

## Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

### Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates 2012-2013, Tuesday 12 February 2013

### Infrastructure and Transport 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	CORP 01	MACDONALD	Regional Australia	<p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Mr Mrdak, you are the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, involving the regional affairs element of the portfolio as well. Is it easy to work out what section of your department's expenditure and activities relates to regional Australia as opposed to the other various elements of an important portfolio that you have to administer?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I can certainly take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 11 12/02/13		
2	CORP 02	NASH	Departmental staff	1. In relation to the expected reduction of 30 FTE by 30 June 2013, please provide further information on the divisions/agencies the decrease in staff is expected from. Please provide the number of staff from each division/agency if known or estimated.	Written		
3	CORP 03	NASH	Departmental staff	1. Please provide updated figures of the current number of staff per agency/division within the Department.	Written		
4	CORP 04	NASH	Departmental staff	1. Please provide updated figures on the current number of staff per state/territory within the Department.	Written		
5	CORP 05	NASH	Mort Street building	1. (a) Please advise who has subleased the empty space in the Department's Mort Street building. (b) What is the cost of this sublease?	Written		

6	CORP 06	HEFFERNAN	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (a) How many ongoing departmental/agency staff were recruited this financial year to date? (b) What classification are these staff?</li> <li>2. (a) How many departmental/agency non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? (b) What classification are these staff?</li> <li>3. This financial year to date, how many departmental/agency employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</li> </ol>	Written		
7	CORP 07	HEFFERNAN	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (a) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? (b) What classification were these staff?</li> <li>2. (a) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency this financial year to date? (b) What classification were these staff?</li> <li>3. (a) How many contract staff left department/agency in the year this financial year to date? (b) What classification were these staff?</li> </ol>	Written		
8	CORP 08	HEFFERNAN	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (a) Are there any plans for departmental/agency staff reduction? (b) If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</li> <li>2. If there are plans for departmental/agency staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</li> </ol>	Written		
9	CORP 09	HEFFERNAN	Making the Public Service more efficient	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide an update of the savings achieved within the department and agencies through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September</li> </ol>	Written		

				<p>2012. <a href="http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html">http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html</a>).</p> <p>2. In addition, please provide the following detail for the department and agencies:</p> <p>(a) Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel?</p> <p>3. (a) Has there been a reduction in business flights? (b) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>4. (a) Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? (b) Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? (c) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>5. (a) Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. (b) Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? (c) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>6. (a) Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? (b) Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? (c) Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? (d) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>			
10	CORP 10	HEFFERNAN	Printing costs	<p>1. How many departmental/agency documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p>	Written		

11	CORP 11	HEFFERNAN	Graduate Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent on 2014 departmental/agency Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs.</li> <li>2. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.</li> </ol>	Written		
12	CORP 12	HEFFERNAN	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much was spent on 2013 departmental/agency Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.</li> </ol>	Written		
13	CORP 13	HEFFERNAN	Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the total cost of all departmental/agency advertising for the financial year to date?</li> <li>2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</li> <li>3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</li> <li>4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</li> <li>5. 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.</li> <li>6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</li> <li>7. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</li> </ol>	Written		

14	CORP 14	HEFFERNAN	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</li> </ol>	Written		
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15	CORP 15	HEFFERNAN	Meeting Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> </ol>	Written		
16	CORP 16	HEFFERNAN	Program Launch Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>3. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>5. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> </ol>	Written		

				6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.			
17	CORP 17	HEFFERNAN	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</li> <li>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</li> <li>3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</li> </ol>	Written		
18	CORP 18	HEFFERNAN	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</li> <li>2. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</li> <li>3. (a) How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? (b) How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? (c) Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? (d) Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</li> </ol>	Written		
19	CORP 19	HEFFERNAN	Community Cabinet Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.</li> <li>2. (a) How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? (b) What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. (c) Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. (d) What was the total cost to the Department and the</li> </ol>	Written		

				Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?			
20	CORP 20	HEFFERNAN	Reviews	<p>1. For this financial year to date (departmental and agencies):</p> <p>(a) How many Reviews are being undertaken?</p> <p>(b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</p> <p>(c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>(d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>(e) Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</p> <p>(f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</p> <p>(g) What reviews are planned?</p> <p>(h) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p>	Written		
21	CORP 21	HEFFERNAN	Consultancies	<p>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date (departmental and agencies)? 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.</p> <p>2. (a) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year (departmental and agencies)?</p> <p>(b) 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.</p>	Written		



22	CORP 22	HEFFERNAN	Media Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (a) What is the total cost of media monitoring services (departmental and agencies), including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?  (b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?  (c) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?  (d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> <li>2. (a) 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?  (b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?  (c) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?  (d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ol>	Written		
23	CORP 23	HEFFERNAN	Social Media	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</li> <li>2. (a) Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?  (b) If yes, provide details of the useage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when useage peaks).  (c) Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff useage?  (d) If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</li> <li>3. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard</li> </ol>	Written		

				business hours).			
24	CORP 24	HEFFERNAN	Internet	1. Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written		
25	CORP 25	HEFFERNAN	Staff Amenities	1. What amenities are provided to staff (departmental and agencies)? Provide a list.	Written		
26	CORP 26	HEFFERNAN	Coffee Machines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</li> <li>2. Why were coffee machines purchased?</li> <li>3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</li> <li>4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</li> <li>5. Who has access?</li> <li>6. (a) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? (b) How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. (c)Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</li> <li>7. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</li> <li>8. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</li> <li>9. Why are coffee machines rented?</li> </ol>	Written		

				<p>10. (a) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?  (b) Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>11. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>12. Who has access?</p> <p>13. (a) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?  (b) How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.  (c) Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>14. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
27	CORP 27	HEFFERNAN	Contractors	<p>1. For this financial year to date:</p> <p>(a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(b) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(c) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing</p>	Written		

				<p>Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(h) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey &amp; Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey &amp; Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>(j) What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
28	CORP 28	HEFFERNAN	Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</li> <li>2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</li> <li>3. (a) Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see <a href="http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr">http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr</a></li> </ol>	Written		

				<a href="#">2102012.html</a> . (b) How much was funding reduced for grant?			
29	CORP 29	HEFFERNAN	Commissioned Reports	1. (a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? (b) Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. (c) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? (d) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? (e) What is the current status of each report? (f) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written		
30	CORP 30	HEFFERNAN	Government Payments of Accounts	1. (a) 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)? (b) If not, why not? Provide details, including 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). (c) 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? (d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written		
31	CORP 31	HEFFERNAN	Stationery requirements	1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio	Written		

				<p>(i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>			
32	CORP 32	HEFFERNAN	Media Subscriptions	<p>1. (a) What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?  (b) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.  (c) What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. (a) What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?  (b) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.  (c) What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>3. (a) What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?  (b) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.  (c) What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p>	Written		
33	CORP 33	HEFFERNAN	Travel Costs	<p>1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>3. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>4. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the</p>	Written		

				<p>travel.</p> <p>5. (a) Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed?</p> <p>(b) How is the department/agency following the advice?</p> <p>(c) How is this monitored?</p> <p>(d) If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>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 total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>7. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an 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.</p> <p>8. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
34	CORP 34	HEFFERNAN	Legal costs	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from</p>	Written		

				other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			
35	CORP 35	HEFFERNAN	Education expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the department/agency's guidelines on study?</li> <li>2. 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, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</li> </ol>	Written		
36	CORP 36	HEFFERNAN	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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"> <li>(a) Total spending on these services;</li> <li>(b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification;</li> <li>(c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>(d) The names of all service providers engaged.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</li> <li>(b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</li> <li>(c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification;</li> <li>(d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>(e) The total amount spent on the service;</li> <li>(f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour,</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		



				<p>complete package).</p> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>(a) The location used;</p> <p>(b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>(c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>(d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.</p>			
37	CORP 37	HEFFERNAN	Media Training	<p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>(a) Total spending on these services;</p> <p>(b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification;</p> <p>(c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>(d) The names of all service providers engaged.</p> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide:</p> <p>(a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</p> <p>(b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</p> <p>(c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>(d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>(e) The total amount spent on the service;</p> <p>(f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour,</p>	Written		

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38	CORP 38	HEFFERNAN	Paid Parental Leave	<p>1. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>2. (a) For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>(b) Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>3. (a) What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency?</p> <p>(b) How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written		
39	CORP 39	HEFFERNAN	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent</p>	Written		

				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.			
40	CORP 40	HEFFERNAN	Corporate Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</li> <li>(b) Where is the car/s located?</li> <li>(c) What is the car/s used for?</li> <li>(d) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</li> <li>(e) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</li> </ol>	Written		
41	CORP 41	HEFFERNAN	Taxi Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</li> <li>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</li> </ol>	Written		
42	CORP 42	HEFFERNAN	Hire Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</li> <li>2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</li> </ol>	Written		
43	CORP 43	HEFFERNAN	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification (departmental and agencies) that has a corporate credit card.</li> <li>2. Please update details of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>(b) How is corporate credit card use monitored?</li> <li>(c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</li> <li>(d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		

				(e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			
44	CORP 44	HEFFERNAN	Provision of Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</li> <li>2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</li> <li>3. (a) Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? (b) If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</li> <li>4. (a) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? (b) If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.</li> </ol>	Written		
45	CORP 45	HEFFERNAN	Electricity Purchasing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</li> <li>2. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</li> </ol>	Written		
46	CORP 46	HEFFERNAN	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (a) Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to the Australian Greens(departmental and agencies)? If yes, please include: (b) How are briefings requests commissioned? (c) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. (d) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. (e) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed?</li> </ol>	Written		

				<p>If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>(f) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens?</p> <p>(g) How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>2. (a) Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents (departmental and agencies)? If yes, please include:</p> <p>(b) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>(c) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>(d) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>3. (a) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>(b) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents?</p> <p>(c) How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>(d) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</p>			
47	CORP 47	HEFFERNAN	Shredders	<p>1. (a) Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year?</p> <p>(b) If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.</p>	Written		
48	CORP 48	HEFFERNAN	Protective security policy framework	<p>1. (a) Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level;</p> <p>(b) What are you doing to manage risk;</p> <p>(c) What is being done to comply with the mandatory</p>	Written		

				requirements; and (d) Details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.			
49	CORP 49	HEFFERNAN	Office Locations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Department/Agency;</li> <li>(b) Location;</li> <li>(c) Leased or Owned;</li> <li>(d) Size;</li> <li>(e) Number of Staff at each location and classification;</li> <li>(f) If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre;</li> <li>(g) If owned, the value of the building;</li> <li>(h) Depreciation of buildings that are owned;</li> <li>(i) Type of functions and work undertaken.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		
50	CORP 50	HEFFERNAN	Communications Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: By Department or agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location;</li> <li>(b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location;</li> <li>(c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location;</li> <li>(d) How many are graphic designers?</li> <li>(e) How many are media managers?</li> <li>(f) How many organise events?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. (a) Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? (b) If yes, why? (c) When was it established? (d) What is the set up cost? (e) What is the ongoing cost? (d) How many staff work there and what are their</li> </ol>	Written		

				classifications?			
51	CORP 51	NASH	Staff	1. Please provide updated figures on the number of staff employed by the Major Cities Unit and the number of staff located in Sydney and in Canberra.	Written		
52	IA 01	BACK	Projects – deliverability issues	<p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Mr Deegan, you will recall—we have had the discussion before—an inquiry conducted by the Senate committee last year into engineering skills shortages in Australia. Evidence was presented by Engineers Australia that we are losing about \$6 billion a year through tendering processes and their sequels not being undertaken correctly. Industry advised me subsequently that they believe the cost of litigation between the parties is also around about \$6 billion a year. You and I have had some discussions about how that could be improved. Are you able to advise the committee of any progress you may have made in terms of models that would reduce or eliminate those losses?</p> <p><b>Mr Deegan:</b> Certainly as part of our assessments of projects that are put before Infrastructure Australia we spent considerable time on the deliverability issues to try and pick up those important issues that you have raised. We have a small team working on this and I hope to get an update this Friday, so I do not have it today but it is close at hand.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 25, 12/02/13		
53	IA 02	NASH	Updated business case	<p>1. (a) Is the updated business case provided by the Queensland Government to Infrastructure Australia a public document?  (b) If not, why not?  (c) Is it possible to provide a copy of the updated business case in relation to the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing?</p> <p>2. I understand that Infrastructure Australia is now working on the detail of the costings in the business case.  (a) What does this involve?  (b) Will this require a determination of possible private</p>	Written		

				sector tolling of the crossing? (c) Will this recommend a toll cost for heavy vehicles and private cars?			
54	IA 03	NASH	Hume Highway pricing trial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to the work that Infrastructure Australia is undertaking on the Hume Highway pricing trial, can you please provide further information on what this involves?</li> <li>2. What consultation will be involved?</li> <li>3. When will this work be concluded and recommendations to the Department made?</li> </ol>	Written		
55	IA 04	RHIANNON	NSW transport infrastructure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At the October Estimates it was stated the proposal from Infrastructure NSW to invest in more bus services was being considered. Please outline what Infrastructure Australia has done re buses in NSW?</li> <li>2. Has the NSW coalition government's Long term Transport Master Plan been considered, and if so what is the agency's response?</li> </ol>	Written		
56	NB-II 01	JOYCE	Nation Building 2	<p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> I will just quickly go to Nation Building. I refer to question on notice 93 from the last Senate estimates hearing, which was a detailed question on the Nation Building 2 program and projects from Nation Building 2 which are presently in the contingency reserve fund, and other matters. I received a three-sentence answer which did not address the specific details in the question. Again I refer to the Nation Building 2 program due to commence from 1 July 2014. Can you please provide a list of those projects committed to by the government under the Nation Building 2 program. You might want to take that on notice—or do you have them there?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We are happy to give you that now, Senator, if you like. There is a range of projects which the government has committed to for Nation Building 2. I can just—</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> I need the funding profile where applicable too, please.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> The funding profile is being settled for many of these projects. Nation Building 2 is currently being considered</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 18 12/02/13		



				<p>in the current budget, so the funding profiles—hence the reference to the contingency reserve, because while there are notional amounts in the forward estimates the settling of the program is yet to take place and will take place in this budget process. We can certainly provide you on notice a list of the commitments that have been made to this point. Details of the program, as I say, are now under budget consideration.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> If we provide them on notice, if they are at your disposal and at your fingertips how soon on notice can we get them rather than you dictating them all?</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> All of the projects where the government has made commitments in the Nation Building 2 period are detailed on the website.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> So if I went through these and asked for a year by year funding profile, would that be available on the website? I will tell you the projects and you can tell me whether I can get a financial year by year funding profile for these. Inland rail pre-construction?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I can give you that now if you like. The inland rail project is currently \$30 million for 2014-15—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Is that phased?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Currently phased, sorry. The \$300 million at this stage for inland rail is \$30 million in 2014-15, 30 million in 2015-16 and then \$120 million—</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> That is the forward estimates.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> That is the forward estimates.</p>			
57	NB-II 02	NASH	Nation Building 2 - Inland Rail	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Can you just take on notice for us exactly what those funding amounts are for in those forward estimates—those figures of \$30 million?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We can certainly do that for some of them. Some of them have yet to be finalised but we certainly will provide—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Where it is not finalised, can you indicate that?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Some of those will be finalised in this year's budget process.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 18-19 12/02/13		

58	NB-II 03	JOYCE	Nation Building 2	<p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> 'The government has not has not finalised detailed funding for the Nation Building 2 program' is one of the quotes from the minister. The following nine projects—I just want to clarify if these are in the contingency reserve or if they are not. Inland rail pre-construction?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I believe that is already profiled in the forward estimates.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Parramatta–Yeppen rail link?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I think that remains in contingency.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> I think we will have to take on notice the separation between those that are in contingency and those that are not.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> I need to know whether these programs are in the contingency reserve or not.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> Okay, and we will come back.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Inland rail, Parramatta to Yeppen rail link, Moreton Bay rail link, Richmond Bridge, Princes Highway West, Great Eastern Highway, Tasman Highway, Legacy Way Northern Tunnel link and F3 Sydney orbital.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> We will come back to you on that.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> I also need to know the current status of negotiations with state and territory governments in relation to these programs. You might be able to tell me that now.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly, Senator. The states and territories have provided submissions to Infrastructure Australia and to the government in relation to these projects. We are in the process of discussions at this stage. As I said, a number of these decisions will be in this year's budget process.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> How much in the contingency reserve fund is earmarked for Nation Building 2?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> At this stage Budget Paper No. 2 does contain some estimates of forward funding for Nation Building. I would be happy to provide that to you on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> So if we are uncertain of the size of the program—there have been discussions about cuts in that program. How are we going to cut money from a program we do not actually know the size of?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> As I say, there are budget decisions yet to be taken</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 19-20 12/02/13		
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				<p>in relation to the overall size of the Nation Building 2 program. At the moment as set out in the budget papers there are forward estimates in relation to commitments to date, and we can certainly provide those. But obviously the government is yet to take critical decisions around the overall shape and size of the program.</p>			
59	NB-II 04	HEFFERNAN	Nation Building 2	<p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> The Yeppen Floodplain—there was \$5 million provided for a study looking at future options to cross the Yeppen Floodplain and to potentially bypass Rockhampton. The minister released that study— I think it was on 8 January, so last month. As part of that announcement he also announced a contribution of \$5 million toward further more detailed design.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Was that redirected funding from somewhere else?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> The \$5 million for the original study was part of Nation Building 1. The additional \$5 million was as a result of savings elsewhere in the program in Queensland.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Whereabouts?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> We have a number of projects that were coming in under budget and were used for that particular project. We are also looking at potential other projects where there may be a—</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> I understand what that answer means. Where do the savings come from? Just a whole range of other projects?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> A range of other projects in Queensland.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> When will that funding be available?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> The funding is available from this financial year.</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> You cannot recall the projects?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> Not off the top of my head, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> That is what Eddie Obeid keeps saying. Will you take it on notice and provide the detail?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> Yes, we can do that.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 20-21 12/02/13		
60	NB-II 05	JOYCE	Mackay Ring Road Study	<p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Mackay ring road?</p> <p><b>Mr Jagers:</b> Again I understand the study is ongoing.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> The study is ongoing. It was a \$10 million</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 21		

				<p>study. How much of that study have we completed.  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We can get you that information, Senator.</p>	12/02/13		
61	NB-II 06	JOYCE	Bruce Highway	<p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> What about the Bruce Highway? In question 92 from the last Senate estimates hearing we asked for a list of projects on the Bruce Highway and where the construction from the federal government was greater than 50 per cent. I note the department's answer that information detailing funding levels for Nation Building is available on the website. The department has previously provided a project by project list for the Pacific Highway. Can you provide a similar list for the Bruce Highway?  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We will take that on notice and provide that.  <b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Take it on notice that you can provide a list or take it on notice and provide a list?  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Take it on notice and provide a list. I do not think we have the full list with us today but we can provide that for you.  <b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Can you provide a list of projects since 2004 when Auslink was introduced, not just from the Nation Building program? So when you provide that on notice can we go from 2004?  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly. So all Commonwealth funded works on the Bruce since that time?</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 22 12/02/13		
62	NB-II 07	JOYCE	Auslink projects since 2004	<p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Can you provide a list of projects since 2004 when Auslink was introduced, not just from the Nation Building program? So when you provide that on notice can we go from 2004?  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly. So all Commonwealth funded works on the Bruce since that time?</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 22 12/02/13		
63	NB-II 08	RHIANNON	Liveable Cities Program	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Liveable Cities Program—is that you?  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> No, that is with us.  <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I found the information on your website, which is very useful but, while each project detail is there, to get a sense of the proportion of funding is very difficult. So what proportion of overall funding is the \$6</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 23-24 12/02/13		

				<p>million awarded to the three projects in New South Wales? And do you have an overall spreadsheet where people who visit this site are able to get an assessment of the proportionality that you apply in dividing up this funding?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Generally the project funding is matched by state and local government. Mr Pittar may be able to give you a better indication of individual projects in New South Wales.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I was just after that proportion. What is the \$6 million a proportion off?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> The total program as funded by the Australian government was a \$20 million program. As Mr Mrdak said, the criteria around that program sought to and did achieve matching funding from the particular proponents.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Would it be possible to put the spreadsheet up so that as well as getting each individual project, which is the way it is at the moment, present that data so you just have them all there in a spreadsheet and people can work it out?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We can take that on notice.</p>			
64	NB-II 09	RHIANNON	Liveable Cities Program	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you. Do you know how the half million dollars to the Maitland city council aims to make their area more liveable, particularly in terms of the health impacts of coal dust from the coal trains that is being taken up by the community so strongly?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> The half a million—</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> \$500,000.</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> The \$500,000 to the Hunter area—that work is currently ongoing. I cannot comment on the specifics.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you take on notice what they present that shows that it is liveable and whether there is any component around the health impacts of the coal industry.</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> Yes.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 24 12/02/13		
65	NB-II 10	NASH	Bruce Highway	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I am terribly sorry—I must have overlooked that one. We did touch on the Bruce Highway before, Mr Mrdak, but I specifically wanted to ask about the Bruce Highway safety package. Can you just briefly outline for me</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 27 12/02/13		

				<p>how the projects are selected. Is there an application process? I will put more of these on notice as well.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will ask Mr Pittar to give you an overview of the safety program, which is well advanced.</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> The Queensland government is responsible for identifying priorities for expenditure on the Bruce Highway safety package of works. We are reliant on their processes. They obviously consult as part of that exercise in order to put to us the priorities based on the consultation they undertake.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> What is the total funding under the package?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> The total funding under the Bruce Highway black spots program during the current Nation Building program is \$250 million.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> How much of that has been expended?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> I can come back to you on that.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Perhaps someone can have a look. All the projects under the package—are they solely federally funded?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> how much of the package's funding is yet to be committed?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> I will come back to you on that. I will take it on notice if I can.</p>			
66	NB-II 11	MACDONALD	Bruce Highway	<p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> I will write to you about that. Similarly, I will put on notice if someone can give me an update on Blakey's Crossing at Townsville, the Yeppen roundabout and floodplain at Rockhampton and also the Burdekin bypass. The Mayor of the Burdekin Shire has written to the minister some time ago raising some issues. So far I understand he has not had a reply. Perhaps on notice you can tell me what is happening with that.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly, we will give you advice in relation to all three of those.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 30 12/02/13		
67	NB-II 12	WILLIAMS	Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program	<p><b>Senator WILLIAMS:</b> Just out of curiosity, were there any from the New England area of New South Wales, do you know?</p> <p><b>Mr Jagers:</b> We have not announced the details of the</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 34 12/02/13		

			(HVSPP)	<p>applications that have been received and the decisions have not been announced either.</p> <p><b>Mr Jagers:</b> We are happy to take that on notice and come back to you after the announcement.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will see if we have the details of the applicants here. If we do not, we can provide that to you.</p> <p><b>Mr Foulds:</b> I will have to provide it to you later, Senator.</p>			
68	NB-II 13	RHIANNON	West Connect Steering Committee	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Since the steering committee was set up, you or one of your representatives has been to all of those meetings?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Who have you been briefed by? You can take that on notice if it is lengthy.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> We can take it on notice and provide you with the members of the steering committee if that is useful to you.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Yes, if you could take that on notice, please.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 38 12/02/13		
69	NB-II 14	NASH	Project Prioritisation	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Can I ask you to take notice for me then, and it may well be somewhere on the website, which I am happy for you to direct me to if that assists, the list of priority rounds 1, 2 and 3 and the projects that fit in those priority rounds 1, 2 and 3 and, insofar as you can, provide the information of that type of matrix that you have used for each of those projects to fit into those separate priority rounds?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 42 12/02/13		
70	NB-II 15	MACDONALD	Hahn Highway	<p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Mr Mrdak, there were some announcements made about roads in the north of Queensland. What is the current status with any suggestion of funding for the Hahn Highway, which is out the back of Townsville between Cairns and Hughenden?</p> <p><b>Mr Jagers:</b> There is no current commitment.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> There have been quite a number of approaches made to support work on that highway in particular. Is the department aware of any approaches? Perhaps that might be better to be taken on notice.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 42 12/02/13		

				<p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Can I take that offline and come back to you? There have certainly been approaches in relation to the Kennedy Highway and the Hahn I think. There have certainly been lots of approaches in relation to it. We have been having a look at those issues. I will just take on notice if I may just where that is at.</p>			
71	NB-II 16	RHIANNON	Investment in Road and Rail Projects	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I am interested in how you advise the department about investing in public transport considering that investment favours road projects over rail.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I think that is one for myself in Nation Building rather than the Surface Transport area of the department. In essence I think as you commented earlier we have seen a significant lift in investment in public transport by the federal government over the last few years. We do that principally through looking at benefit cost analysis in terms of projects. I would not necessarily say that favours road over rail.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> But wouldn't you agree that your figures show that, when you actually add them up, there is still an imbalance? I think it is running at about four to one.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> There has certainly been a significant lift in public sector expenditure on urban passenger transport and particularly rail. When the government announced Nation Building 2 last year in the budget you would have seen the category that has been created for funding around movement of passengers. There is a much stronger focus in that area and I would suggest that as the government develops its Nation Building 2 program you will see even further investments in heavy and light rail.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you take it on notice whether that figure is correct between road and rail projects? Maybe take this on notice too because the chair wants to move us on: which divisions of the department look after developing public transport and sustainable transport work and how many staff work on this task? Can you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> It covers a range of divisions—our major cities unit, our Nation Building unit and aspects particularly of our policy and research area. It works across our divisions. I will</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 47 12/02/13		



				take that on notice. <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I am after that comparison between public transport and roads.			
72	NB-II 17	NASH	Nation Building 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide an updated list of all of the projects intended to be funded from Nation Building 2 whose funding is currently contained in the contingency reserve fund.</li> <li>2. For each of those projects, please detail the financial year by financial year expenditure from the Federal Government (if known).</li> <li>3. Please advise if each of the following 9 projects are still in the contingency reserve fund: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Inland rail preconstruction;</li> <li>(b) Parramatta to Epping Rail Link;</li> <li>(c) Moreton Bay Rail Link;</li> <li>(d) Richmond Bridge;</li> <li>(e) Princes Highway West;</li> <li>(f) Tasman Highway;</li> <li>(g) Great Eastern Highway;</li> <li>(h) Legacy Way – Northern Tunnel Link;</li> <li>(i) F3 to Sydney Orbital.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. If any are no longer in the contingency reserve fund, can you please confirm whether or not they are funded in the Department's forward estimates?</li> <li>5. Have any of these projects been deferred or delayed?</li> </ol>	Written		
73	NB-II 18	NASH	Financial year expenditure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the following projects, can you please confirm the financial year by financial year expenditure from the Federal Government (if known): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Parramatta to Epping Rail Link;</li> <li>(b) Moreton Bay Rail Link (please provide information for Nation Building 1 and Nation Building 2);</li> <li>(c) Bruce Highway Cooroy to Curra (Section A) (please provide information for Nation Building 1 and Nation Building 2).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		

74	NB-II 19	NASH	Maranoa Bridge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to the additional \$4 million in funding announced in January 2013 for the Maranoa Bridge, from which projects were savings found to fund the Maranoa Bridge?</li> </ol>	Written		
75	NB-II 20	NASH	Nation Building 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I understand savings have been made on the Bruce Highway Cooroy to Curra (Section B) project, what is the total amount of savings that were found from this project?</li> <li>2. I understand savings have been made on the Ipswich Motorway project, what is the total amount of savings that were found from this project?</li> <li>3. On which projects in Nation Building 1 has the Government obtained savings which have been used to fund alternative projects?</li> <li>4. What is the total amount in savings that have been identified?</li> <li>5. What is the amount of savings that have been found for each project?</li> <li>6. Please provide a list of the projects that have been funded or part funded by these savings.</li> </ol>	Written		
76	NB-II 21	NASH	Yeppen Floodplain	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please confirm that the \$5 million committed to make the Yeppen Floodplain 'shovel ready' was provided in 2012-13. If not, in which financial year was this funding provided?</li> <li>2. From which particular projects in Queensland were the savings found to fund this commitment?</li> <li>3. When is it expected that this pre-construction work will be completed?</li> </ol>	Written		
77	NB-II 22	NASH	Bruce Highway Safety Package	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to the Bruce Highway Safety Package, please provide the financial year by financial year expenditure on the Package.</li> <li>2. Is this programme funded beyond 2014-15?</li> <li>3. When is the \$250 million in funding due to be expended by?</li> <li>4. How much of the funding has been committed to date?</li> </ol>	Written		

				<p>5. How much of the funding has been contracted to date?</p> <p>6. How much of the funding has been expended to date?</p>			
78	NB-II 23	NASH	Bindi Bindi Bends	<p>1. (a) In relation to the announcement of funding for the Bindi Bindi Bends in 2012, did this funding come from savings on another project?</p> <p>(b) If so, which project?</p> <p>2. Please provide the financial year by financial year breakdown of funding for the Bindi Bindi Bends?</p>	Written		
79	NB-II 24	NASH	Inland rail	<p>1. Please provide an update (if available) on the Department's work towards a timetable for funding for the \$300 million commitment to the inland rail.</p> <p>2. When will the timetable be finalised?</p>	Written		
80	NB-II 25	NASH	Regional Infrastructure Fund	<p>1. Please provide the financial year by financial year funding profile for each of the following projects funded under the Regional Infrastructure Fund:</p> <p>(a) Peak Owns Highway safety works (\$120 million);</p> <p>(b) Gladstone Port Access (stage 2 and 3) (\$50 million);</p> <p>(c) Warrego Highway and Brisbane Valley Highway interchange (Blacksoil interchange) (\$54 million);</p> <p>(d) Townsville Ring Road (section 4) (\$160 million);</p> <p>(e) Yeppen Lagoon bridge and roundabout (\$68 million);</p> <p>(f) Gateway WA (\$480 million);</p> <p>(g) Scone Level Crossing Study (\$1.4 million);</p> <p>(h) Mackay Ring Road Study (\$10 million);</p> <p>(i) North Queensland Resources Supply Chain project (\$1.66 million);</p> <p>(j) Central Queensland Resources Supply Chain project (\$1.5 million);</p> <p>(k) Hunter economic Infrastructure Plan (\$450,000);</p> <p>(l) Regional Mining and Infrastructure Plans in South</p>	Written		

				<p>Australia (\$1.5 million);</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. (a) For each of these construction projects, which have commenced construction?</li> <li>3. When is construction expected to commence on the remaining construction projects?</li> <li>4. (a) For each of the studies funded under the Regional Infrastructure Fund, which have commenced? (b) Which have been completed? When will the remaining commence? When are the remaining studies due to be complete?</li> </ol>			
81	NB-II 26	NASH	Mackay Ring Road Study	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the reason for the delay in the release of the Mackay Ring Road Study?</li> </ol>	Written		
82	NB-II 27	NASH	Moorebank Intermodal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I refer to the Minister's joint announcement with the Minister for Finance on 13 December 2012 in relation to the Moorebank Intermodal Company Board. (a) Can you confirm that these Board Members are Ministerial appointments? (b) Are the positions remunerated? If so, provide details.</li> <li>2. What role (if any) did the Department have in assisting in the selection of board members?</li> <li>3. I note that the Minister's media release notes that "Further appointments will be made to the Board in 2013, in consultation with the Chair and the Directors appointed today". How many more board members are yet to be appointed?</li> <li>4. Do you have a timeframe for the appointment of these board members?</li> <li>5. I refer to Question on Notice 95 from the previous Senate Estimates which states that a constitution will be established for the Moorebank Intermodal Company. (a) Has this occurred? (b) If not, when will it be finalised? Will this be a public document?</li> </ol>	Written		

83	NB-II 28	NASH	Nation Building 2 program	1. Please provide a financial year by financial year funding profile of those projects currently committed to by the Government under the Nation Building 2 program (where available).	Written		
84	NB-II 29	NASH	Nation Building	1. (a) Please advise if any projects funded under Stream 1 or Stream 2 have been deferred or delayed since 1 January 2013. If so, which projects? (b) For each of those projects, please advise me of the reason for this deferral or delay? 2. (a) Please advise if any projects funded under Stream 1 or Stream 2 have been deferred or delayed since they were announced. If so, which projects? (b) For each of those projects, please advise me of the reason for this deferral or delay	Written		
85	NB-II 30	RHIANNON	Liveable Cities Program	1. The data suggests that NSW has received a relative small proportion of the total funding until 2012. Is this the case and if so why? 2. (a) Is there a consolidated table with totals for all projects funded under the Liveable Cities program anywhere on the Department's website. (b) If not can it be included on the website? 3. Of what proportion of overall funding is the \$6 million awarded to three projects in NSW? (Hunter \$500K, Sydney Tri-generation \$3.75; Parramatta River \$3.75)	Written		
86	NB-II 31	RHIANNON	Nation Building 2	1. In October last year I was told no decisions had yet been made about funding categories for Nation Building 2, but projects proposals from the states were being received and assessed: (a) Are the figures for the Connecting People or Urban Living components available yet? (b) Will the figures be released before the next budget? (c) How many proposals in total have been now been received for Connecting People? (d) How many have been assessed? (e) What is their value?	Written		

				<p>(f) What are the proposals for?</p> <p>(g) Was the balance of project applications received in line with expectations?</p>			
87	NB-II 32	RHIANNON	Moorebank freight intermodal	<p>A nation building program Fact Sheet states that “<i>The Moorebank Intermodal Terminal will relieve the growing pressure on congested infrastructure around Port Botany and the M5 motorway and allow more freight to travel by rail</i>” and that the total benefits of the project are estimated at \$10 billion, including.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking 3,300 trucks per day off road between Port Botany and Moorebank from 2020</li> <li>• Faster freight and reduced costs to business</li> <li>• Reduced fuel use and diesel emissions</li> <li>• Thousands of new jobs</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What dollar and percentage value does each of these four points listed represent out of the estimated total \$10 billion benefits? For example, what is the cost benefit of taking those 3,300 trucks off the road between Port Botany and Moorebank every year?</li> <li>2. How many trucks would the M5 WestConnex road would carry on that road each year?</li> <li>3. What is the response to the concern that the Moorebank freight Intermodal terminal and the M5 Westconnex road projects are at odds with each other?</li> <li>4. Does Sydney need both these projects?</li> </ol>	Written		
88	NB-II 33	RHIANNON	Budget for public transport projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the total budget figure for public transport projects such as passenger rail, buses, light rail and bicycle infrastructure?</li> </ol>	Written		
89	NB-II 34	RHIANNON	Liveable Cities Program – Hunter Region	<p>Regarding the federal Liveable Cities Program funding of \$500K that the Maitland Council won for developing a Hunter Region Strategic Infrastructure Plan, which is being developed in partnership with Hunter Councils and the NSW Government. An Infrastructure NSW webpage about the Hunter Strategic</p>	Written		

				<p>Infrastructure Plan program features 3 large photographs of the coal loaders at Newcastle harbour, giving the impression the project is emphasising coal infrastructure.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How does this sit against the aims of the Liveable Cities program fund, and against the Major Cities Unit for the Hunter?</li><li>2. What is the department's role in the project collaboration and how many staff are involved?</li><li>3. What is the timeframe for completing the plan, and what is the next step after that?</li><li>4. I am concerned that the NSW Coalition government is so close to the mining industry that it will give undue emphasis to mining industry needs, and not the needs of the growing Hunter community.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Is the Government confident that the process of producing this plan with the NSW government will give due emphasis to the aims of the Liveable Cities Program that is co-funding it - good planning outcomes for urban development, open space, tackling urban traffic congestion and climate change?</li><li>(b) The Australian Rail Track Corporation has earmarked \$3.5 billion for new coal rail line infrastructure over the next five years to support the proposed T4 fourth coal leader in Newcastle Harbour?</li><li>(c) How does the Liveable Cities Program feel about this, and how does the ARTC project compromise the aims of the Liveable Cities Program?</li><li>(d) How much money do you expect the federal government could invest to fund the recommendations of the Hunter Strategic Plan?</li></ol></li><li>5. What funds would this come from, for example would it be the Nation Building fund?</li></ol>			
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90	NB-II 35	EDWARDS	Gawler rail electrification	<p>With reference to Written Question on Notice 138 (May Budget Estimates 2012) and Written Question on Notice Question on Notice 80 Supp Budget Estimates October 2012):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is being discussed with the South Australian Government?</li> <li>2. Of the \$293.5 million committed under the Building Australia Fund for the Gawler Line Modernisation project, how much was committed for the 'modernisation' of the track and how much was committed for the 'electrification' of the track?</li> <li>3. Provide a full break down of the project. How much has been spent to date and what has it been spent on? Of the remaining funds what work is it allocated for? Provide an itemised list with their respective costs.</li> <li>4. Of the unspent funding, who has possession of this funding?</li> <li>5. If it is the South Australian Government, when are they expected to have spent it by?</li> <li>6. If the South Australian Government is not going to spend it when will they return it to the Commonwealth?</li> <li>7. What alternative proposals have been put to the Department by the South Australian Government to spend the money on?</li> <li>8. Has the Member for Wakefield spoken with the Department about any aspect of the Gawler Line Modernisation project? If so what?</li> <li>9. Provide the original application for funding to the Building Australia Fund for the Gawler Line Modernisation project.</li> <li>10. Provide any reporting or evaluation undertaken by the Department, other federal agency or the South Australian Government on this project to date.</li> <li>11. What has been discussed with the South Australian Government?</li> <li>12. What further discussions with the South Australian Government are planned?</li> <li>13. I requested the original application for funding to the Building Australia Fund (QoN 66, Supp Est Oct 12)</li> </ol>	Written		
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				<p>and was told it was confidential. I was referred to a document called <i>National Infrastructure Priorities: Infrastructure for an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable future</i>, (May 2009). I assume this would contain some detail but its full of motherhood statements that tell me nothing. In fact the Gawler rail electrification project is listed as a “priority project and an “action ready to proceed” so clearly the department was mislead there.</p> <p>(a) Why is the application confidential?  (b) What information contained in the application needs to remain confidential?</p>			
91	STP 01	WILLIAMS	Draft Regulations	<p><b>Senator WILLIAMS:</b> Where can I get a simplified form of the proposals for Queensland in relation to axle weights, driving hours, volume loading for livestock, et cetera, height, length and width? In New South Wales Minister Duncan Gay has widened it to 2.7 metres for hay and wool because you set them up on a combing rail. Prior to that, every load of hay and wool was illegal as far as width goes. Where can we get a breakdown just in a basic form? Has the Queensland government minister for transport or whatever got it on their website, do you know? Where can I go looking for that basic set of rules that hopefully will be adopted as standard national rules right throughout Australia? I ask this because I have been concerned that, if Queensland sets a very tight set of rules and does away with volume loading for livestock and 2.5 metres for hay and wool and perhaps very stringent driver hours, we could actually see a loss of production around Australia and productivity.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> There are draft regulations which are now out for final consultation. That will contain much of the detail you are seeking. These are the regulations which will actually set a lot of the mass and width dimensions as well as loading requirements. I think at this stage the regulations are out for comment by both industry and jurisdictions. We are hoping that ministers will vote on those regulations by the end of this month, which will enable them to come into effect. I can</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 35 12/02/13		

				<p>certainly take it on notice. I do not see any reason why we could not provide you with a set of the draft regulations as they currently stand. They are out with jurisdictions for comment and are due to be finalised. I will just check with my colleagues. But I do not think there will be an issue in providing you with the draft regulations as they stand.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> No—that would be fine. Can I also just make the point that they are not Queensland regulations. It is law through the Queensland parliament, but it is as a result of all of the transport ministers agreeing. They are national laws, but they are just through the Queensland parliament. They are nationally agreed.</p>			
92	STP 02	NASH	Funding applications for seatbelts on school buses	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Would you mind providing on notice for me just a list of the applications for that funding and where they are from? Is that possible?</p> <p><b>Ms Zielke:</b> Once the round is finalised then those that are successful are actually announced. We can provide you with that list once—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> So it is not public information until it is finalised?</p> <p><b>Ms Zielke:</b> Not in the lead-up, no.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Did you say March or April?</p> <p><b>Ms Zielke:</b> Yes.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 44, 12/02/2013		
93	STP 03	NASH	Bus Retrofitting	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> That they are going to get it. All right. Just finally I think I asked this last time and I will just follow up. Is there funding in place for companies that want to retrofit a bus but there might be a significant cost involved in getting it to the place of retrofit? A lot of these regional towns will not actually have somewhere that can do it. Is that a consideration for the department? Also, are there preferred providers of the retrofitting, if you like, or can they go anywhere?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> They can put a case as part of their application if they have an issue. But it hasn't—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> So they can come to you if there is a funding issue for them? They might at least be able to come to you—</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> It has not come up to date in the program. Your</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 44-45 12/02/13		

				<p>second question—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> About providers.</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> They just have to be someone that is approved to do that sort of work.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Approved by whom—the department or by the body or whatever it is?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> I would have to check, but I think that it is at the state level.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Could you take that on notice for me?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> Yes.</p>			
94	STP 04	COLBECK	Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> There was discussion around exports and we put that to bed. The department was doing no costings around extending the scheme to include exports. The conversation went further than that and it was that there were some costings being done to extend the scheme to all goods except for bulk freight, which is a conversation that is being had more broadly in Tasmania around the scheme and the scope of the scheme at this point in time. It was either during the hearing or in response to a question on notice and I cannot recall which. Unfortunately I do not have the documents with me, but I am certain that there was discussion around doing some calculations about the cost of extending the scheme to include all goods. I am not making any allegations about consideration of doing it, but the clear understanding that I had is that there were some costings being done around what it would cost if that were to occur.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Yes, that is right. We had done some preliminary work in relation to looking at the categories—if there was an expansion of categories. I do not have that with me. Can I come back to you on that if that is all right?</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I am happy to take that on notice, but I am interested in the outcomes of that process.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> It was very preliminary in-house work, but I will come back to you with the details of that, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I would appreciate that.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 45 12/02/13		
95	STP 05	WISH-WILSON	Tasmanian	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Can I get on notice a list of the</p>	Hansard, RRAT		

			Freight Equalisation Scheme	<p>historical expenditures that the government has put into the freight equalisation scheme since it started?</p> <p><b>Ms Zielke:</b> I can provide you with that now.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We can give you some years. It goes back to the mid-70s, but we can give you some details now.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Ms Zielke:</b> Just quickly, 2008-09, \$109.4 million; 2009-10, \$98.3 million; 2010-11, \$98.54 million; 2011-12, \$93.23 million.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> If I could get the other time series since it started that would be fantastic as well. There was an eclectic bunch of characters here last week doing some lobbying that call themselves the National Sea Highway Coalition. I do not know if they met the Minister. They have been coming in one form or another for 20 years. Are you familiar with the concept of what they are proposing?</p>	Committee, Page 46 12/02/13		
96	STP 06	MACDONALD	Number of Australian flagged vessels	<p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> I will put my question on notice except for the first part of it. In response to a question at the last estimates, we were told that there are currently 11,150 Australian-flagged vessels. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Ms Zielke:</b> No, that is not correct. It is not Australian flagged vessels; it is a figure related to another question. Can I come back to you on that and check that for you?</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 47, 12/02/2013		

97	STP 07	NASH	Seat Belts in Buses grant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where did the department advertise the Seat Belts in Buses grant i.e rural and regional locations?</li> <li>2. What type of advertising mediums did the department use to promote the Seat Belts on Buses grant?</li> <li>3. How much was spent in advertising?</li> <li>4. What was the total spending for the Seat Belts on Buses grant for 2008 - 07, 2008 – 09, 2009 – 10 and 2010 – 11 budgets including grant recipients, advertising costs, departmental spending and unallocated money ?</li> <li>5. Can you provide a breakdown on how many expressions of interests the department received and applicants applied for the grant and how many applicants were rejected for the 7 financial years (including this financial year)?</li> </ol>	Written		
98	STP 08	NASH/ MACDONALD	Australian flagged vessels	<p><i>Question on Notice response 121 from the last Senate Estimates which states that there are currently 11,115 Australian flagged vessels.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is this figure correct?</li> <li>2. Does this refer to the number of ships on the Australian General Shipping Register?</li> <li>3. Can you provide a month by month figure as to how many additional ships were registered as Australian flagged since June 2012?</li> <li>4. (a) Is it still the case that there are no vessels registered under the Australian International Shipping Register? (b) If not, how many vessels are on the AISR?</li> <li>5. In relation to internationally flagged vessels, and particularly cruises that are based in Australia but are foreign flagged, who is responsible for checking that they meet the required standards for each of the following: (a) Workplace relations and OHS? (b) Food standards and quarantine?</li> <li>6. Is there a policy for food standards on international vessels?</li> <li>7. Is an inspection undertaken of every internationally</li> </ol>	Written		

				flagged cruise ship or are they randomly selected?			
99	STP 09	BIRMINGHAM	Illegal foreign fishing vessels (IFFVs) and suspected illegal entry vessels (SIEVs)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What involvement has the Department and/or portfolio agencies (e.g. Australian Maritime Safety Authority) had in the scuttling, destruction, sinking and/or dumping of illegal foreign fishing vessels (IFFVs) or suspected illegal entry vessels (SIEVs)?</li> <li>2. How many vessels have been dealt with in this way in the current and previous financial years? Please detail numbers by location.</li> <li>3. (a) What environmental (e.g. under EPBC Act or Sea Dumping Act) or other approvals have been sought? (b) What consideration has been given to fish breeding grounds, including for Southern Bluefin Tuna, in the conduct of these activities? (c) What analysis has been undertaken before and/or after these activities in relation to pollution and any other risks?</li> </ol>	Written		
100	STP 10	COLBECK	Review into the Integration of the Australian Maritime College into the University of Tasmania	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (a) Has the review of the integration of the Australian Maritime College into the University of Tasmania been completed? If not, why not? (a) When is it expected to be finished? (b) What were the findings of the review? (c) How will these findings be implemented? (d) Who undertook / is undertaking the review?</li> </ol>	Written		
101	STP 11	MACDONALD	International flagged vessels	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to internationally flagged vessels, and particularly cruises that are based in Australia but are foreign flagged, who is responsible for checking that they meet the required standards for each of the following: (a) Workplace relations and OH&amp;S? (b) Food standards and quarantine?</li> </ol>	Written		

102	STP 12	MACDONALD	International flagged vessels – food standards	1. Is there a policy for food standards on international vessels?	Written		
103	STP 13	MACDONALD	Inspection of internationally flagged cruise ships	1. Is an inspection undertaken of every internationally flagged cruise ships or are they randomly selected?	Written		
104	STP 14	EDWARDS	National Heavy Vehicle Regulations	<p>1. Senator Williams was talking to you at October Estimates about the National Heavy Vehicle Regulations/Regulator. In South Australia we have had inconsistencies with the regulations surrounding hay bales.</p> <p>(a) Will these be resolved through the national regulations?</p> <p>(b) If not is there discussion about dealing with these issues?</p> <p>2. Big Squares</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single trailer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ oversize if 3 bales high, not oversize if 2 bales high</li> <li>○ can only drive in daylight</li> <li>○ Carry a gazette notice in the truck</li> </ul> </li> <li>• B-double: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ not oversize</li> <li>○ can drive anytime of the day</li> <li>○ Carry a gazette notice in the truck</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>3. Medium Squares</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single trailer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ requires a permit</li> <li>○ not oversize</li> <li>○ can drive at anytime</li> </ul> </li> <li>• B-double: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ no permit required</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>4. Round Bales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single trailer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Permit required</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Written		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stacked flat</li> <li>● B-double:</li> <li>○ Stacked differently</li> </ul>			
105	AMSA 01	WILLIAMS	Five year Competency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The current Marine Engineer Certificate of Competency are issued for five years for a statutory fee. Due to changed regulations that come into effect from 2016, AMSA is now only issuing certificates not for five years but instead for the period remaining until 2016. Will the fee therefore be reduced pro rata?</li> </ol>	Written		
106	MCU 01	FAWCETT	Input to the NASAG Process	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> The chair is snapping at my heels so I will put these on notice. Could you provide the committee with an indication of what input you have had to date to the NASAG process and plan to have into the future? Also, what you are feeding back to your counterparts in state and I assume local government associations around planning so that when issues are raised, rather than just assuming the New South Wales government is doing its job, you can be feeding back that there are parts of government that think perhaps they are not and seeking that response? If you can give us that on notice then that would be good.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 57 12/02/13		
107	MCU 02	NASH	Travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide the Major Cities Unit's budget and expenditure to date for travel and travel related expenses in 2012-13</li> <li>2. Please provide the Major Cities Unit's budget for travel and travel related expenses for each of the financial years in the forward estimates.</li> <li>3. Please provide a list of overseas conferences attended or expected to be attended by staff at the Major Cities Unit in 2012-13 and 2011-12.</li> </ol>	Written		
108	OTS 01	BACK	MSIC Holder	<p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Can you tell me whether a person who does have an MSIC can take with them a person who does not onto an area secured under the program? In other words, as I am an MSIC holder, can I take a parliamentary colleague onto the</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 58-59 12/02/13		



				<p>wharf with me?</p> <p><b>Mr Dreezer:</b> Yes, you can. A visitor can be escorted by an MSIC holder into a maritime security zone.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Can you tell me, particularly with Fremantle—as you know I have great concern with those who illegally get access to the port in Fremantle to try and stop operations, particularly live cattle and sheep loading—can you take on notice and tell me the number of instances you are aware of since the last estimates where this has happened, but I understand you work through the Western Australian police on that particular case. Is that right?</p> <p><b>Mr Dreezer:</b> Yes. We can take that on notice.</p>			
109	AAA 01	FAWCETT	Major Development Process	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Is there a transparent process whereby, for example, this committee could look at the submissions you have received, because I am aware that there are people that are quite concerned about the proposed relocation of the fourth runway, from both a safety and an operational perspective, to then see how that issue or that concern has been addressed by the department in their discussions with the leaseholder? At the moment it is largely invisible to us as the taxpayers' representative as to what concerns have been raised and how they have been dealt with, if in fact they have been dealt with effectively.</p> <p><b>Ms Horrocks:</b> The major development process requires consultation with all stakeholders—state, local councils and the public of course—and then any public submissions are made through that process as well, and then the airport is required to identify how it will address any concerns or any issues raised by the public and then that is considered in our analysis of the MDP itself.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> That process in terms of actually identifying each concern and the remedial action taken, is that available in a public form?</p> <p><b>Ms Horrocks:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Would it be available to this committee were we to request it?</p> <p><b>Ms Horrocks:</b> I would need to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 60 12/02/13		

				<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> If you could.</p> <p><b>Ms Horrocks:</b> Certainly.</p>			
110	AAA 02	FAWCETT	NASAG Process	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Yes. I am aware Senator Heffernan will ask you some questions specifically about Tralee. I would like to look at the broader NASAG process, just to understand what the federal department is doing to not just liaise with, but influence the actions of local and state governments in terms of informing and raising skill levels to make appropriate risk assessments when it comes to airfield development, because despite the principles signed up to in NASAG, the implementation, as we are seeing at a number of both council controlled and leased airports, does not follow the NASAG guidelines. So where to now? What are you doing to make NASAG work?</p> <p><b>Mr Doherty:</b> It is not an issue that we are very conscious of. The guidelines were approved. The next step that we are going through is to get a serious response from each jurisdiction about what they are doing about the implementation of that. That is to go forward to the meeting of senior officials in March, I believe, where that will be considered and through that group we will look at what action needs to be taken to try and maximise the participation and the implementation in that scheme.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Can you take on notice a request that when you have those submissions back from states, as to what they intend to do, to provide that information to this committee?</p> <p><b>Mr Doherty:</b> Certainly.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 60-61 12/02/13		
111	AAA 03	FAWCETT	ILS and Airport Master Plans	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I will put a number of questions on notice regarding ILS at the Gold Coast and also some other issues with master plans at airports and what part Airservices had in consultations, but just in the two minutes I will look at Wagner's airport in Toowoomba. I am wondering what involvement Airservices has at the moment particularly in terms of airspace and other broader air traffic issues, given the Amberley, Oakey and civil airspace in Toowoomba, itself, in</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 73 12/02/13		

				<p>the new mining place development?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I might start. It has been coordinated through the Aviation Policy Group which I chair, which includes the CEO of Airservices, the director of Aviation Safety at CASA and the Chief of Air Force. At this stage we are seeking greater clarity from the Queensland government in relation to the proposal for that development. At this stage we do not believe we have enough information on what is proposed, nor the planning process to be undertaken to reach judgments at this stage and what will be the potential implications for both Oakey and Amberley. That is work underway. I have recently written to a number of senior heads of Queensland government agencies seeking advice and their guidance on what planning processes are underway and what information is available.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> If you could come back to the committee when you have some further information on that?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly.</p>			
112	AAA 04	HEFFERNAN	NASAG	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What has happened to the NASAG (National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group) group?</li> <li>2. Are they still operating?</li> <li>3. What is their business?</li> <li>4. How does NASAG fit with the work of TISOC (Transport and Infrastructure Senior Officials Committee) and SCOTI Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure?</li> <li>5. Given all of the States endorsed the NASAG work (at SCOTI – May 2012), are these Guidelines to protect the airports and the communities around them going to be legislated by the Government? Please provide details.</li> <li>6. Or has the Department decided to back away from implementing the safeguarding policy? Is so, please provide details.</li> </ol>	Written		
113	AAA 05	HEFFERNAN	Sydney Airport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (a) Sydney Airport: Has the Minister/Department published a formal response to the recommendations of the Sydney Joint Study?</li> </ol>	Written		

				(b) If not, when will it be released?			
114	AAA 06	FAWCETT	Brisbane Airport curfew review	<p>I refer to Question on Notice number 22 from the previous Senate Estimates hearings in relation to the Brisbane Airport curfew review.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What work is the Department undertaking in relation to the Brisbane Airport curfew review?</li> <li>2. Who is on the steering committee undertaking the review?</li> <li>3. What process is being followed?</li> <li>4. What is the expected involvement of industry in the review?</li> <li>5. When is it expected to be complete?</li> </ol>	Written		
115	AAA 07	FAWCETT	Regional Aviation Access Program's 5 funding components	<p>I refer to the Regional Aviation Access Program's 5 funding components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Remote Air Services Subsidy Scheme [RASS] (subsidises a regular weekly air transport service for the carriage of passengers and goods such as educational materials, medicines, fresh food and urgent supplies to communities in remote and isolated areas of Australia);</li> <li>(b) Remote Aerodrome Safety Program [RASP] (provides assistance to upgrade aerodromes in remote and isolated communities to facilitate the delivery of essential goods);</li> <li>(c) Remote Aviation Infrastructure Fund [RAIF] (provides for airstrip upgrades in indigenous communities receiving funding through the RASS and where the airstrip is not at regular public transport standard);</li> <li>(d) Remote Aerodrome Inspection Program [RAIP] (provides indigenous communities with annual inspections and related services to assist those communities to meet their aviation safety obligations); and</li> <li>(e) Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program [RAUP]</li> </ol>	Written		

				<p>(provides funding to improve the safety of airstrips in remote communities).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For each of these programmes, can you advise when they are funded until or whether they have been concluded?</li> <li>2. For each of these programmes, how much funding has been committed and contracted?</li> <li>3. For each of these programmes, how much funding remains uncommitted and uncontracted?</li> </ol>			
116	AAA 08	FAWCETT	Construction of Brisbane Airport's new runway	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What role (if any) has the Department played to date on negotiations between Brisbane Airport and airlines in relation to the construction of its new runway?</li> </ol>	Written		
117	AAA 09	FAWCETT	Brisbane Airport Corporation lease	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is it correct that the lease under which the Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) operates states that airside development needs will be funded via profit from any commercial development on the airport?</li> <li>2. How much profit has been made from commercial development on the BAC and how has this profit been used?</li> <li>3. Have past cost increases to airlines from levies etc been passed onto the travelling public and if so what role does the Department have in regulating cost transfers?</li> <li>4. If the BAC lease does state that airside development will be paid from profits emanating from commercial developments on the airport, will the Department enforce the terms of the lease?</li> </ol>	Written		
118	AA 01	XENOPHON	Staff Turnover, Bullying and Harassment	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> On notice, can you give you me a note, because there were concerns about staff turnover, bullying and harassment within Airservices Australia. Can you tell me whether there has been any change in those figures in the last 12 months, for instance?</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> I have some figures here now, but if you prefer I can go into the detail on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> If you can go into the detail on notice.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 70 12/02/13		

119	AA 02	XENOPHON	Credit Cards	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Could you, on notice, given that there was a concern that was expressed publicly about the expenditure on both credit cards and on travel for Mr Russell and senior executives, could we get some comparisons in terms of what has been spent in the last few months in respect of that?</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> In respect to the previous CEO and compared to my expenses; is that what you are asking?</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Since Mr Russell left. I am not picking on you. I am just saying since Mr Russell left, whether there has been a reduction of expenditure, in terms of credit cards, entertainment and the sort of matters that were raised publicly.</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 71 12/02/13		
120	AA 03	FAWCETT	Sponsorships and Scholarships	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Ms Staib, can I take you to the issue of corporate sponsorships by Airservices?</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> At a time when everybody is looking at budgets I noticed \$350,000 annually is given to corporate sponsorships. Could you take a question on notice to come back to the committee with what those sponsorships are and the objectives for each one?</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I would like, specifically, to go to the \$100,000 that is given to scholarships for people obtaining pilots' licences and the media release that was issued in November last year. It says, 'Some of the successful applicants have since taken up roles as commercial pilots.' In terms of a return, if you like, to the taxpayer, I would be interested to know how many people have actually translated parts of that \$100,000 into a commercial aviation career, as opposed to a nice bucket list activity that they have now ticked off.</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> We will take that on notice in terms of the sponsorship question and in regard to the specific question around the scholarships for flying training.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 71 12/02/13		
121	AA 04	FAWCETT	Archerfield Airport	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> The manager of Airport Relations, Mr Sparrow, wrote to the Queensland Scouts in December last</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee,		

			<p>year. You may recall the Queensland Scouts had invested a large amount of donated money on building a facility at Archerfield Airport which was then knocked down by the leaseholder, or at the leaseholder's direction. It is now still sitting vacant. They have been in discussions with Airservices for some time about potentially using land near a non-directional beacon to build a building. I noticed in a letter here that Airservices indicated that they are happy to discuss the Scouts building a building there. In the same letter though, they say, 'Airservices has a policy of disposing land which is surplus to requirements at full market value and would not see an exception in this case.' What does that mean for the Scouts, if they went ahead and invested money to build a new Scout air training facility on that land and then when NDBs become redundant in 2016, Airservices disposes of the land at full market rate, what protections do the Scouts have to make sure that what happened to them and their publicly donated monies last time does not happen again?</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> I would have to take that on notice, in terms of the time line of when this has happened. As I understand, the demolition of the building occurred in 2008 and it would seem that on our current planning that the land would be available at 2016. In terms of protecting the Scouts' previous investment, I cannot speak to that just at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I am talking about the offer for them to potentially build a building on the site now because the siting locations for NDBs have been relaxed. It appears that there is the option for them to build a facility on that site now, even ahead of the decommissioning, but the letter then goes on to say that it would appear to be Airservices' intention to dispose of the land at full market value in 2016. Clearly there is a conflict there for the Scouts, who are very wary of yet again raising money from the public and building a building just to have it knocked down. I would like some clarity around that on their behalf and I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> I will take that on notice because my understanding was that the land would not be available until 2016. I will need to take that on notice to clarify that.</p>	Page 72 12/02/13	
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122	AA 05	FAWCETT	Installation of Gold Coast Instrument Landing System	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to the planned installation of the Gold Coast Instrument Landing System, can you please provide me with the progress towards implementing an Instrument Landing System at Gold Coast Airport?</li> <li>2. Do you have any updated costings of the installation of the ILS at Gold Coast Airport?</li> <li>3. What further decisions need to be made or actions undertaken before the ILS can be installed?</li> <li>4. Is detailed engineering, technical and airspace design work underway at the moment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) When did this begin?</li> <li>(b) When will this conclude?</li> <li>(c) Has community consultation commenced? If not, why not?</li> <li>(d) When will community consultation commence?</li> <li>(e) When will it conclude?</li> <li>(f) Is installation of the Gold Coast ILS being fast-tracked? If not, why not?</li> <li>(g) When do you expect that the ILS will be installed?</li> <li>(h) What are the impediments to the installation of the ILS being fast-tracked and installed as soon as possible?</li> <li>(i) Will the installation of ILS result in a change to flight paths at the airport?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		
123	AA 06	FAWCETT	Installation of RNP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is AA's progress towards implementing RNP at Australia's major capital city airports?</li> <li>2. What is the order of priority of airports for the installation of RNP?</li> <li>3. What impact will the installation of RNP have on noise</li> </ol>	Written		



				amelioration for residents living close to the airport?			
124	CASA 01	NASH	Plants	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> That does not surprise me. Having ascertained that it is \$150,000, thank you, Chair. I would hate to think that CASA has to go through the same restrictions that we in this building do and not have plants. I am sure they do a great deal for those of us in this place who need a little bit of greenery every now and again. If you could just take on notice for me the current amount of plants that you have, the current cost of maintenance, who is maintaining them and why you are moving to get a new maintenance regime?</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 74 12/02/13		
125	CASA 02	FAWCETT	Portfolio Budget Statements	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Just a question on the portfolio statements. The appropriations estimated for 2011-12 were \$152,948,000. I notice what was actually received was \$42,739,000, but the other figure in the column has basically done a similar swap, so clearly there are changes in accounting rules there. In net terms, there has been a reduction of about \$100,000 in your budget, but given that there are cost growth pressures, clearly you have made some savings measures, along with some changes in your accounting rules. I am happy for you to take it on notice, but could you come back to the committee highlighting what those changes are, why we have seen the change in appropriations in 'Other', what that actually means, and where your key areas of savings have been that have allowed you, regardless of inflation and cost growth pressure, to make that reduction in your overall budget position?</p> <p><b>Mr J McCormick:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 76 12/02/13		
126	CASA 03	FAWCETT	FAA Audit	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I would like to refer you back to the FAA audit that was conducted a couple of years ago. My understanding is that there were a number of deficiencies found during that. Can you give us a status report of rectifications of those?</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 77 12/02/13		

				<p><b>Mr J McCormick:</b> We can take most of that on notice, if you like. What I can give you now is that the majority issue was around the fact that we did not have sufficient training, in their mind, for our inspectorate. We had already set in place a training school which is now up and running and, in particular, their concerns were over the inspectors who oversaw what is called FAR 129 foreign operators operating RPT, regular public transport, into the US. It was around the amount of training that people had done, where most of the training in the past of say six or seven years ago revolved a lot around on-the-job training and then people had their basic training either that way or through a course to start with was perhaps not as extensive as it should have been. Since then we have rectified that completely.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I am happy for you to take those on notice.</p>			
127	CASA 04	FAWCETT	Aviation Treaties	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Recently the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties looked at some aviation treaties whereby we set up agreements with other nations about access to Australia's airspace and routes. One of the clauses in there was that either party could audit the other party. Given that the FAA has deemed it necessary to come and audit us, are there any incidents where we have gone and audited another nation, because I note that some of the countries that were in that list are not known for their world-leading status of aviation, shall I put it? The treaty essentially says that we will accept their governance of aviation as being equal to ours, but provides the option for audit. Have we ever done that?</p> <p><b>Mr J McCormick:</b> We have done work with countries to our north. I would prefer to answer that on notice, if I could.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> If you could, thank you.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 77 12/02/13		
128	ATSB 01	FAWCETT	Portfolio Budget Statements	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I do. Mr Dolan, welcome. I am just going to your portfolio budget statements. I notice that the forecast appropriations and running through your total cash received estimated in the 2010 budget for the 2011-12 was around \$22 million and then actual is about \$100,000 less, so</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 80 12/02/13		

				<p>that is not a huge difference in the scheme of things, but given that there are cost growth pressures and indexations to take into account, you have obviously made savings within ATSB. Can you take on notice for the committee and come back to us to highlight the key areas where those savings have been made within ATSB because I cannot track, at the level of discernment within the papers, where those savings have actually been made?</p> <p><b>Mr Dolan:</b> I am happy to take it on notice. It is difficult to discern because there was some transitional funding to establish our new arrangements as the national rail investigative organisation in dealing with the sorts of budget pressures that all agencies are subject to. Given that we are largely a staff driven organisation we have had to carefully manage our future staffing arrangements, and that is our main mechanism of dealing with budgetary pressures.</p>			
129	ATSB 02	FAWCETT	Training	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I would like to go to the issue of training. Has training changed since the budgetary pressures or since the transition that has combined a number of modes of transport in terms of the competency levels you expect of your investigators by virtue of the type of training and their experience?</p> <p><b>Mr Dolan:</b> It has changed slightly. We reviewed our work level standards for our investigators and for senior transport safety investigators. It slightly increased our expectations of them and we have been providing training to support that but, generally speaking, we have continued with what has been a very successful program focused on diploma level qualifications for our people with an agreed curriculum. We are a registered training organisation for those purposes and we intend to continue with that. We think it is fundamental to our job and it would not be subject to this; we will do it even with cost pressures.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Organisations such as the Defence Force send their safety investigators to the United States generally or sometimes other places for training. Do you send people to peer organisations in world-leading countries—UK, US—for</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 80-81 12/02/13		

				<p>training in accident investigation?</p> <p><b>Mr Dolan:</b> Generally not. We will occasionally, in discussing the development plans of individual staff, give them an opportunity for a range of study opportunities, generally not overseas, but occasionally there. Horses for courses, but the core of it is the training we have developed and continue to deliver ourselves.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Is that training benchmarked on a regular basis against the training delivered by comparable organisations in, for example, the United States?</p> <p><b>Mr Dolan:</b> Yes, through the International Transport Safety Association, which is the heads of a range of counterpart agencies. We have benchmarking on both what is covered and the level to which it is delivered, and we remain well positioned against the NTSB, the TSB in Canada, their accident investigation branch in the UK and so on.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Is that a self-assessment or do you share investigators? So, for example, you might send someone to look at their training and they send someone here.</p> <p><b>Mr Dolan:</b> It was coordinated and assessed by TSB, by the Canadians, and they drew on the material supplied by a range of other bodies to do that.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Did that generate a report back to ATSB as to where you stood against the benchmark.</p> <p><b>Mr Dolan:</b> It generated a report to the various heads of agency, yes. <b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Could you make a copy of that report available to the committee?</p> <p><b>Mr Dolan:</b> I would have to check with my colleagues in other agencies who might have sensitivities about what it says about their training, so could I take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> You can take that on notice. I think the committee would be happy to receive that in confidence and not publish it, but I would be interested to see a copy of what was commented about your comparison for the benchmark. You talk about differences with your workforce now and training—and again, I am probably talking specifically of the aviation side here—compared to when VASI was operating. Are there differences to the level, location and scope of training</p>			
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				<p>that is provided to accident investigators?</p> <p><b>Mr Dolan:</b> I have only been in the organisations 3½ years, so I am relying on what I have been told about history. However, my understanding is that compared to the VASI days there has been a much more explicit and enhanced range of training products made available, both for our entry level investigations and the ongoing training of them. As I said, we are now a registered training organisation, so it was done within a much more structured and rigorous framework. My assessment would be that there have been substantial improvements in what we have been doing over the past 10 or 15 years.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Could you take on notice to do a comparison of the scope of training in terms of who conducted it, where it was, how long it was and scope content of the training for an investigator under the VASI regime at various levels, whether it be entry or supervisory type levels, with what is currently conducted by ATSB?</p> <p><b>Mr Dolan:</b> To the extent that we have that material; I am happy to do that.</p>			
130	ARTC 01	WILLIAMS	Upper Yarraman Catchment Plan	<p><b>Senator WILLIAMS:</b> Yes, it would be. But it is a serious problem. In 2006 the catchment management authority's Upper Yarraman Catchment Plan recommended to the ARTC that the culverts be replaced and upgraded, but this was ignored. You are not aware of that debate?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> I think it may be one that I am aware of. I would need to look further into it. I do know we have been having some discussions in relation to those complaints with New South Wales, who are the owner of the asset. Of course we are no longer responsible for the maintenance of that network but that was a matter that was raised when we were in control of it. I can take that on notice and look further into it if you like, Senator.</p>	Hansard, RRAT Committee, Page 15 12/02/13		
131	ARTC 02	RHIANNON	Air quality concerns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In May 2012 estimates I was advised ARTC was conducting air quality tests. Have those tests started or further tests planned?</li> <li>2. Have ARTC staff had any discussion with any other</li> </ol>	Written		

				government agencies about the growing public concern over the health impacts of coal dust from the coal trains that travel through many Hunter communities?			
132	ARTC 03	RHIANNON	Hunter coal rail infrastructure	<p>1. In May 2012 Mr Fullerton advised me that the government was planning to invest \$3.5 billion over five years in coal rail infrastructure in the Hunter to support the Newcastle Harbour's fourth coal terminal project.</p> <p>(a) Will any of that money appear in the next budget?</p> <p>(b) Has the planned amount changed?</p> <p>(c) If so Why?</p>	Written		