

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Questions on Notice

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Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport Portfolio

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1	1.1	NASH	NBN Rollout	<p>If you could provide those on notice, that would be really useful. How many of those 238 regional centres are already connected through the NBN?</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: I would have to get further information on that.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Take on notice how many are already connected and how many are yet to be connected of the 238.</p>	RRAT 14		
2	1.1	NASH	Definition of regional centre for NBN rollout	<p>Senator NASH: Outside regional centres there are an awful lot of small towns. What size is the regional centre outside the metropolitan area that you are talking about?</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: I would have to take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Are you not the regional development portfolio?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: Senator, we are not responsible—</p> <p>Senator NASH: Go on.</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: Sorry, Senator. Those questions probably would be best directed to either NBN Co. or the department of communications and the like. We actually do provide a coordinating mechanism. We can take that on notice. As Mr Atkinson referred to, those 238 centres are on the website and we can get that information for you on notice....</p> <p>Senator NASH: What size is the regional centre outside the metropolitan area..... You can take on notice for me. Can you please provide a definition of „regional centres“ other than „just outside metro“ because that could be, in all of those, inner regional, outer regional, remote and very remote on the ASGC map. That could be a town of 50. I need to know exactly what the definition of regional centres is for the purposes of the statement and the minister’s comments. That includes 238 in the first three-year fibre rollout. What is the total target for regional centres to be rolled out to?</p>	RRAT 14		

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3	1.1	BROWN	Economic Diversification Package for Tasmania	<p>Senator BOB BROWN: But the agreement was for \$20 million in the first year?</p> <p>Mr Csar: Correct.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN: So effectively more than \$20 million is being allocated in the first year?</p> <p>Mr Csar: Again, this is a matter for the industry, innovation, science, research and tertiary education department to answer. I would have to come back to you on the precise dollars committed to the \$8 million that is available over a three-year period because it is one that they are aware of. I would have to find the detail as to whether they have committed \$4 million or in excess of that or less than that, Senator.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN: If you would, please, and to whom and under what conditions.</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: Are you talking only about the innovation investment fund?</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN: No. The whole lot, with particular reference to the apparent allocation beyond \$20 million of an extra \$4 million in the current year.</p>	RRAT17		
4	1.1	BROWN	Forestry Tasmania Proposal	<p>Senator BOB BROWN: What I am wanting to avoid here is a verbal communication or proposal being put forward which is not on your records. I would like to know if Forestry Tasmania has put forward any proposal and, if so, what the nature of that was and whether it was general or specific, and whether it was verbal or written.</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN: When do you think that information can be provided to me?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: As soon as we practically can.</p>	RRAT19		

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5	1.1	COLBECK	Agritas Project	<p>Senator COLBECK: So we do not take too much time from other colleagues, can we accept that there is an actual and prospective as part of this process? Let us quickly go down through the list and talk about actual and prospective. I understand what you are talking about. I am not sure that some of those skills might not be available in other training centres, but that is an argument for another day. Can we quickly run down and talk about the actual employment numbers for each of the projects? In the circumstance where it is prospective, let us put them and accept them. So you are saying that for the Agritas project it is potentially 1,000 plus as prospective with skills growth?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: Senator, I am not sure whether we would have that information readily available.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Do you have the actuals?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: We are happy to take it on notice.</p>	RRAT22		
6	1.1	JOYCE	Community Infrastructure Grants – time taken for projects	<p>Ms Fleming: Senator, there is a set of program guidelines that we comply with. Under those guidelines, proponents need to provide us with information. Some proponents are not able to provide that information at this stage. This program is a suite of election commitments, and election commitments come in various stages of development. We are working with proponents to garner the information that we need to establish a funding agreement.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: How long is it actually taking to turn around these approvals?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: It depends on when the proponent can provide us the information.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: On average?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: There is no average, Senator. It is a mixed basket of goods from projects that are—</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: Tell me the shortest one.</p> <p>Ms Fleming: The shortest one? I would have to take that on notice to give you an accurate answer, Senator</p>	RRAT23		

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7	1.1	JOYCE	Regional Ministerial Statement	<p>Senator JOYCE: Yes. Across all departments, how much has been allocated to the regional bracket, in the definition as determined by Mr Atkinson, to the non-regional and to the non-Pacific for 2012-13?</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: Obviously it is done by portfolio. I do not have a table available that pulls that all together at this stage. We could provide that, though.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: Would you be able to get that?</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: Yes, Senator.</p>	RRAT31		
8	1.1	JOYCE	Regional Australia Institute – costings for initial payment	<p>Ms Beauchamp: We have put a funding agreement in place to ensure we get the required outcomes that are delivered in terms of the Regional Australia Institute.....</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: An amount of \$8 million of taxpayers' funds has gone to an organisation in which the people on the reference group appointed themselves as people on the board and we cannot get a skerrick of information about the details of even the costings on the initial \$500,000. This is just beyond the pale.</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: Senator, in relation to the funding agreement about the initial payment, there is a range of reporting arrangements under that. On notice, we could give you the details of the expenditure under that.</p>	RRAT36		
9	1.1	JOYCE	Regional Australia Institute – Biannual reporting details	<p>Senator JOYCE: We gave them half a million dollars in November. November to May—where is your biannual report?</p> <p>Ms Foster: Senator, I was just trying to make clear to you that with the initial around \$500,000—I think it was \$550,000; is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Pickworth: Including GST.</p> <p>Ms Foster: Including GST. That initial amount had a funding agreement associated with it because it was for a specific purpose of setting up the board. As Ms Pickworth has said, we have a requirement in that for quarterly reporting on expenditure against that. We have received the first quarterly report. In the funding agreement associated with the \$7.5 million plus GST, we have a requirement for a biannual report. What I need to do is go back and see when that first biannual report is due. But that is associated. We will get back to you.</p>	RRAT38		

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10	1.1	MACDONALD	RDAF Independent Advisory Panel	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I am asking you to take on notice, if you can, who was submitted. But if you cannot tell me the names, how many were submitted to the minister?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: It is departmental advice to the minister.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Yes, of course.</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: I will seek guidance about that.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: You cannot tell me what the advice is. I am simply asking how many names went. I could also perhaps ask if the three who were appointed were actually part of your list. Perhaps you can take that on notice.</p>	RRAT42		
11	1.1	MACDONALD	Torres Strait Region	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: The comments in the Torres Strait region in the north where I come from were, „The federal government can provide \$250 million for the UN to assist micro-Pacific countries deal with climate change issues, but we are struggling to find \$22 million to help Australian residents in the outer Torres Strait Islands battle annual inundation.“ Apart from this through the RDA network, is there any funding stream available in the current budget that would enable authorities in Queensland or the Torres Strait to access the moneys required to repair and rebuild damaged sea walls in the Torres Strait islands?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: To the best of my knowledge, there is no specific funding for sea walls from the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: So the only place they could get it from is this Regional Development Australia Fund?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: It is certainly beyond our department’s programs. Whether it is suitable for another department’s programs, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I am sure that is right. The local government in the Torres Strait does not have much money. The Queensland government is broke from 10 years of bad management. So if we cannot get it from the Commonwealth. Mind you, the same applies to the \$250 million that goes to the UN for non-Australian islands that desperately need the money. But there are Australian islands that desperately need the money. What I am asking you on notice is to let me know if there are other funds that I can suggest to the local member, Mr Entsch, so he can advise the Torres Strait people that they should apply to this for the funding.</p>	RRAT42–43		

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12	1.1	MACDONALD	North Qld Irrigated Agriculture Strategy	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Again on notice, can you tell me what money has been spent to date and what the work plan is for the spending of the \$10 million? The \$10 million is not all Commonwealth money, is it?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: How much is Commonwealth?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: The sum of \$6 million is this department, \$3 million is Queensland government, \$800,000 is a direct contribution from the CSIRO and there are a couple of other elements. We will put it on notice.</p>	RRAT44		
13	1.1	MACDONALD	AAco	<p>Mr Dickson: The decision to go ahead is sitting with AAco. I think they have been told as much as the Commonwealth can tell them.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Again on notice—I am relying on press reports, which are not always accurate—could you tell me whether they did apply for assistance, what they were seeking, what the response has been and where it is at? You have given me some information, which I appreciate. If we had a bit more time we could explore it further, but we have not.</p>	RRAT45		
14	1.1	JOYCE	Local government feedback to QRA	<p>Ms Beauchamp: The chair of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority board and the CEO regularly go out and visit local governments. Local governments have been providing feedback that they would like as much assistance as possible.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: In what form did the feedback that they gave to you come in?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I mentioned that the chair and the chief executive regularly go out and meet with local councils.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: Was it in an oral form or a written form?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: Generally and mostly in oral form.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: In anything but an oral form?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I would have to take that on notice on the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's behalf.</p>	RRAT 57		
15	1.1	MCKENZIE	RDAF- Benefit to local communities	Regarding QoN #132 part A); please explain the definition the department uses for 'region' and 'broader region'. Please use particular reference to QoN #132 part B), which explains projects funded 'meet the identified priorities of regional communities'. How do smaller regional communities access these funds?	Written		

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16	1.1	MCKENZIE	Funding options for smaller centres	<p>The Alexandra Reserve Committee in Ararat had applications for RDA funding twice rejected.</p> <p>The Committee of Management advise that their project was seen as not having a big enough impact across the region.</p> <p>Similarly, nearby Bungaree have secured \$1.25mn from the Victorian Government's Local Government Infrastructure Fund for the Bungaree Community Facility, but have been unable to secure funding through the RDAF.</p> <p>a. What other options are there for smaller centres to seek federal government funding for much regional needed projects?</p> <p>b. How does the department ensure that smaller projects in smaller towns, aiming to achieve regional plan objectives, are not swamped by the larger projects in larger towns?</p>	Written		
17	1.1	MCKENZIE	Regional Victoria RDA committees	Regarding QoN #132 part B), please provide regional Victorian examples of how RDA committees have created awareness and shared information about the program within their region. How is the effectiveness of these measures assessed? Do RDA committees have KPIs?	Written		
18	1.1	MCKENZIE	Victorian RDAF applications	Only two out of the 27 Victorian RDAF applications to proceed to full application had proponents that were organisations other than local governments. What is the department's view?	Written		
19	1.1	MCKENZIE	Murray-Darling Regional Economic Diversification Project	<p>a. What role are consultants to the Murray-Darling Regional Economic Diversification Project playing in the RDAF application and decision making process?</p> <p>b. Are these consultants working with communities to develop RDAF submissions? Is this part of their mandate?</p> <p>c. What is the total value of the RMCG Murray-Darling Regional Economic Diversification Project contract?</p> <p>d. How is the Murray-Darling Regional Economic Diversification Project helping communities to identify options to adapt to a future with less water?</p>	Written		

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20	1.1	HEFFERNAN	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>Does DRALGAS provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? • What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. • Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. • How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. <p>Does DRALGAS provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? • What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced. • Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken. • How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 	Written		

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21	1.1	MACDONALD	Flinders and Gilbert Rivers	<p>The 2012-13 Budget paper details a joint Commonwealth and CSIRO commitment totalling \$10m over three years to investigate the feasibility of developing water catchments on the Flinders and Gilbert Rivers (and to investigate the viability of meat processing facilities in north Queensland – see Live Export).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How was the funding allocation for these studies determined? 2. What consultation process took place with regional/local stakeholders to determine the terms of reference of the study? 3. What are the terms of reference of the study? What are the guiding principles and parameters of the research to be conducted? 4. What are the outcomes sought from the study and how will these outcomes be measured? 5. What consultation will take place with regional stakeholders in deploying the study over the three year period and analysing the results of the study? 6. What framework has been developed for the inclusion of agricultural stakeholders in the determinative, deployment and interpretive phases of the study? 7. In what way has the department sought engagement with the private sector to assess and determine the merits, objectives, deployment and measurement of the study? 8. What terms of reference were utilised to determine the Government's \$6m investment as adequate to achieve the stated goals of developing agriculture in Northern Australia as part of the Sustainable Futures program? How does this paltry investment comply with the Prime Minister's commitment to developing Australia into the "food Bowl of Asia" 	Written		
22	1.1	EDWARDS	Cove Enterprise Hub	<p>The Cove Enterprise Hub will be provided \$3.4 million in 2011-12 as a contribution to the overall project. Provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The other financial contributors to the project and how much they are providing 2. An overview of the Hub and the services it will provide 3. The reasons why this project was selected 4. If it met all the criteria of a particular funding program, provide the selection criteria 5. When the project commence and finish 	Written		

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23	1.1	EDWARDS	RDA funding – South Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department spoken with the South Australian Government with regard to its removal of core funding for South Australian RDAs from 20 June 2013? 2. If so, what has been discussed? 3. What provision has the Department made if some of the South Australian RDAs collapse due to inadequate operational funding? 	Written		
24	1.1	MADIGAN	Formal agreement between Commonwealth and Victorian Governments in relation to Latrobe Valley	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would you agree that the Latrobe Valley contains the highest concentration of brown coal fired power stations in Australia, supplying some 85 percent of Victoria's electricity? 2. Would you agree that the carbon tax and contract for closure arrangements in particular, are expected to have a concentrated impact in the Latrobe Valley and that the Latrobe Valley will be one of the most impacted regions in Australia, perhaps the most impacted region in Australia from the carbon tax? 3. Do you support using a definition of the Latrobe Valley that aggregates these three independent local council areas? 4. Did you and your Department advise the Minister to support this aggregated definition? 5. Was the decision to include this definition in the formal agreement an initiative of the Commonwealth, the Victorian government or by agreement of the Commonwealth and Victorian governments? 6. Did the Commonwealth question this definition along the lines that it may be incorrect, or that its use may distort the economic information used to describe the Latrobe Valley in transition planning? 7. To be clear, when I talk about the Latrobe Valley I'm not referring to an aggregation of three local council areas. I'm not using an aggregated definition. I'm talking about the Latrobe Valley proper, defined as the statistical division of Latrobe including Latrobe City, and the postcodes of Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill. That's the Latrobe Valley I'm referring to. That's quite different from the definition used by the Latrobe Valley Transition Committee, isn't it? 			

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	1.1	MADGIAN	(Cont'd)	<p>8. The definition used by the Latrobe Valley Transition Committee, an aggregation of Baw Baw and Wellington Shires and Latrobe City Council includes quite vast geographic areas that are clearly not in the Latrobe Valley. For example, the plains of Wellington Shire run all the way to the coast, and are clearly not in any valley, never mind the Latrobe Valley. To the west, people living in Walhalla, Erica, Rawson, Noojee, Tanjil Bren to the north, and the Mount Worth area to the south live in the mountains, not in a valley. Would you agree that aggregating these 3 local government areas and calling them the Latrobe Valley is contentious?</p> <p>9. I suggest that it's not just contentious around matters of geography. It's contentious regarding economic definitions including unemployment rates, industry profiles, and identifying which communities and areas power station closure is going to have the most impact, isn't it?</p>	Written		
25	1.1	MADIGAN	Industry profiles of Baw Baw, Latrobe City and Wellington	<p>The work of the Latrobe Valley Transition Committee is being underpinned by research. Two particular pieces of research have been commissioned by the Victorian government: one called 'The Regional Effects of Pricing Carbon Emission: An adjustment strategy for the Latrobe Valley' by the Centre for Strategic Economic Studies at Victoria University. The second is called 'Latrobe Valley Industry Growth projections' by KPMG.</p> <p>1. Do you agree that in terms of industry profiles, each of the three local government areas, Baw Baw Shire, Latrobe City, and Wellington have significantly different industry profiles?</p>	Written		

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26	1.1	MADIGAN	Latrobe industry profiles – KPMG report	<p>According to the KPMG report, Table 1 on Pages 3 and 4, Baw Baw shire is dominated by agriculture 16%; Electricity and gas make up 1% of the industry profile; and mining is 1% of the profile. The 20 year forecast is these levels to remain virtually unchanged.</p> <p>The industry profile of Latrobe City is different with electricity and gas making up 15% of the industry profile, and mining 14%. Both of these are projected to decline by almost half in the next twenty years. Agriculture is stable at 3% of the industry profile and not projected to change.</p> <p>1. Is that a correct reading of the table?</p> <p>If you look at the industry profile of Wellington, that's different again with 14% of the industry profile in agriculture which is projected to grow by 4% over the next twenty years. Mining which mainly refers to offshore oil and gas activity, is sitting at 22% of Wellington's industry profile and expected to grow to 31% in the next twenty years. Electricity and gas are at 1% currently and expected to decline to 0% in the next twenty years.</p> <p>1. Do you agree that the above mentioned figures are a correct reading of the table?</p> <p>2. Would you agree that, when talking about the negative impacts of closing brown coal fired power stations, from looking at Table 1 of the KPMG report and the industry profiles of the larger region it is Latrobe City, not the Shires of Baw Baw or Wellington, that is going to carry the burden of that impact?</p>	Written		
27	1.1	MADIGAN	Victoria University Report – Latrobe Valley	<p>Turning to the Victoria University report, the impact on the Latrobe Valley is tested and verified in a number of ways in that report. However, the Victoria University report does not use an aggregated definition of the Latrobe Valley. The Victoria University report clearly defines the Latrobe Valley and I quote as the '<i>Statistical Division of Latrobe, which includes the city of Latrobe and the postcodes of Traralgon, Moe, Morwell and Churchill.</i>' It goes on to say (quote):</p> <p><i>'This is the appropriate scale for an initial analysis of the likely impacts of a carbon price because the Valley's industrial economy and its engineering and mining specialised labour force differ from the predominately agricultural orientation of the remainder of Gippsland.'</i> (p19)</p> <p>1. Do you agree with that definition, and its logic, that the Latrobe Valley as defined by Victoria University has an industrial economy that is different and distinct from the remainder of Gippsland?</p>	Written		

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28	1.1	MADIGAN	Victoria University report – aggregated definition	<p>The Victoria University report notes that: (quote) ‘The Victorian state government is increasingly attracted to viewing the Latrobe Valley as a part of the larger and more diversified Gippsland economy. This strategy has merit. However, the larger scale also tends to divert attention from the unique problems to the Valley townships, and restricts discussion about the way that the Latrobe Valley is articulated with Gippsland and Victoria’. (p 31) (end quote).</p> <p>1. Do you think using an aggregated definition that rolls three local government areas into one, diverts attention away from the unique character and problems of the Latrobe Valley?</p>	Written		
29	1.1	MADIGAN	Latrobe Valley discussion paper	<p>When I look through the Victoria University report, I see that 95 percent of people working in energy and related sectors live in the Latrobe Valley (p 19). Moe-Newborough and Morwell are still suffering significantly higher unemployment rates than the rest of Gippsland, Melbourne or Victoria (p 42). This unemployment was created by privatisation of the SEC in the 1990s and nothing has been done to reduce that unemployment. Now, the same area is facing more job loss from power station closure.</p> <p>About six weeks ago, the Latrobe Valley Transition Committee circulated a Discussion Paper and invited public submissions. The Discussion Paper uses the same aggregated definition of the Latrobe Valley as the formal agreement between the Commonwealth and Victorian governments: i.e. that the Latrobe Valley comprises Baw Baw and Wellington Shires and Latrobe City. In so doing, the Discussion Paper (p 8) says that the aggregated Latrobe Valley has a total population of 162,675 rather than a population of 75,000 as defined in the Victoria University report.</p> <p>1. Do you agree that the Discussion Paper projects population growth for this newly aggregated Latrobe Valley region?</p>	Written		
30	1.1	MADIGAN	Victoria University report – population growth	<p>The Victoria University report has a different view on population growth. It is more cautious and concludes that (quote) ‘if the carbon price and other sustainability initiatives alter the structure of economic activity and employment in Gippsland, they will also alter the region’s population trajectory’ (p 39).</p> <p>1. I’m not an economist or a demographer but wouldn’t you agree that sounds like a more sensible appraisal than a blunt prediction of population growth when there are so many unknowns facing this region?</p>	Written		

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31	1.1	MADIGAN	Unemployment in the Latrobe Valley	<p>About unemployment, the Discussion Paper says on page 8 and I quote: 'The Latrobe Valley has seen marked improvement since the late 1980s when it underwent major changes associated with the privatisation of the State Electricity commission of Victoria (SECV). This is reflected through unemployment declining from 12.8 percent in 1996...' to five percent which appears in a table on page 8 of the Discussion Paper.</p> <p>However, in contrast the Victoria University report shows unemployment for Morwell in 2011 at about 11 percent, Moe at about 8 percent, and the balance of the Latrobe Valley at about 7 percent (Figure 4.9 – page 42).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would you agree that current unemployment rates of eleven percent in Morwell and eight percent in Moe-Newborough are significantly higher than the five percent cited by the Discussion Paper? 2. Would you agree that the Discussion Paper does not agree with the facts set out on page 42 of the Victoria University report that between 15% & 20% of the adult population in most of the central Gippsland region holds a Health care card? 	Written		

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32	1.1	MADIGAN	Labour under-utilisation and low wages in the Latrobe Valley	<p>The Victoria University Report, page 85, states (quote) <i>“Persistent labour under-utilisation and low wages in the Latrobe Valley suggest that its local labour markets have very little capacity to absorb displaced labour through shifts in real wages. There is also a risk that a decline in the energy sector might further depress local housing markets with the effect of trapping an already disadvantaged workforce in a place with few jobs.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you agree with that quote? 2. Do you agree that the Transition Committee Discussion Paper deliberately distorts the reality of the Latrobe Valley? 3. Do you agree that the use of a newly created definition of what the area, communities and economy of the Latrobe Valley are; and by combining the population, unemployment rates and projected growth of three independent local regions, the outcomes will be different, even distorted from those expected by using the accepted definition of the Latrobe Valley boundaries? 4. Do you accept that by combining unemployment rates from areas outside the normally accepted boundaries of the Latrobe Valley with those of areas such as Moe-Newborough and Morwell, two of the three largest population centres in the Valley, will significantly distort the final outcomes when calculating the unemployment rate of the Latrobe valley? 5. Would you agree that the Discussion Paper distorts its outcomes by underplaying the fragility of the Latrobe Valley’s economy and by overplaying the ability of the region to cope with significant job loss arising from power station closure. 	Written		

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33	1.1	MADIGAN	Role of the Latrobe Valley Transition Committee	<p>If the role of the Latrobe Valley Transition Committee is (quote) <i>'to identify impacts and the needs of the Latrobe Valley with the introduction of the Commonwealth government's Clean Energy Future Plan'</i>. Given all those distortions, the inevitable confusions that arise with differing definitions, and different sets of data doing the rounds – then I'd suggest the Transition Committee and its Discussion Paper have already failed to fulfil their central role.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would you agree with that? 2. Would you agree that the Discussion Paper has not identified the <i>'impacts'</i> clearly and unequivocally, nor has it identified the <i>'needs'</i> clearly and unequivocally? 3. Would you agree that the Discussion Paper has confused the facts, in that, if you are only relying on the Discussion Paper, and don't read the other research papers, the casual reader would be unable to determine what the facts actually are? 4. What view does the Commonwealth have about the portrait of the Latrobe Valley being put forward by the Latrobe Valley Transition Committee via the Discussion Paper? 5. Was your Department happy to have the Discussion Paper circulated in its current form containing these distortions? 6. Did the Department caution the Committee that it should not release the Discussion Paper for public comment until those problems had been removed? 7. Did the Department approve its public release and circulation? 	Written		

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34	1.1	MADIGAN	Latrobe Valley Discussion paper – public circulation	<p>The Discussion Paper asks submitters to comment on some specific matters. However it doesn't ask for comment about the key definition (what is the Latrobe Valley), and the various distorting and confusing data arising from the aggregated definition.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would you agree that the definition and the data that are provided in the Discussion Paper are expected to be accepted on face value? 2. Is it fair to assume that if submitters don't challenge the definition, don't challenge the data in the Discussion Paper that the Transition Committee will take that to mean those submitters have accepted its assumptions about definitional and related matters? 3. Does the Department accept this as ethical behaviour? 4. Does the Department accept that this could be seen by the residents of the Latrobe Valley as a bit of a confidence trick; being played on the very people whose livelihoods, wellbeing and economic survival are being decided by this process? 5. My understanding is that the submissions received to the Discussion Paper are going to be rolled into one central piece of advice to be given to the Commonwealth and Victorian governments. Is that correct? 6. What level of government will be receiving the advice? 7. Will the LVTC be directing their attention to the contentious and confusing definition and data used in the Discussion Paper? 8. Will the LVTC be providing advice at Ministerial level that it has failed to identify the impacts and needs of people in the Latrobe Valley region clearly and unequivocally and therefore failed to deliver on its charter? 9. How many submissions has the Committee received in response to the Discussion Paper? 10. What's your general understanding about their content? 	Written		

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35	1.1	MADIGAN	New jobs and industry development in the Latrobe Valley	<p>Last year, the Prime Minister visited the Latrobe Valley, where she met with workers in the power industry and told them and their families and I quote: <i>'the government would stand alongside affected communities... "It's not my intention to leave this community, or indeed any other community in the country, in the lurch the way we saw them left in the lurch in the era of privatisation under the Victorian Liberal government," she said in Morwell.</i></p> <p><i>Ms Gillard said she understood the anxiety of residents and today's trip to the Latrobe Valley, 150 kilometres east of Melbourne, was a show of good faith.</i></p> <p><i>"I remember what happened to this community in the 1990s when (then Victorian premier) Jeff Kennett and (treasurer) Alan Stockdale had privatisation come and hit this community like a sledgehammer, with little support for adjustment in this community," she said.</i></p> <p><i>Ms Gillard said she wanted to meet with the people who were likely to be most anxious about the carbon tax package "so that I could look into their eyes as they looked into mine and we could have a conversation".</i> End of quote (http://www.climatespectator.com.au/news/gillard-assures-victorias-la-trobe-valley-over-carbon-tax 17th July, 2011 AAP)</p> <p>The Discussion Paper doesn't refer to public investment in new jobs and industry development in the Latrobe Valley to replace those lost by power station closure.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does it rely on to replace those job losses? 2. Given that power station closure will occur as a direct result of Commonwealth government policy on the back of past Victorian government policies that created ongoing high levels of unemployment in the Latrobe Valley, what funding commitment is the Commonwealth making for the <u>specific</u> purpose of creating new jobs and new industries based on available technology, in the Latrobe Valley? 3. Apart from carbon capture and storage, which does not exist and is not likely to exist for twenty years, if at all, what level of investment is the Commonwealth willing to make creating new industries and new jobs in the Latrobe Valley? 4. Is the Commonwealth prepared to guarantee that there will be no nett job loss in the Latrobe Valley and that it will create like-for-like jobs, replacing high pay jobs with high pay jobs in the region? 	Written		

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36	1.1	MADIGAN	Membership of the Latrobe Valley Transition Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have you seen the submission of the CFMEU to the LVTC dated 8th May 2012? 2. Was the appointment of the CFMEU to the committee done as a result of their submission? 3. If yes, why? 4. If not, what prompted the committee to add the CFMEU to its membership? 5. How do you reconcile the fact that the CFMEU, a new member of the LVTC states that the 'redefining' of the Latrobe Valley to include the shires of Baw Baw and Wellington will distort any statistics relating to unemployment and social disadvantage suffered in the "Traditional" Latrobe Valley towns of Moe, Morwell and Traralgon? 6. In light of the fact that the CFMEU, a newly appointed committee member, disagrees with a basic premise on which the LVTC's Discussion Paper is based, will the LVTC be withdrawing this paper until the definition of the Latrobe Valley has been corrected and the statistics used to identify "impacts and the needs of the Latrobe Valley" are no longer distorted? 	Written		
37	1.1	WATERS	Impact of FIFO / DIDO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the impact in both economic and social terms of the use of 'fly in fly out' workforces? 2. How does it affect families and communities in areas where the miners' families live and where they work? 	Written	Transferred from DEEWR 20.06.12	

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38	1.2	JOYCE	Bring forward of FAGs payments	<p>Senator JOYCE: I understand that, Ms Beauchamp. But with all your knowledge and going around and about, you, more than anybody else, should have been in a position, if a letter was required to be sent off asking for the FAGs grants to be moved forward, to have sent that letter. If you did not send it and nobody else sent it then why did they get it?</p> <p>Senator Lundy: Perhaps if I could make the point that the minister is very familiar with the stakeholders in his portfolios. I am sure that a prompt from the department in this regard was not a prerequisite to making this government decision.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: So how did the minister—</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I am saying that the government and generally the minister would be familiar with the position their stakeholders were in.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: How did the government come to this position? No-one wrote to him—</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I will have to take that on notice on behalf of the minister. I am happy to do that.</p>	RRAT58		
39	1.2	MCKENZIE	Local council funding	<p>The response to QoN #137 says that funding enables each local council" to function at a standard not lower than the average standard within a State and Territory".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you please explain this in more detail? How is the average assessed? 2. How often is the equity of funding arrangements assessed? 3. How often is the methodology used updated? 	Written		
40	2.1	BACK	Assistance to Norfolk Island	<p>Senator BACK: So in 2010-11 there was \$5.7 million for government activities and \$0.7 million for that study. Then in 2011-12?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: \$14.1 million.</p> <p>Senator BACK: How much of that was the buy-out of the inefficient airline contract?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: From memory, it was about \$11 million. Can I take that on notice? I think there was an operating loss for the year of \$2.9 million or thereabouts.</p> <p>Senator BACK: You will take on notice what is the actual revenue—it is actually not a wide gap, is it?</p>	RRAT64		

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41	2.1	BACK	Flights to Norfolk Island	<p>Mr Stankevicius: No, it does. It is a service contracted to, and through a competitive tender process won by, Air New Zealand. It is two flights a week from Sydney to Norfolk Island, two flights a week from Brisbane to Norfolk Island and one from New Zealand to Norfolk Island.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Again on notice—I do not expect you to have the numbers now—I would be very interested to see what has been the change in passenger numbers as a result of that new service being underway.</p>	RRAT64		
42	2.1	HUMPHRIES	Funding for measures to improve health and wellbeing programs on Norfolk Island	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: The Administrator in a media release—I have not got the date for that here—talked about that \$2.9 million and gave some details to islanders about what that money would be spent on. You have touched on some of those things already. Also there is \$200,000 to develop a new waste management strategy implementation and action plan. This is about the problem of the disposal of rubbish off the island. He mentioned the \$100,000 to review hospital services. There is \$500,000 left for what is called measures to improve opportunities to access health and wellbeing funding programs available to mainland states and territories. What is that money being spent on?</p> <p>Mr Stankevicius: Sorry, I am not sure about the \$500,000. Sorry about that.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: I cannot see where it appears in the Administrator's media release.</p> <p>Mr Stankevicius: I will take it on notice.</p>	RRAT70		
43	3	HUMPHRIES	Members of National Cultural Policy Reference Group	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Could you tell me how many of those people that you have read out—I think it adds up to 22—are either public servants or departmental officials?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: Public servants, I would be able to tell you. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich is the Director-General of the National Library. I have a feeling that that would be it. I would need to check about the classification of Tony Elwood as Director of the Queensland Art Gallery about what the conditions are.</p>	RRAT84		
44	3	HUMPHRIES	Members of National Cultural Policy Reference Group – Practising Artists	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: The National Cultural Policy Reference Group is a 22-member reference group that has been set up; is that correct?..... How many of these people are actually artists and I mean practising artists as opposed to former artists who are now arts administrators?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: I would like to take that on notice.</p>	RRAT84		

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52	4	BERNARDI	Collingwood Football Club Application	<p>Mr Eccles: It is fair to say we have been aware of the aspirations of the Collingwood Football Club to be part of an update to the Olympic Park precinct for quite some time. The funding for this project was considered and subsequently announced in the context of the budget.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI: When was a formal application made?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: I do not have that information. I would need to take that on notice.</p>	RRAT96		
53	4	BERNARDI	Funding for Valentine Sports Park	<p>Mr Eccles: From the \$8 million that you referred to. Three million dollars of that is for the Valentine Sports Park facility.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI: Was the request for this funding made by FFA—Football Federation Australia?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: I would need to check the genesis of it.</p>	RRAT100		
54	4	BERNARDI	Active After School Communities – Key Performance Indicators – DRALGAS Involvement	<p>Senator Lundy: I think Mr Hollingsworth said he would take that on notice. We will check as to why that is the case.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI: Don't you know?</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I can assure you it still is a focus.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI: Perhaps the department could share with us why it is no longer a key performance indicator.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: I will take that on notice as well.</p>	RRAT103		
55	4	BERNARDI	Olympic Park funding	<p>On 28 April 2010, Minister Lundy and Minister Shorten issued a media release entitled '\$10 million to create a community sporting hub for Olympic Park', yet as of 22 May 2012, there appeared to be no sign of this media release on either of Minister Lundy's websites at http://www.regional.gov.au/sport/minister/releases/index.aspx and http://www.katelundy.com.au/category/media/releases/page/2/.</p> <p>1. Why is this media release not featured on either of her websites?</p>	Written		
56	4	EDWARDS	SA sport funding	<p>1. Provide all funding/grants provided to South Australia from the Office of Sport for the 2011/2012 financial year.</p> <p>2. Provide the amount provided and the purpose for which it was provided.</p>	Written		

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57	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Recruitment FYTD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written		
58	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Staff changes 2012-13 Budget	Provide details of what staffing changes have occurred in DRALGAS from the 2012-13 Budget. Provide a list of additional and/or redundant positions, the classification and the program those positions are part of or have been taken from.	Written		
59	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	SES Positions FYTD	Please list the SES positions you have in DRALGAS in the years this FYTD. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written		
60	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Staffing - Graduates	Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details including costs and what the training is.	Written		
61	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Recruiting Graduates	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written		
62	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 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. 3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 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. 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. 6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 7. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is DRALGAS undertaking, or are planning to undertake? 	Written		

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63	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is DRALGAS's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 3. What is DRALGAS's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 5. What hospitality spend is DRALGAS planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 7. What entertainment spend is DRALGAS planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 9. Is DRALGAS planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved? 	Written		
64	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date. 	Written		

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65	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has DRALGAS received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. What is the total cost to DRALGAS to process FOI requests for this FYTD? 3. How many FOI requests has DRALGAS received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? 4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date? 	Written		
66	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Community Cabinet Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? 2. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location. 3. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location. 4. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 5. What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? 	Written		
67	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written		

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68	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. 	Written		
69	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Media Monitoring	<p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services? 2. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12? 3. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to DRALGAS for this financial year to date?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services? 2. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12? 3. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 	Written		
70	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Social Media	<p>Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.</p>	Written		

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71	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has DRALGAS 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). 2. Has DRALGAS 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). 3. Has DRALGAS ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 4. Has DRALGAS 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). 5. Has DRALGAS ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 6. Has DRALGAS 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). 7. Has DRALGAS 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). 8. Has DRALGAS 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). 9. Has DRALGAS ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 	Written		
72	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Discretionary Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could DRALGAS provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 2. Has DRALGAS complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants? 	Written		

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73	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in DRALGAS this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written		
74	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has DRALGAS paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by DRALGAS for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written		
75	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Stationery Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent by DRALGAS on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretary) stationery requirements (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 2. What is DRALGAS's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 3. What was DRALGAS's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 	Written		

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76	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? 2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? 	Written		
77	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Travel Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 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). 3. 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? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. 4. 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. 5. 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. 	Written		

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78	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What sum did DRALGAS spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 2. What sum did DRALGAS spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 3. What sum did DRALGAS spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 4. What sum did DRALGAS spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 	Written		
79	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Education Expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are DRALGAS's guidelines on study? Please provide details. 2. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for DRALGAS. 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 DRALGAS. 	Written		

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80	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by DRALGAS, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. 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) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than DRALGAS's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written		

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81	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by DRALGAS, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. 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) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than DRALGAS's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written		
82	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Paid Parental Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list how many staff in DRALGAS are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments. 	Written		

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83	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary in DRALGAS? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary in DRALGAS? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary in DRALGAS? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification. 	Written		
84	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Corporate Cars	<p>Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many cars are owned by DRALGAS & each agency? 2. Where are the cars located? 3. What are the cars used for? 4. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 5. How far did each car travel this financial year to date? 	Written		
85	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Taxi Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did DRALGAS spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each departmental/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written		
86	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? • How is corporate credit card use monitored? • What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? • Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. • What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written		

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87	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Printing of Documents	Does DRALGAS print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written		
88	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Provision of Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did DRALGAS provide mobile phones to the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs. 2. Did DRALGAS provide electronic equipment to the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to DRALGAS staff? 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. 4. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does DRALGAS provide the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided. 	Written		
89	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Electricity Purchasing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update of DRALGAS electricity purchasing agreement. 2. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. 3. What were DRALGAS electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 4. What are DRALGAS electricity costs for this financial year to date? 	Written		
90	Corporate	MCKENZIE	Electricity costs – DRALGAS usage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 2. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why not? 3. How much electricity does the department use? 4. How much has the department spent on electricity in the FYTD? 	Written		
91	Corporate	HEFFERNAN	Shredders	Has DRALGAS purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? 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.	Written		

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92	Australia Council	BRANDIS	Review of Australia Council	<p>Senator BRANDIS: Ms Keele, the review was released on 15 May, nine days ago. You have got until 8 June. About a third of the time that you have got to prepare a response has already passed. Your board has had a meeting since the review was released last Friday and you still do not know the process by which or whether the artform boards will have—</p> <p>Ms Keele: Right now the process does not include meeting and getting input from the boards.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS: You still do not know whether each of the artform boards will have an opportunity to respond?</p> <p>Ms Keele: Correct, I do not know. I would be happy to go and find out from the chair what the plan is, but right now I just cannot answer the question.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS: If you do not know, you do not know. I find that very surprising. Other than the council and whichever artform boards end up getting the opportunity to participate in this response, what other consultations is it proposed to undertake?</p> <p>Ms Keele: This is a comment time, not a consultation time. The consultations, as I mentioned earlier, have happened. As individuals, anybody can make a comment on this review. As I understand it, the Australia Council governing board is considering its response. We are not considering going back out for consultation. As we understand it, whatever is accepted by the minister and proposed to go forward does require consultation. That is how I see this being handled. Does the department have anything to add to that?</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS: Do not worry about that because I am not asking the department. I find it alarming that the only engagement in formulating a response to this review, which was profoundly critical of the existing structure of the Australia Council, is at board level—</p> <p>Ms Keele: Well, it is—</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS: With, as it seems to me, no at least methodical attempt to canvass the views of the artform boards, which, if the review were given effect to, would be abolished.</p> <p>Ms Keele: I am happy to take that on notice and pass it back as something we should add to the process. I honestly do not know right now.</p>	RRAT80		

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93	Australia Council	Milne		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much Federal funding does the Canberra Symphony Orchestra receive? 2. How does this compare with the amount the Council funds symphony orchestras in other capital cities? 3. Will the Australia Council consider reallocating funding to the Canberra Symphony Orchestra so that it gets a more equitable share of orchestra funding? 	Written		
94	Australian Film, Television and Radio School	HUMPHRIES	Impact of Efficiency Dividend on AFTRS	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: At four per cent, what impact is the efficiency dividend having on your budget for the coming financial year?</p> <p>Ms Levy: We have a 1.5 per cent efficiency dividend.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We were exempt from the additional—</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: That is what I meant. You have been exempted. Can I put in a question on notice about the effect over the last few years of the dividend at 1.5 per cent on your budget?</p>	RRAT95		
95	National Film and Sound Archive	HUMPHRIES	Reducing Carbon Emissions	<p>CHAIR: Can you tell us what you are doing to reduce emissions into the future?</p> <p>Mr Loebenstein: I will have to take that on notice....</p> <p>CHAIR: It is only early days. I will make this my last question. If you use the right calculator, do you think you will get within the ballpark area where you could neutralise your costs?</p> <p>Mr Florian: I will take that one on notice.</p>	RRAT 92		
96	National Gallery of Australia	HUMPHRIES	Credit Card Misuse	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES:There were some instances of credit card misuse by the gallery in the 2011 financial year. I would like some information about that. You can take this on notice. How was the matter or matters investigated? How senior were the staff who were involved? What were the amounts involved? Were the funds accounted for, and was any disciplinary action taken?</p>	RRAT92		
97	National Gallery of Australia	HUMPHRIES	Interim Chair of NGA	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES:.....Why have we had only an interim chair when we have a permanent appointment for the director of the gallery?</p>	RRAT92		

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98	Screen Australia	EDWARDS	Production of Wolf Creek film	Senator EDWARDS: How much were we, the taxpayers, looking to contribute to the production of that film? Ms Cameron: I do not have that information on me. I will take it on notice.	RRAT72		
99	Screen Australia	EDWARDS	Production at new SA Facility	Senator EDWARDS: Do you have anything slated for production in South Australia at the new \$48 million facility? Ms Cameron: I would have to take that on notice as well. Hopefully, we do.	RRAT72		
100	Australian Sports Commission	BERNARDI	Active After School Communities – Key Performance Indicators	Senator BERNARDI: I would be interested in ongoing feedback in respect to this, because clearly we do not want to see fewer people doing it and we do not want to see the supervision diminished either, which I think is very important when kids are getting involved in sport. In the portfolio budget statement there is no key performance indicator for this program that sets a goal to get at least 60 per cent of the active after-school participants expressing interest in joining a sporting club or team, which was the case in the previous PBS. Why was this key performance indicator removed from this program?	RRAT102		

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101	Australian Sports Commission	BERNARDI	Pathway to Success projects	<p>Senator BERNARDI: You would know then the 25 projects you expect to have scheduled and complete in the next 12 months?</p> <p>Mr Hollingsworth: The expert panel that we convene to determine that would be discussing those projects now. They may not have finally decided what they are but they certainly will be considering the future suite of projects.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI: Would you be able to advise us of those projects?</p> <p>Mr Hollingsworth: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI: Yes, I expected you would. Can I just say for this purpose that if some of them are sensitive I do not want you to—</p> <p>Mr Hollingsworth: You will appreciate that some of them are through a competitive bid process, so yes, the answer will be subject to that.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI: Now you have piqued my interest. I am interested in the cost of them if you can provide it.</p> <p>Mr Hollingsworth: Sure.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI: But I am actually interested more generally in the areas in which the projects are being undertaken.</p> <p>Mr Hollingsworth: What they are?</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI: Yes. You can take it on notice. I am interested in what areas of research you intend to undertake over the next 12 months. I understand there may be some sensitivity to that, given the competitive situation internationally and things of that nature, but I would broadly like to receive any information you can give.</p> <p>Mr Hollingsworth: Yes, I would be happy to provide that on notice.</p>	RRAT104		
102	Australian Sports Commission	FAWCETT	ADF Involvement in the Paralympics	<p>Senator FAWCETT:Could you describe to me what funding arrangements, if any, exist between Defence and yourselves in terms of the ADF involvement in training or the broader Paralympics movement.</p>	RRAT114		
103	Australian Sports Commission	FAWCETT	ADF Involvement in the London Olympics	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I am quite concerned about the level of support not being provided in some cases to wounded soldiers, and this is a fantastic initiative, so I am keen to flesh out what degree of funding is there, who it is coming from and how we can make sure that continues. Could I also put on notice, because I am assuming you may not know off the top of your head, how many ADF people are likely through their involvement to also be on the actual Olympic team that ends up going?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: Yes. We will speak with the Department of Defence, who I think is involved in that earlier issue that you just raised; but we will look into that as well.</p>	RRAT115		

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104	Australian Sports Commission	FIFIELD	Funding for Paralympic and Olympic Games	a) How much Government funding has the Australian Paralympic Committee received for the 2012 London Olympic Games? b) How much Government funding has the Australian Olympic Committee received for the 2012 London Olympic Games c) What, if any, breakdown of funding is prescribed? Is it earmarked for training, marketing, travel, etc. d) If so, what is the breakdown, and who decides the amount?	Written		
105	Australian Sports Commission	FIFIELD	Funding Agreement with AIS	What, if any funding agreements are in place with the Australian Institute of Sport to develop a) Olympic Talent b) Paralympic Talent	Written		
106	Australian Sports Commission	FIFIELD	Funding Agreement with Swimming Australia Ltd	What, if any funding agreements are in place with Swimming Australia Ltd to develop a) Olympic Talent b) Paralympic Talent	Written		
107	Australian Sports Commission	FIFIELD	Funding Agreement with Athletics Australia	What, if any funding agreements are in place with Athletics Australia to develop a) Olympic Talent b) Paralympic Talent	Written		
108	Australian Sports Commission	FIFIELD	Funding Agreements with Football Federation Australia	What, if any funding agreements are in place with the Football Federation to develop a) Olympic Talent b) Paralympic Talent	Written		
109	Australian Sports Commission	FIFIELD	Role of Minister in promoting Olympic and Paralympic teams	1. What is the role of the Minister in the promotion of the Olympic Team and its athletes? 2. What is the role of the Minister in the promotion of the Paralympic Team and its athletes?	Written		
110	Australian Sports Commission	FIFIELD	Allocation of tickets for Paralympics	What number of tickets have been allocated to Australia for the London 2012 Paralympic Games?	Written		

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111	Australian Sports Commission	FIFIELD	Update on Paralympic Ticket Sales	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the London 2012 Paralympic Travel Committee updated the Office of the Minister on the Paralympic ticket sales to date? 2. What percentage of these tickets have been sold? 3. Who is responsible for advertising and promoting Paralympic ticket sales in Australia? 	Written		