

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, Tuesday 14 February 2012

Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport Portfolio

Q no.	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written Q	Date rec'd	Date tabled
1	1.1	JOYCE	Clean Energy Future	<p>Senator JOYCE: I will ask one and then put the rest on notice, because there are many other areas that are vastly more important. I have one curiosity. At 30 November you told us you had five staff looking after climate change issues. Do you still have five staff looking after climate change issues?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: How are they going? Have they changed the climate yet?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: The contribution of the department to the government's Clean Energy Future package is quite significant. We are involved in the secretary's group on climate change. We are involved in implementation and influencing the guidelines, particularly as the assistance package supports communities. We will continue to have an ongoing role to support implementation of the government's policy in this area.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: Why can't we just bang those five people in with all the other hundreds of people in the climate change department?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: There are particular things that we have been asked to do to support the package on the Clean Energy Future. That is looking at the potential impacts on regions and communities as the Clean Energy Future package is being rolled out. It is quite relevant for us to have those functions remain in the department.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: What is the average wage of those five people?</p>	RRA&T 83		

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2	1.1	JOYCE	Margaret Olley Trust	<p>Ms Fleming: The Margaret Olley Trust wanted to re-establish, on Margaret Olley's death, a museum in a house that she resided in Tweed River. Funding was provided to support that, through recollection, through some underspends in some other programs.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: That is interesting. That was allocated through some underspending in some other programs?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: Yes.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: That is a different story, is it not? What was the underspending in the other programs? Can you tell me about that?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	RRA&T 86		
3	1.1	JOYCE	Better Regions Program	<p>Senator JOYCE: Was any money transferred from the Better Regions program?</p> <p>Senator Arbib: The officials are taking the question on notice in regard to where the funding came from, so we will get back to you.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: Is that the answer? That was a new question. Was any money transferred from the Better Regions program?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: Again, we will take that on notice.</p>	RRA&T 86		
4	1.1	JOYCE	RDAF Round 1 Feedback	<p>Senator JOYCE: I am interested to know how many people responded to you in a description of that manner, that they were unhappy with the feedback that they were getting regarding your feedback.</p> <p>Ms Fleming: I would have to take on notice that particular article. There was a range of feedback. Some people, of course, have a variety of views about the advice that the department provides them and we had discussions around that.</p>	RRA&T 87		
5	1.1	MACDONALD	Regional Footprint	<p>Ms Beauchamp: Minister Crean is very keen for us to increase our regional footprint. We are looking at doing that over the next little while. What we do need to do is make sure we have the right people out there and we will be looking at co-location opportunities rather than cutting out offices altogether.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I am interested in your comment about Mr Crean wanting to expand those. On notice, could you just tell me where you are at with that, how far you have gone, where you are looking and anything you can tell me that is not confidential at this stage.</p>	RRA&T 92		

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6	1.1	EDWARDS	Development in Upper Spencer Gulf & Eyre Peninsula	<p>Mr O'Brien: I cannot give you a complete description of all the projects, but I can say that they are predominantly in the energy sector and mining sector. There are enormous development opportunities in the Upper Spencer Gulf and the Eyre Peninsula and, as I say, they are mainly energy projects, as I understand it.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: So it is mining?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: Energy and mining.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: If you could provide me with the basis of that press release, that would be great. If they are private investments—</p>	RRA&T 93		
7	1.1	FAWCETT	Viability of Airports	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Is the department aware of the National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group, which is being run by the department of transport but deals with local government as well as state governments around the viability of airports, and are you having any input to that process?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: I will take that on notice. Not to my knowledge. Obviously, in the Regional Development Australia Fund round 1 there were some regional airport upgrades.</p>	RRA&T 93		
8	1.1	FAWCETT	RDAF Round 1 – Applications relating to Airports	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Under round 1 of the Regional Development Australia Fund—obviously Port Lincoln was one, with \$4.5 million; that is great—how many of the applications related to airports around Australia in that round?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: There were certainly more than a handful. I would have to look at the applications that came through. There were 563 applications all up. There were a number that involved regional airports.</p>	RRA&T 93		

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9	1.1	MACDONALD	Gilbert and Flinders River System	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: We have very limited time. Can I ask you to give me a short note on notice just on what that assessment is supposed to bring about?</p> <p>Mr Dickson: Absolutely.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I do not suppose the Commonwealth has any involvement in Ms Bligh's announcement of accessing another 80,000 megalitres out of the Flinders? That is not anything the Commonwealth would be involved in, is it?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: That was part of the joint project that Queensland has guaranteed a certain quantum of water during this trial period.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Can you give me some more details on that?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: We will include it.</p>	RRA&T 95		
10	1.1	MACDONALD	Cairns Plan	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Is there any time line? Can I expect some action by the end of March or June? Is there anything that you can give me?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: Not at this stage, because we will be working with the Queensland government and the relevant department up there to provide advice to both ministers.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: So, there will be nothing happening for a couple of months because, as you know, Queensland is just about to go into a caretaker mode. I am quite sure that the Commonwealth would not be involved in a Queensland election by making announcements during that period. Perhaps, on notice, you can tell me whether there is a timetable for that.</p>	RRA&T 96		

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11	1.1	MACDONALD	AAco	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Senator Heffernan asked another area of the department earlier about a proposal for an abattoir in Darwin by the AAco doing that themselves, but they need support for infrastructure. Is the department looking at that at all?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: There are five abattoir proposals across the north at the moment. AAco's are some of those. There are other proponents that are part of it. As part of the Northern Australian Ministerial Forum there is a project, together with the jurisdictions of Queensland, NT and WA, to look across those proposals to see what is viable. As you would be aware, northern abattoirs have a mixed history of success, and that project is looking at the logistics. We have just about finished the scope of that work. There is a very large beef project under the Northern Sustainable Futures first phase.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: That is very useful, but time has escaped me. Could you finish your answer as a question on notice, so I can pass to others.</p> <p>Ms Fleming: Certainly.</p>	RRA&T 96		
12	1.1	EGGLESTON	Kununurra Hospital	<p>Ms Fleming: I am sorry, I stand corrected. We also provided an expansion to the Kununurra Hospital of \$20 million, so there was a hospital and a transfer.</p> <p>Senator EGGLESTON: What was that for?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: To expand the hospital.</p> <p>Senator EGGLESTON: In an unspecified way. It was not for a renal dialysis unit or something like that?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: I could provide you with more details on that project.</p>	RRA&T 100		
13	1.1	STERLE	EKDP Projects	<p>CHAIR: I have been fortunate enough to see a lot of the work under Minister Gray's stewardship through that Office of Northern Australia. Could you table those projects for the committee. I know Senator Eggleston's commitment to Indigenous issues in the north is unquestionable, but there are also some fantastic returns for Indigenous training and employment there, too. Could you do that?</p>	RRA&T 100		

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14	1.1	HUMPHRIES	Case Studies -National Disaster Recovery Taskforce	Senator HUMPHRIES: It is still not clear to me how this task force actually effects changes in or outcomes from decisions made by state agencies which are spending the Commonwealth money to repair roads and do other things. Perhaps you could take on notice to give me some case studies of how the task force's work has actually changed outcomes on the ground. Mr Leeper: Certainly, we will do that.	RRA&T 101		
15	1.1	JOYCE	Myregion website	Senator JOYCE: What is the average time they are on the site for? Ms Foster: I do not know. I would have to take that on notice.	RRA&T 104		
16	1.1	JOYCE	Myregion website costs	Senator JOYCE: I will have another crack at it. How much is that costing us a year? Ms Foster: We will have to take the exact cost on notice.	RRA&T 104		
17	1.1	JOYCE	Myregion Website Summary	Can the Department please provide a summary of the <i>myregion</i> website including how many views the website has received, how many comments are contained in both the forums and the blogs, and what percentage of staff comments there are to other comments within the forums and the blogs?	Written		
18	1.1	JOYCE	Area Consultative Committees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department please explain the process by which the ACC's (Area Consultative Committees) were wrapped up and finalised? 2. On what date were they finalised? 3. In particular, were all their bank accounts closed? 4. If so, where did the money go? 5. If the bank accounts were not closed, why? 	Written		

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19	1.1	JOYCE	RDA Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Peel RDA was allocated an extra \$50,000 in the 2011/12 budget. It is now mid February 2012 and the Peel RDA has still not seen this money? This money was promised to be allocated before Christmas. What is the delay? 2. The RDA fund has turned RDA's into quasi Semi Govt approval authorities. Do you intend to actually give them some real approval rights and to have their own budgets? 3. What plans do you have for programs for 2nd (10-25,000) and 3rd tier communities (under 10,000) as these centres are driving much of the growth in the Australian economy? 	Written		
20	1.1	JOYCE	RDAF Round One – Projects submitted by RDA Perth	What projects were submitted by RDA Perth under Round One? Were any of these prioritised?	Written		
21	1.1	JOYCE	RDA Committee Vacancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At Supplementary Estimates in October 2011, there were a total of 57 casual vacancies amongst various RDA committees. Have these positions now been filled? 2. If not, why not? 3. Please provide an updated list of RDA committee vacancies. 	Written		
22	1.1	JOYCE	Promoting Regional Living	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide an update on when the guidelines will be released for the \$11.5 million for Promoting Regional Living? 2. If not released, what is the delay? Has this program been chopped in the tightening of the budget? 3. What organisations will be eligible? 4. How will they apply for this funding? 5. When will they be able to apply? 6. Is it true this program is really only for Evocities or extensions of evocities groups in other states such as QLD and WA? 	Written		

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23	1.1	JOYCE	Regional Development Policy Centre	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you please provide an update as to the progress of the Regional Development Policy Centre? When will it be operational? 2. Can you please list the members of the Board which has been established? 3. Are the members of the Board receiving remuneration and which component of the Departments budget is the Board members remuneration coming from? 4. Do you know where the policy centre will be located yet? 5. If not, when are we likely to know? 6. Is there a shortlist? If so, are any universities on the list? 7. Who has the Board consulted about the location of the Centre? 8. Has the decision been made as to the location of the Policy Centre and if so where is the location? 	Written		
24	1.1	JOYCE	Regional Structural Assistance Package	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Department is responsible for the coordination of the delivery of the \$200 million Regional Structural Assistance Package under the government's clean energy plan? 2. Can the Department explain to me what the Regional Structural Assistance Package is? 	Written		
25	1.1	JOYCE	Clean Energy and Impact of Carbon Prices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How will the Department monitor the impacts of the carbon price on regions to determine areas where structural adjustment assistance may be required? 2. How many staff have been allocated to this program? 3. Will you be employing staff especially for this program? 4. How will the Department deliver this assistance? 5. Has any assistance been provided as yet? If so, who to? <p>On the Clean Energy Website, the Regional Australia Factsheet states that examples of programs that may be supported under this fund include <i>support for displaced workers and their families, support for affected small businesses, community development programs and economic diversification programs.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Is the Department expecting there to be displaced workers as a result of a carbon price? 7. Will this funding be ongoing? 	Written		

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26	1.1	HUMPHRIES	Climate Change – Staffing	Are there climate change sections or areas that work on climate change in your department/agency? If yes, list details.	Written		
27	1.1	JOYCE	Regional and Rural Research and Development Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When will the 2011-12 Regional and Rural Research and Development Grants Guidelines be available? 2. When will the 2011-12 funding round be made available? 	Written		
28	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Government has given its commitment to holding a referendum on constitutional recognition of local government before or at the time of the next election. When will the Government be responding to the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition's final report released last year? 2. The Government has said that it would respond in early 2012. What is the Government's response? 3. Is the Government supportive of a national campaign for constitutional recognition of local government? 	Written		
29	1.2	JOYCE	Review of Financial Assistance Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A review of Financial Assistance Grants was announced in the 2011-12 Federal Budget. Can you provide an update on when the terms of reference for this review will be released? 2. When will this review commence and how will it be conducted? 3. Will local government be involved in determining the scope of the review? 4. Will issues of the quantum of funding be included in the review? 5. Will state distributions and council distributions form part of the review? 	Written		
30	1.2	JOYCE	Review into Local Government Infrastructure Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is undertaking the review into local government infrastructure finance? 2. What is the cost of the review? 3. How is the review progressing and when is it due to report? 	Written		

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31	1.2	JOYCE	Australian Council of Local Government	1. What is the future of the Australian Council of Local Government? 2. Will the Australian Council of Local Government meet again?	Written		
32	2.1	BACK	Norfolk Island Land Ownership	<p>Mr Yates: I used to have some responsibilities for Norfolk Island, so I can give an overview. The ownership of land on the island is a mix between freehold land and leasehold land. The Australian government had a program of converting essentially residential leasehold land to freehold land, where people paid to have it converted. That program is now largely completed. There are some commercial leasehold lands. Some examples are where people live and run a business on that land that is still leasehold. There is an interest in a second stage of that program. But that is still subject to consideration by government. If we need to go into any more detail on that, I would need to take it on notice, because it can get quite complicated.</p> <p>Senator BACK: I would be appreciative of that, particularly in terms of agricultural land. I understand the residential. Thank you for that. I would also be very interested to read the reviews over time and learn what really is the prospect for agriculture on the island, particular associated with eco-organic farming. I understand there is quite a move on the island. In fact, it has been put to me that some of the difficulties associated with securing bank finance to advance some of these organic farming projects have been linked in some way to the insecurity associated with leasehold land. If I could receive some information on that, I would be appreciative.</p>	RRA&T 109		

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33	3	HUMPHRIES	Australian Indigenous Arts Trade Association	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: You say that two-thirds of the beneficiaries have been Indigenous. Why do you think it is, then, that the president of the Australian Indigenous Art Trade Association, Ian Plunkett, has said that Aboriginal artists are being disadvantaged under the scheme because of the way it has been set up.....</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Can I suggest that you might like to talk to that organisation and understand their concerns?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We have been talking to Indigenous arts organisations, I think, to take it on notice as to whether or not this particular individual has been party to discussions.</p>	RRA&T 128		
34	3	HUMPHRIES	Administrative Efficiencies	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Can we have the details of the changes that the minister announced in December to the scheme?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: The administrative efficiencies?</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: Would you like us to talk about those now?</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: No, I do not have time. But if you could table the document that describes it, that would be useful.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: Okay—we will take that on notice.</p>	RRA&T128		
35	3	BRANDIS	National Cultural Policy Launch	Will the Office for the Arts be responsible for launching the National Cultural Policy?	Written		
36	3	BRANDIS	Review of the Australia Council - Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On what date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – did the review commence? – will the review be completed? – will the review be delivered to Government? – will the review be published? – was the Australia Council informed of the review? – was the Australia Council invited to make a written submission? 	Written		
37	3	BRANDIS	Review of the Australia Council – Terms of Reference	Please provide a copy of the Terms of Reference of the review of the Australia Council.	Written		

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38	3	BRANDIS	Review of the Australia Council - Submissions	What organisations and agencies were invited to make submissions into the review of the Australia Council?	Written								
39	3	BRANDIS	Review of the Australia Council – Public Submissions	Who took the decision, and when was it taken, not to permit public submissions into the review?	Written								
40	3	BRANDIS	Review of the Australia Council - Interviews	Has, or will, the review of the Australia Council conduct interviews or seek information or submissions from artists and Australia Council grant recipients?	Written								
41	3	BRANDIS	Review of the Australia Council – OFTA Staff	How many staff of the Office for the Arts are participating, assisting, or have been involved in the review of the Australia Council?	Written								
42	3	RYAN	Approved Grant - Darlinghurst Theatre Company	<p>The following grant was approved on 7 March 2011 under the Playing Australia Program by PM&C and published on their website:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Darlinghurst Theatre Company Limited</td> <td>Round 36 of PA Often I Find that I am Naked by Critical Stages and Jo&Co</td> <td>\$199,853.41 (includes GST)</td> <td>Mar 7, 2011</td> <td>Jan 21, 2012</td> <td>KINGS CROSS NSW</td> </tr> </table> <p>http://www.dpmc.gov.au/accountability/grants/view-grants.cfm?cid=1&id=8</p> <p>“Often I Find that I am Naked”, is described as: “...reflecting stories from popular culture and wedged within the romantic comedy genre of hits such as Sex and the City and Bridget Jones Diary. Speed dating, Facebook, text sex, RSVP, a private detective, STD clinics, rehab... so many tools available for the modern single woman looking to meet Mr Right! The problem is just how many Mr Wrongs make a Right?”</p> <p>http://www.criticalstages.com.au/page/often_i_find_that_i_am_naked.html</p> <p>What, if any, role did the Department PM&C have in approving this grant?</p>	Darlinghurst Theatre Company Limited	Round 36 of PA Often I Find that I am Naked by Critical Stages and Jo&Co	\$199,853.41 (includes GST)	Mar 7, 2011	Jan 21, 2012	KINGS CROSS NSW	Written		
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43	4	BUSHBY	Bellerive Oval	<p>Mr Eccles: The office for sport was asked for some advice by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on the status of the plans for the redevelopment of Bellerive Oval.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: What date were you asked for that advice?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: I would need to check on the date.</p>	RRA&T 135		
44	4	BUSHBY	Bellerive Oval – Discussions with the Prime Minister’s Office	<p>Senator BUSHBY: I am particularly interested though in whether you had between 11 January and 16 January, inclusive, discussions with the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's office regarding—</p> <p>Senator Arbib: I had no discussion with the Prime Minister about it.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Or your office? Anybody in your office?</p> <p>Senator Arbib: I will need to check.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: If you could take that on notice, it would be appreciated</p>	RRA&T 137		
45	4	BERNARDI	Grants provided to Football Federation Australia	<p>With regard to the \$16.5 million (GST inclusive) in grants provided to FFA to support football in the lead-up to the Asian Cup:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exactly how has the grant money been used by FFA? (ie, Player payments? Administrative costs? Equipment? etc) 2. What accountability processes are in place to ensure the grants are used for the purpose for which they are intended? 3. Was payment of the second grant of \$8.25 million contingent on FFA attaining particular benchmarks in relation to the first \$8.25 million grant? 4. Will FFA receive further grants of this nature in the lead-up to the Asian Cup? 5. Does the Government intend to provide similar levels of financial support for other professional sporting bodies in the lead-up to other major international tournaments, e.g., the cricket World Cup, etc? 	Written		

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46	4	BERNARDI	SCG Redevelopment Funding	<p>With regard to the announcement by the Prime Minister that the Australian Government will provide \$50 million toward the redevelopment of the SCG:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was advice requested from the Office for Sport in relation to the proposal to fund the redevelopment of the SCG? If so: 2. When was advice first sought in relation to the proposal? and; 3. What was the nature of the advice requested? and; 4. When was the advice provided? and; 5. Which Department requested the advice from the Office for Sport? 	Written		
47	a) Outcome 4 b) Aus Sports Commission	BERNARDI	Travel to London Olympics	<p>With regard to overseas travel in relation to the London Olympics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many trips to Europe have been taken by the Minister, the Minister's staff, ASC employees, and Departmental employees in the past 12 months? Please note the date and duration of each trip, the participants of each trip, and the specific purpose/s of each trip. 2. How many trips to Europe by the Minister, Minister's staff, ASC staff, and/or Departmental staff are planned in the lead-up to the Olympics in London? 3. Will the Minister for Sport be attending the Olympic Games in London? If so, how many ministerial staff, ASC staff, and/or Departmental Staff will accompany the Minister? 4. Will staff from the Minister's office or the Department be attending the Games in an official capacity separate to any involvement by the Minister? 	Written		
48	Corporate	JOYCE	Hospitality Spend FYTD	<p>What is the Department's hospitality spend for this FYTD? Please outline in detail: date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p>	Written		
49	Corporate	JOYCE	Entertainment Spend FYTD	<p>What is the Department's entertainment spend for this FYTD? Please outline in detail: date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p>	Written		

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50	Corporate	JOYCE	Consultancies FYTD	How many consultancies were undertaken 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies	Written		
51	Corporate	JOYCE	Foxtel/Austar Expenses FYTD	Does the Department subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What has been the cost this FYTD?	Written		
52	Corporate	JOYCE	Newspaper Subscriptions FYTD	Does the Department subscribe to newspapers? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What has been the cost this FYTD?	Written		
53	Corporate	JOYCE	Magazine Subscriptions FYTD	Does your Department subscribe to magazines? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What has been the cost this FYTD?	Written		
54	Corporate	JOYCE	Travel Expenses FYTD	For this FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) for departmental officers that accompanied the Minister on their travel. 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.	Written		
55	Corporate	JOYCE	Employee Travel Expenses FYTD	For this FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of the Department. 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.	Written		
56	Corporate	JOYCE	Educational Expenses FYTD	For this FYTD, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for the Department. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.	Written		

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57	Corporate	JOYCE	Vehicles owned by Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many cars are owned by the Department? Where is the car/s located? What is the car/s used for? 2. What is the cost of each car owned by the Department this FYTD? 3. How far has each car owned by the Department travelled this FYTD? 	Written		
58	Corporate	JOYCE	Taxi/Cabcharge Spend FYTD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has the Department spent on taxis and Cabcharge this FYTD? 2. Does the Department have guidelines for the use of Cabcharge? 	Written		
59	Corporate	JOYCE	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff in the Department have a corporate credit card? What is their classification? 2. How is corporate credit card use monitored? 3. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? 	Written		
60	Corporate	JOYCE	FOI Requests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many FOI requests has the Department received this FYTD? 2. How many have been granted or denied? 	Written		
61	Corporate	JOYCE	Media Monitoring FYTD – Minister’s Office	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc, provided to the Minister's office this FYTD? 2. Which agency or agencies provided these services? 	Written		
62	Corporate	JOYCE	Creation of new Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the cost of developing the new Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport? 2. Have there been any changes to staffing on the Regional Australia side of the Department? 3. If so, please outline the staffing changes as a result of the development of the new Department? 	Written		

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63	Corporate	BUSHBY	Travel undertaken by Minister Crean FYTD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the financial year to date, please detail all domestic travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by Minister Crean, by air, other than by regular commercial scheduled air services. 2. For each such incidence, please include dates, locations, details of what the travel was for and the full cost, providing separate account of charter costs (and details of the charter operator), accommodation, security, food, beverages, gifts, entertainment and all other expenses. 3. If any such incidence was subsidised in part of full by any person or entity other than the Department or any other Federal Government Department, please provide itemised details stating the name of such person or entity, what aspect of the incidence was subsidised and to what extent, noting the actual cost that was subsidised. 	Written		
64	Corporate	BERNARDI	Efficiency Dividend	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What specific savings measures have been identified in order to achieve the one-off efficiency dividend in 2012-13? 2. What is the amount of each savings measure? 	Written		
65	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Staffing FYTD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written		
66	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Staffing 2010-11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff? 2. How many non ongoing staff left in the year 2001-11? What classification were these staff? 	Written		

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67	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Staff Reductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. 2. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 	Written		
68	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Efficiency dividend	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 percent to 4 percent on the department/agency's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15? 2. What percentage of the department/agency's budget is designated to staffing? 3. What is the size of the department/agency's staffing establishment? Include figures for FTE, PT, casual, contractors, and consultants. 4. What specific strategies will the department/agency adopt to ensure continued operation within budget? 5. Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants? 	Written		
69	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Staffing – SES Numbers	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written		
70	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Staffing - Graduates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many graduates have been engaged this year? Where have they been placed in the department/agency? Were these empty positions or are they new positions? 2. List what training will be provided, the name of the provider and the cost. 	Written		

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71	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of all advertising for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? 2. For each of those years, list whether the advertising is campaign or non-campaign and details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. 3. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 4. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. 5. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 6. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake? 			

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72	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 3. What is the Department's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. 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. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 7. 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		
73	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date. 	Written		
74	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written		

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75	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 3. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 4. How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11? For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? 5. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? 6. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date? 	Written		
76	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Community Cabinets	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? 2. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? 3. How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. 4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? 	Written		

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77	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Reviews FYTD	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Reviews are being undertaken? 2. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded 3. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? 4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 5. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 6. What reviews are planned? 7. When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written		
78	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10? 2. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? 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. 3. 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. 	Written		

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79	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Media Monitoring	<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 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 3. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 4. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 	Written		
80	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Social Media	<p>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 publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.</p>	Written		

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81	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</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. 7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details. 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. 9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 	Written		
82	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Discretionary Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 2. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants? 	Written		

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83	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Commissioned Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many reports were commissioned by the government in your portfolio in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? 2. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? b. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written		
84	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Government Payments of Accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For this financial year to date, 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) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 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? b. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written		
85	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Government stationery requirements FYTD	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) this financial year to date?	Written		

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86	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Media Subscriptions	<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. b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? c. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 2. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? c. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? c. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 	Written		

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87	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Travel Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the financial year to date, 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. 2. For the financial year to date, 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. 3. For the financial year to date, 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. 4. For the financial year to date, 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. 5. Are employees taking the most direct route when travelling? If not, please explain why. 6. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the cost per employee. 7. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as their Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel. 	Written		

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88	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 	Written		
89	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Education expenses FYTD	<p>For this financial year to date, 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. Also include the reason for the study.</p>			

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90	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total spending on these services b. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d. The names of all service providers engaged 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written		

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91	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Media Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total spending on these services b. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d. The names of all service providers engaged 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written		
92	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Paid Parental Leave	<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 this financial year to date list which department/agency is 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		

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93	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For this financial year to date, how much has been 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. 2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification. 	Written		
94	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Corporate Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How cars are owned by each department and 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 this financial year to date? 5. How far did each car travel this financial year to date? 	Written		
95	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Taxi Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 2. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 	Written		
96	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Credit Cards	<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		

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97	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written		
98	Corporate & Portfolio Agencies	HUMPHRIES	Provision of Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided. 2. What equipment is provided to department/agency staff? Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why. 	Written		
99	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Australia Council – Broadband Funding	Senator BRANDIS: I hope you will, Ms Keele, but while we have you here I want you to focus on the specific question I am asking you and not engage in commentary on the question. Just provide the answer if you can and, if you cannot, tell us that you cannot. I want to know how many artists came to the Australian Council and specifically asked for funding for the use of the NBN to create art.	RRA&T 115		
100	Australia Council	MILNE	Craft Australia and Leigh Warren Dancers	Senator MILNE: Could you, on notice, please, provide a copy of the first notice letter of review to Craft Australia, because I still think it comes well within the 12-month provision. So I wanted to ask: is defunding successful organisations without proper notice Australia Council accepted modus operandi, given that for Craft Australia it was less than 12 months, and given that exactly the same thing happened to Leigh Warren and Dancers at the end of last year?	RRA&T 118		
101	Australia Council	MILNE	Craft Australia and Development Strategy	Senator MILNE: Can you take on notice whether they have been proactively invited to participate in the development of the strategy?	RRA&T 119		

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102	Australia Council	MILNE	Craft Australia – Chinese Delegation Visit	<p>Senator MILNE: Thank you. I understand there is a major visit by a delegation from China next month to discuss craft. What national body will the delegation coordinate with in the absence of Craft Australia—or is Craft Australia being expected to coordinate with the delegation at the same time as it is being wound up?</p> <p>Ms Keele: I am sorry; I have no idea about the answer to that question. I will have to take it on notice and ask.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Please take that on notice. In relation to that, if it is Craft Australia that is being expected to host the Chinese delegation, are they being provided with extra resources separate from the wind-up et cetera in order to manage the visit?</p>	RRA&T 119		
103	Australia Council	MILNE	Leigh Warren Dancers – Contractual Obligations	<p>Senator MILNE: You told me that Leigh Warren and Dancers had been on notice for a few years. What I would like to know is whether they have been given assistance to meet their contractual obligations this year, because it is the same thing: even though they had been under review, the actual notice of their not being funded was very swift. They had contractual obligations.</p>	RRA&T 119		
104	Australia Council	MILNE	Defunded Organisations	<p>Ms Keele: We have ongoing reviews of categories. There are always some that are defunded and some that are funded, so I would have to get you an exact list of who has been funded or defunded. But it is an ongoing and necessary process because we have to make sure that we retain the artistic vibrancy of these organisations, not just, 'This is yours; you can have it for the rest of your life.' It is an active and very challenging process that we stay abreast of. I am happy to get you a list of the ins and outs of the last 12 months if you like.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: At least the last two years if you could do it, thank you.</p>	RRA&T 119		

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105	Australia Council	HUMPHRIES	Peer Register – Recipients of Grants	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Would it be fair to say that most of the chosen peers are themselves or have themselves in the past been the recipients of grants from the Australia Council.</p> <p>Ms Keele: I am afraid I could not answer that off hand. If you want me to do an analysis, I can take a look at that.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Yes, please. In the last financial year, 2010-11, what proportion of the people who were chosen to be peers, doing the job of peers, had themselves been recipients of grants?</p>	RRA&T 121		
106	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Defunding of organisations	<p>On Tuesday 14 February 2012, in response to a question from Senator Milne concerning organisations the Australia Council had reduced funding to, Ms Kathy Keele told the Committee:</p> <p><i>There are always some that are defunded and some that are funded, so I would have to get you an exact list of who has been funded or defunded.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide, for each of the following financial years, a list of organisations/recipients to which the Australia Council has reduced, removed, or terminated funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2008-09 ○ 2009-10 ○ 2010-11 ○ 2011-12 	Written		
107	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Review of the Australia Council	<p>On Tuesday February 14, 2012, in response to a question from Senator Milne relating to the review of the Australia Council, Ms Kathy Keele told the Committee:</p> <p><i>...we did not request that it be a secret, non-transparent process...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the Australia Council invited to provide a written submission to the review? • Has the Australia Council provided a written submission to the review? • If so, please provide a copy of that submission. 	Written		

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108	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Register of Peers – Background Checks	In relation to the Australia Council's Register of Peers, what referee, background, or criminal history checks are conducted on applicants before they are admitted to the Register of Peers?	Written		
109	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Register of Peers – Dismissals	<p>On Tuesday February 14, 2012, Ms Kathy Keele, in relation to the Register of Peers told the Committee :</p> <p><i>We do not take people off that unless we know something bad.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the process the Australia Council follows to remove members from the Register of Peers? • How many, and for what reason have members been removed from the Register of Peers in circumstances Ms Keele was referring to in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 2008-09 – 2009-10 – 2010-11 – 2011-12 	Written		
110	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Register of Peers – Current numbers	Provide current number of members on the Register of Peers.	Written		
111	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Current Register of Peers – Grant Recipients	How many current members of the Register of Peers have been, or are, recipients of grants from the Australia Council?	Written		

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112	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Register of Peers – By Location	<p>How many members of the Register of Peers are from, based in, or list their address as being in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sydney • Melbourne • Adelaide • Brisbane • Perth • Canberra • Tasmania • Northern Territory • Regional Queensland • Regional Victoria • Regional South Australia • Regional New South Wales • Regional Western Australia 	Written		
113	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Board Membership – By Location	<p>How many members of boards of the Australia Council are from, are based in, or list their address as being in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sydney • Melbourne • Adelaide • Brisbane • Perth • Canberra • Tasmania • Northern Territory • Regional Queensland • Regional Victoria • Regional South Australia • Regional New South Wales • Regional Western Australia 	Written		

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114	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Complaints about the Australia Council	<p>On Tuesday February 14 2012, Ms Kathy Keele told the Committee, in relation to complaints the Australia Council receives:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>...people do complain to council and we hear them out...</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>... We get plenty of people who come in and are not happy...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What information does the Australia Council collect about complaints it receives? • How many complaints did the Australia Council receive in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 2008-09 – 2009-10 – 2010-11 – 2011-12 	Written		
115	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Australia Council funding and programs	<p>What funding programs does the Australia Council provide with the specific aim of showcasing, promoting, or supporting artists to develop works that celebrate or commemorate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia Day • Anzac Day 	Written		
116	Australia Council	BRANDIS	The Australia Council and promoting the NBN – Daily Telegraph	<p>On 1 February 2012, the Daily Telegraph ran a newspaper article with the headline:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The art of propaganda: \$100,000 grants offered to promote National Broadband Network</i></p> <p>On the same day the Herald Sun ran a newspaper article with the headline:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Artists paid up to \$100,000 to promote the NBN.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When did the Australia Council become aware of these newspaper articles? • Does the Australia Council accept that these newspaper headlines are accurate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If not, did the Australia Council contact either newspaper seeking a correction? – If not, did the Australia Council do anything else to correct any inaccuracies? 	Written		

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117	Australia Council	BRANDIS	The Australia Council and promoting the NBN – Herald Sun	On 1 February 2012, Mr Andrew Bolt from the Herald Sun wrote on his website, concerning the Australia Council’s promotion of the NBN: <i>That the Australia Council doesn’t die of shame at being party to such Soviet-style propagandising, the very antithesis of the arts.</i> • How does the Australia Council respond to such criticism?	Written		
118	Australia Council	BRANDIS	The Australia Council and promoting the NBN - Twitter	On Thursday 2 February 2012, the Australia Council tweeted that of the Broadband Arts Initiative that there has been: <i>...confusion about it in the media.</i> Does the Australia Council accept responsibility for this “confusion” by describing the intent of its Broadband Arts Initiative as: <i>...to enrich our future with the NBN.</i> And: <i>... to showcase the cultural potential of the NBN.</i>	Written		
119	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Broadband Arts Initiative – source of funding	The Australia Council’s media statement of 16 December 2011 stated there was be an “initial” funding pool of \$300,000 for the Broadband Arts Initiative. • Does the Australia Council have plans to expand this funding pool? • From where did the Australia Council draw this \$300,000 funding pool? • Prior to the announcement of the Broadband Arts Initiative, where was this \$300,000 in funding allocated?	Written		
120	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Broadband Arts Initiative Decision	On what date did the Australia Council decide that it would commit funds to the Broadband Arts Initiative?	Written		
121	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Broadband Arts Initiative –NBN Co Consultation	What consultations have there been between the Australia Council and NBN Co concerning the Broadband Arts Initiative, and on what date did consultations first commence?	Written		
122	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Broadband Arts Initiative –NBN rollout	On what date did the Australia Council seek information from NBN Co concerning dates and locations of where the NBN would be rolled out?	Written		

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123	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Broadband Arts Initiative – Funding Guidelines	Has the Australia Council developed its funding guidelines and eligibility criteria for the Broadband Arts Initiative to coincide or take into account the dates and locations where the NBN will be rolled out?	Written		
124	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Broadband Arts Initiative – consultation with DBCDE	What consultations have there been between the Australia Council and the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, concerning the development of a Broadband Arts Initiative? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On what date did this consultation first occur? 	Written		
125	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Broadband Arts Initiative – Government Advertising	Has the Australia Council sought legal advice, or advice from the Department of Finance and Deregulation or advice from the Australian Electoral Commission, concerning the Broadband Arts Initiative and requirements concerning government advertising?	Written		
126	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Pay Television Subscriptions	In response to a previous question on notice, the Australia Council advised it has not paid for any pay television subscriptions since 2007. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the Australia Council have any televisions connected to a pay-television service in any of their premises? If so, who pays for or donated these services? 	Written		
127	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Register of Peers – Specific Members	Are Mr Angus James or Ms Gabrielle Trainor members of the Australia Council's Register of Peers?	Written		
128	Screen Australia	MILNE	Tax Offsets - Screen Australia	Senator MILNE: Given that, we did not hear very much detail from the government. Has there been any consultation with Screen Australia in relation to the tax offset for either increasing it to 40 per cent for film location or the games? Has there been discussion with you on that particular matter to get more detail?	RRA&T 130		

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129	Australian Sports Commission	BERNARDI	Active After School Communities Program	<p>With regard to the Active After School Communities program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many permanent staff (either full-time or permanent part-time) have been engaged in relation to the AASC program in each of the past four financial years, and in the financial year to date? 2. What has been the turnover of permanent AASC staff in each of the past four financial years, and in the financial year to date? 3. In the past twelve months, how many AASC-related positions have been advertised and not filled? 4. Has any AASC program been cancelled, downsized, or postponed due to difficulties sourcing appropriately qualified staff? If so, which programs? 5. Are any full-time positions in relation to the AASC program yet to be filled, as at 22 February 2012? 	Written		
130	Australian Sports Commission	BERNARDI	Efficiency Dividend	What measures have been taken by the ASC to achieve the 1.5% efficiency dividend?	Written		
131	* Non- portfolio question	MACDONALD	Special Tax Zones	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I would like to hear from you in person, but we have very limited time. Thank you, Mr Dickson, for that. I just want to go through a couple of other things. As a regional department, are you able to get for me the tax statistics in relation to the zone tax? For example, I would like to know how many people are in the special zone A and zone B, that is, how many access it and what the cost to the revenue is. You would normally tell me to go to Treasury and ask the question, but because this is very much a regional program and very much a northern program I am wondering whether you might have access to those figures.</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: We do not have automatic access to those figures. We would have to take that on notice and refer them to the Australian Taxation Office.</p>	RRA&T 95		