p><i>(SIEV X-Location and Rescue of Survivors)</i></p> <p>Was your Department or any of its agencies informed that the location of the rescue of SIEVX survivors was reported to be 07 40 00S / 105 09 00E? If so by whom was this information provided? On what date? Please provide copies of any file notes and other documents related to this information being provided to your Department or agency.</p>					78
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Written	Australian Maritime Safety Authority	AMSA 01	Milne	<p><i>(Search for Missing Indonesian Fishing Boat)</i></p> <p>According to an AMSA media release dated 27 March 2001, AMSA 'assumed responsibility for the search for a missing Indonesian fishing boat believed to be about 40 to 50 nautical miles (70 to 90 kms) north of Christmas Island... and ships in the area have been advised by AusSAR to be on the look out for the missing boat... A spokesman for AuSSAR said the Indonesian search and rescue authority BASARNAS and the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra had been advised of the incident'.</p> <p>a.) What action was taken by AMSA in relation to the rescue at sea of this suspected illegal entry vessel?</p> <p>b.) will the Minister provide all records that are held by AMSA in relation to the rescue of this vessel - including a copy of the incident file &amp; reports to BASARNAS and the Indonesian Embassy and</p> <p>c.) will the Minister provide all records of telephone conversations held by AMSA in relation to the rescue of this vessel?</p>					80

<b>Written</b>	<b>Australian Maritime Safety Authority</b>	AMSA 02	Milne	<i>(Rescue of Illegal Entry Vessels)</i> Between 1 January 1999 and 25 August 2001 - that is prior to the rescue of KM Palapa 1 by the Tampa in August 2001 - how many suspected illegal entry vessels had required rescue by AMSA? a.) How many had been the subject of a broadcast to shipping? Please give details for each vessel.					<b>81</b>
<b>Written</b>		AMSA 03	Milne	<i>(Sunken Illegal Entry Vessels)</i> To your knowledge how many suspected illegal entry vessels have sunk en route to Australia? Please give details of dates, vessels and passenger numbers if known.					<b>82</b>
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<b>Written</b>		CORP 02 AA 04 AMSA 05 CASA 05 NCA 04	Wong	<i>(Recruitment Agency Spending)</i> Will the Minister provide a list of the recruitment agencies which are used by the Department and Agencies in the Minister's portfolio?					<b>88 89 90 91 92</b>
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<b>Written</b>	<b>Committee approve deletion of CORP 10</b>	<del>CORP 10</del> AA 12 AMSA 13 CASA 13 NCA 12	Wong	<i>(Advertising Campaigns)</i> Below is a list of active campaigns that were tabled on 30 October 2006 at Senate Estimates, what were the actual costs for those which have been completed as relevant to each Department and Agency in the Minister's portfolio? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bushfire Preparedness- AGD</li> <li>• People Trafficking- AGD</li> <li>• Family Law Reform- AGD/FACSLIA</li> <li>• Bird Flu (05/06)- AQIS</li> <li>• Quarantine Matters! (Jul 06 – Dec 06)- AQIS</li> <li>• 30% Childcare Tax Rebate- ATO</li> <li>• Defence Force Recruiting (2006-2007)- Defence</li> <li>• Skills For the Future- DEST</li> <li>• Welfare to Work- DEWR</li> <li>• Citizenship (06/07)- DIMA</li> <li>• T3- DOFA</li> <li>• Eliminating Violence Against Women (2006)- FACSLIA</li> <li>• Financial Literacy- Treasury</li> </ul>					128 129 130 131



<b>Written</b>	<b>Committee approve deletion of CORP 10</b>	CORP 11 AA 13 AMSA 14 CASA 14 NCA 13	Wong	<p><i>(Advertising Campaigns)</i></p> <p>At the Budget Estimates in May 2006, the Budget Papers listed the following Pending Campaigns (from Budget Papers: period up to 4 years)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="913 225 1608 799"> <thead> <tr> <th>Campaign</th> <th>\$M</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Smart Card</td> <td>47.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Child Support Reform</td> <td>36.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Promote Private Health Cover</td> <td>52.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medicare Direct Mail</td> <td>17.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Family Law Arrangements</td> <td>19.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Contractors</td> <td>&lt;15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pensions Real Estate/Assets Test</td> <td>5.9 (at least, over 2 years)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Smart Traveller</td> <td>13.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alcohol Abuse</td> <td>25.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizenship</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disease Risk Factors</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Child Care Rebate</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family Law Arrangements</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Illicit Drugs and Mental Illness</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Living in Harmony Initiative</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For those campaigns which are relevant to each Department and Agency in the Minister's portfolio, what is the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) planning progress for campaigns;</li> <li>(b) likely start dates; and</li> <li>(c) media spend.</li> </ul>	Campaign	\$M	Smart Card	47.3	Child Support Reform	36.1	Promote Private Health Cover	52.1	Medicare Direct Mail	17.5	New Family Law Arrangements	19.9	Independent Contractors	<15	Pensions Real Estate/Assets Test	5.9 (at least, over 2 years)	Smart Traveller	13.1	Alcohol Abuse	25.2	Citizenship	4	Disease Risk Factors		Child Care Rebate		Family Law Arrangements		Illicit Drugs and Mental Illness		Living in Harmony Initiative					132 133 134 135
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<b>Written</b>		CORP 11 AA 15 AMSA 16 CASA 16 NCA 15	Wong	<i>(Water Use in Departments and Agencies)</i> Is there any requirement to provide details of how much water is used and how much water is saved in the annual reports of each Department and Agency in the Minister's portfolio?					<b>141</b> <b>142</b> <b>143</b> <b>144</b> <b>145</b>
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<b>Written</b>		REGS 21	O'Brien	<p><i>(Mackay Science &amp; Technology Precinct)</i></p> <p>(a) Was the Mackay ACC consulted before the announcement was made in the Howard Government 2004 election campaign that if re-elected the Government would establish an \$8 million Central Queensland Science &amp; Technology Precinct?</p> <p>(b) Was the Mackay ACC consulted before a \$200,000 grant was approved for this project by the Ministerial Panel on 30 November 2006?</p> <p>(c) What advice has the Mackay ACC provided on this project and when was it provided?</p> <p>(d) May a copy of any advice provided by the ACC on this project?</p> <p>(e) Why is this project currently not listed on the 'Regional' section of the DOTARS website, under 'Approved Projects'?</p> <p>(f) Is a funding agreement in place for this project?</p> <p>(g) What will the \$200,000 already approved for this project be used to deliver?</p> <p>(h) Have any payments been made to the proponent?</p> <p>(i) Have key milestones and time lines been established to deliver this project?</p> <p>(j) Has a business plan for this project been complete?</p> <p>(k) Who provided the business plan?</p> <p>(l) How was the provider of the business plan selected?</p> <p>(m) If it is complete, may a copy of the business plan be provided?</p> <p>(n) Is there a Project Manager in place at the University to oversee the project's implementation?</p> <p>(o) Is there a Steering Committee in place to oversee the project's implementation?</p> <p>(p) Has there been any consultation with the local community on this project?</p>				<b>168</b>
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<b>Written</b>		REGS 23	O'Brien	<i>(Hinkler Hall of Aviation, Bundaberg)</i> (a) At the time this project was committed in the 2004 election campaign, was it made clear the project was dependent on Queensland Government funding? (b) At the time the funding agreement was made, was this dependent on the input of funding from the Queensland Government? (c) How has the Queensland Government been approached for funding?				<b>170</b>
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<b>Written</b>		REGS 33	O'Brien	<i>(Area Consultative Committee)</i> For the Area Consultative Committees network, which sits under Output 2, provide expense/revenue and cash estimates that are not obligated or forward committed for administered and departmental payments for each of: (a) 2005-06 (outcome versus final budget estimate) and (b) current forward estimates for 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10.				<b>180</b>
<b>Written</b>	<b>Territories &amp; Local Government</b>	TLG 08	O'Brien	<i>(Cyclone Larry Relief Appeal)</i> For the Prime Minister's and Premier's Cyclone Larry Relief Appeal, which sits under Output 2, provide expense/revenue and cash estimates that are not obligated or forward committed for administered and departmental payments for each of: (a) 2005-06 (outcome versus final budget estimate) and (b) current forward estimates for 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10.				<b>181</b>
<b>Written</b>	<b>Regional Services</b>	REGS 34	O'Brien	<i>(Remote Air Services Subsidy Scheme)</i> For the Remote Air Services Subsidy Scheme, which sits under Output 2, provide expense/revenue and cash estimates that are not obligated or forward committed for administered and departmental payments for each of: (a) 2005-06 (outcome versus final budget estimate) and (b) current forward estimates for 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10.				<b>182</b>

<b>Written</b>		REGS 35	O'Brien	<i>(Regional and Rural Research and Development Grants)</i> For the Regional and Rural Research and Development Grants which sits under Output 2, provide expense/revenue and cash estimates that are not obligated or forward committed for administered and departmental payments for each of: (a) 2005-06 (outcome versus final budget estimate) and (b) current forward estimates for 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10				<b>183</b>
<b>Written</b>	<b>Corporate Services</b>	CORP 16	Ludwig	<i>(Staffing)</i> For the years 2005-06, please indicate: 1. Not including those employed in policy functions, the number of Full-Time Equivalent positions assigned to the following areas: a. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau; b. The Office of Transport Security; c. The development of technology or programs designed to augment, replace or assist any of the above functions. 2. For each of the categories in (1), please indicate: a. The breakdown of APS classifications for those personnel; b. The total wages cost of all personnel under that category;				<b>184</b>
<b>Written</b>	<b>Territories and Local Government</b>	TLG 09	Crossin	<i>(Cocos Island Wind Turbines)</i> In answer to question <b>TLG 44</b> from Estimates last October DOTARS said the Cocos wind turbines on Home Island had been having some problems with water getting in the inverters and a problem with the winch used to furl the tail. These problems were well advanced with being fixed - the question is, were repairs and modifications completed, are the turbines all back in operation and have there been any further problems?				<b>185</b>
<b>Written</b>		TLG 10	Crossin	<i>(Cocos Island Desalination Plant)</i> In answer to question <b>TLG 46</b> of October 2006 it was said that a temporary water desalination plant would be operational in December on Cocos Home Island. Has it been necessary to install this plant and if so is it in fact operational and is it performing satisfactorily?				<b>186</b>
<b>Written</b>		TLG 11	Crossin	<i>(Cocos Island Hovercraft Project)</i> In answer to question <b>TLG 49</b> you said the hovercraft project at Cocos Island had been dropped and plans were being drawn up for yet another version of infrastructure to provide marine services to Cocos Islands. Where is this at now?				<b>187</b>
<b>Written</b>		TLG 12	Crossin	<i>(Cocos Island Mammography Service)</i> In the answer to question <b>TLG 38</b> you said that a mammography service similar to that on Christmas Island would be established on Cocos Island. This is great news but do you have a timeline for this as yet?				<b>188</b>

<b>Written</b>		TLG 13	Crossin	<i>(Christmas Island Crane)</i> In answer to <b>TLG 22</b> you told of ongoing problems with the crane at Flying Fish Cove on Christmas Island. An independent expert was to be engaged to assess the crane and its maintenance regimes and operation. This assessment was due to begin in early December 2006. Was this done, is it completed and what is the outcome?					<b>189</b>
<b>Written</b>		TLG 14	Crossin	<i>(Christmas Island Crane)</i> Is the crane at present safe and useable?					<b>190</b>
<b>Written</b>		TLG 15	Crossin	<i>(Indian Ocean Territories Health Service)</i> In December Minister Lloyd announced that management of the Indian Ocean Territories Health Service would remain with the communities rather than being outsourced. Since this announcement have any meetings been held with the respective communities to plan any future directions?					<b>191</b>
<b>Written</b>		TLG 16	Crossin	<i>(Indian Ocean Territories Health Service)</i> Does the decision not to outsource the health service mean that market testing and outsourcing has not been the success hoped for and that no further such steps are planned?					<b>192</b>
<b>Written</b>		TLG 17	Crossin	<i>(Indian Ocean Territories Airports)</i> Is it planned to continue private management of the airports or might these revert back to local management?					<b>193</b>
<b>Written</b>		TLG 18	Crossin	<i>(Space Base Project)</i> Could you confirm that the space base project has now been terminated, and if so what will happen to any funds initially held against that or related projects, such as funds to upgrade the Christmas Island airport runway?					<b>194</b>
<b>Written</b>		TLG 19	Crossin	<i>(Tourism Development Funds)</i> In <i>The Islander</i> of December 15th at page 6, Minister Lloyd informed the communities that additional funds were to be allocated to tourism development. Could you tell me how much additional?					<b>195</b>
<b>Written</b>		TLG 20	Crossin	<i>(Tourism Development Funds)</i> Are these additional funds earmarked for any specific purpose or for use as local Committees see best?					<b>196</b>
<b>Written</b>		TLG 21	Crossin	<i>(Economic Development Committee Funding)</i> How much funding has been provided to the Economic Development Committee over each of the past 2 years?					<b>197</b>

<b>Written</b>	<b>Australian Maritime Safety Authority</b>	AMSA 21	Ludwig	<p><i>(Staffing)</i>  For the years 2005-06, please indicate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not including those employed in policy functions, the number of Full-Time Equivalent positions assigned to the following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Marine environment protection;</li> <li>b. Search and rescue;</li> <li>c. The development of technology or programs designed to augment, replace or assist any of the above functions;</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. For each of the categories in (1), please indicate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The breakdown of APS classifications for those personnel;</li> <li>b. The total wages cost of all personnel under that category;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>				<b>198</b>
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