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6	Corporate Services	CORP 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(Requests for Temporary Accommodation Arrangements)</i> Senator O'BRIEN—Given the skills shortages being felt across the workforce, has any prospective employee made a request, either formally or informally, to work under similar arrangements—that is, to reside temporarily in a city other than their home base? You may need to take that on notice. Mr Chandler—Can I take that on notice? Senator O'BRIEN—Yes. And if so, what was the outcome of their request?</p>				1
8		CORP 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Travel Service Provider Contract)</i> Senator O'BRIEN—Can you tell us who has submitted a quotation. Mr Chandler—Given that the process is still not finalised, I would rather take that on notice and come back on that if I can. It is effectively an open quote tender process and we have not yet formally gone back to any of the people who have quoted. ... Senator O'BRIEN—Can you advise the Committee whose the successful quote is when that is done. Mr Chandler—What we will provide on notice is the advice on the firms approached, the four who have quoted and the successful tenderer.</p>				2
9		CORP 03	O'Brien	<p><i>(Vehicle Acquisition Policy)</i> Senator O'BRIEN—Following the adoption of the <i>National Road Safety Plan</i>, Mr Lloyd made a request to Minister Minchin that the Department of Finance alter its vehicle acquisition policy? Mr Mrdak—I will take on notice the exact dates, but my understanding is that it took place around the middle of this year, if not earlier. I think it was well in advance of the Australian Transport Council considering the road safety action plan.</p>				3

6	Corporate Services	CORP 10	O'Brien	<p><i>(Mr Taylor's Allowances)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can the Committee receive the final totals for the last financial year of Mr Taylor's reunion travel allowance, as well as of the so-called temporary accommodation allowance?</p> <p>Mr Chandler—I do not have those figures with me but we can provide those. I think we have provided figures up to the end of May in response previously.</p>	30/11/06	30/11/06		4
10	Maritime & Land Transport	MLT 07	O'Brien	<p><i>(Vehicle Acquisition Policy)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Perhaps, on notice, you can let us know precisely what Minister Lloyd has asked the Minister for Finance to do in relation to Commonwealth motor vehicle acquisition policy.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will certainly get that for you during today.</p>				5
10		MLT 08	O'Brien	<p><i>(Vehicle Acquisition Policy)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—According to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau's 2006 Review, \$500,000 was provided to ANCAP, the <i>Australian New Car Assessment Program</i>. In response to questions during the May estimates, I was advised that the Department does not use the ANCAP safety ratings as a reference point when selecting vehicles for the departmental fleet. Has that changed?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—From recollection, the evidence at the time was that we rely on the guidelines published by the Department of Finance and Administration for our fleet acquisition. That remains the department's position.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—The answer is that you still do not have regard to it, you simply refer to the guidelines?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—We refer to the Commonwealth guidelines.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Which I take it has no reference to that.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I would need to check. I am sorry I am not very familiar with the guidelines.</p>				6

27-28	AusLink	AUSL 01	I.MacDonald	<p><i>(Road Funding)</i> Ms Riggs—This first five years of AusLink is a transitional period. It is probably fair to reflect on the fact that, in those States, for example, where a number of former roads of national importance are now part of the national network, the negotiations between Governments in settling just precisely where Australian Government moneys would be invested in this five-year period probably met with a greater share of willingness on the part of the State Governments also to contribute to national network projects. There was less of that. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Can you demonstrate that for me in facts and figures—not now, but perhaps on notice?</p>				7
30-31	AusLink	AUSL 02	I.MacDonald	<p><i>(Maintenance of National Highways)</i> Senator IAN MACDONALD—can you identify for me what AusLink road projects there have been in the south-east Queensland area in 2005-06 and 2006-07? ... CHAIR—Do you want to come back with the answer? Mr Elliott—It might be easier, I think, yes. Senator IAN MACDONALD—I am happy enough for you even to take it on notice, because I would like the projects identified. I am talking about capital works. Senator O'BRIEN—But that is identified in an answer to a question on notice now, isn't it? That is what you are referring to, Mr Elliott? Ms Riggs—It is possible to answer this question from— Mr Elliott—It can be extracted from the table that we have given you. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Can you extract it for me for south-east Queensland? Mr Elliott—Certainly.</p>				8

25		AUSL 03	O'Brien	<p><i>(States and Territories – MOUs)</i> Senator O'BRIEN—So whatever is contained in this document, for example in relation to the Hume Highway, would have to have added to it the expenditure announced in the budget? Mr Hogan—That is right. Ms Riggs—Yes. Ms Page—We can supply you with the table that breaks up those funds, which I think might be the easiest way to do it. As Ms Riggs says, because they are lump sum payments, they are not spread across the profile of a project in a normal way, but we can give you a table which breaks up the allocations to each state if that would assist. Senator O'BRIEN—It certainly would assist if this document can be added to, so we have a complete picture; yes. Ms Page—Yes.</p>				9
43	Maritime and Land Transport	MLT 01	Milne	<p><i>(Emissions Standards and Guidelines)</i> Senator MILNE—I just want to go on to the emissions standards and guidelines. I notice that \$12.2 million is the price that has been put on this for supposedly achieving greater fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas reductions. I notice that the strategy is to get the new emissions standards for light and heavy vehicles in place and the <i>Green Vehicle Guide</i> and environmental performance criteria for heavy vehicles using diesel. I want to know what reduction in greenhouse gases from the transport fleet has been achieved because of what you have done to date. Mr Jones—We would have to take that on notice. There is some work being developed by the Portfolios of Environment Protection, Heritage and Transport, under the direction of the Council of Australian Governments. A Report is being prepared which includes a range of data around greenhouse vehicle emission impacts. The Report is not yet final. It is quite likely there is some material there that we could draw on to answer that question but the specifics we would have to take on notice.</p>				10
44		MLT 02	Milne	<p><i>(Emissions Standards and Guidelines)</i> Senator MILNE—Let us put aside the money. Just tell me, whatever you are spending, how are you measuring its effectiveness? Mr Wilson—To provide you with a detailed answer, I will take it on notice. Senator MILNE—Thank you, I would appreciate that.</p>				11

44-45		MLT 03	O'Brien	<p><i>(Heavy Driver Fatigue Reform Package)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—What input have the current and the previous minister provided in the development of the package?</p> <p>Mr Wilson—Drawing on my memory, I believe ministers have discussed the package at least twice previously to the ATC in November, but I would have to check the details in that regard. That would be their opportunity to provide specific directions and policy guidance to the NTC.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—What other industry groups were consulted and what particular issues were they keen to pursue?</p> <p>Mr Wilson—I would have to take that on notice. As you would be aware, the NTC has been in charge of finalising the package to go before ATC. Whilst I could list a number of organisations such as the livestock association, the ATA and the state jurisdictional road transport associations, to give you a complete picture I would have to contact the NTC.</p>				12
45		MLT 04	O'Brien	<p><i>(Heavy Driver Fatigue Reform Package)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is there a list on a website which will tell us who actually was involved in the consultation?</p> <p>Mr S Jones—Not that I am aware of. We would have to check that.</p>				13
45	Maritime and Land Transport	MLT 05	O'Brien	<p><i>(Heavy Vehicle Driver Fatigue - Options Paper)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Was that options paper considered in the design of the fatigue reform package?</p> <p>Mr Wilson—I would have to take that on notice.</p>				14
45-46		MLT 06	O'Brien	<p><i>(Heavy Driver Fatigue Reform Package)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—While you are getting information on that, I would also like to know whether any changes to the draft fatigue reform package resulted from consultation with the Fatigue Expert Group. In relation to consultation with industry and other stakeholders, have any changed to the draft fatigue reform package resulted from such consultations and, if so, what are they?</p> <p>Mr Wilson—I will answer in general, but I will also provide you with a specific answer. The fatigue package has changed. My understanding is that the fatigue package that the NTC will present to ATC Ministers for voting on later this year will be slightly different. It will have been amended from that package that was circulated earlier this year, resulting from consultations with industry and consultations and discussions at the ATC. The package will have changed, but I will get you the specifics in regards to what was changed from the original release to what is circulated.</p>				15

47	Australian Transport Safety Bureau	ATSB 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(ATSB Website)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—My concern is that for three months in a row the ATSB <i>Road Deaths Australia</i> monthly bulletin has not been readily available. Do you have the staffing resource necessary to keep the ATSB website up to date?</p> <p>Mr Motha—Yes, I believe so.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How many staff would be engaged in that task?</p> <p>Mr Motha—In terms of the three months you mentioned, we will check the situation for you and get back to you.</p>					16
48		ATSB 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Road Safety Outcomes- Mr Lloyd's Media Release)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Would those statistics have been available on 12 October?</p> <p>Mr Motha—The September statistics?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Motha—I will have to take those on notice.</p>					17
49		ATSB 03	O'Brien	<p><i>(Motorcycle Safety Consultative Committee)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Who is on it?</p> <p>Mr Motha—There are a number of motorcycling groups on it, including the Australian Motorcycle Council and various other State-based motorcycling groups.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is that information publicly available?</p> <p>Mr Motha—Yes, I can provide it to you.</p>					18
49	Australian Transport Safety Bureau	ATSB 04	O'Brien	<p><i>(Motorcycle Safety Consultative Committee)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Does the Committee provide minutes or formal reports to the Department?</p> <p>Mr Motha—Yes. We put out an action list 48 hours after each meeting outlining the actions or the decisions that were made at the meeting, who would do them and by when. Minutes of meetings are also put out later.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can copies of those documents be provided to the Committee?</p> <p>Mr Motha—Yes, we can make those available to you.</p>					19

51		ATSB 05	O'Brien	<p><i>(Lockhart River Tragedy – Investigation)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—With regard to the ongoing investigation of flight deck security doors, I note that the issue was reported in July 2005 and that the investigation is not yet complete. How many operators have referred concerns about these doors to the ATSB?</p> <p>Mr Walsh—I would need to take on notice the exact number. There were a number of operators who raised concerns. That Report is currently out as a draft for comment with the directly involved parties. The comment period closes in a few days time, so the Report will progress from there.</p>				20
57	Aviation and Airports	AAA 01	Adams	<p><i>(Jandakot Airport – Directors)</i></p> <p>Senator ADAMS—Is it true or not that the directors have to have lived in Australia in the last five years, even though they might be Australian citizens?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I would have to check that level of detail for you.</p> <p>Senator ADAMS—Could you take that on notice?</p>				21
59	Territories & Local Government	TLG 53	O'Brien	<p><i>(Norfolk Island Airport – Insurance)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Are there any legal requirements for that airport to have insurance?</p> <p>Mr Doherty—I am not aware that there would be, as part of the normal regulatory arrangements for airports, an insurance requirement, but we can check that.</p>				22
65	Aviation and Airports	AAA 02	Milne	<p><i>(Development on Hobart Airport Site)</i></p> <p>Senator MILNE—Can I have a guarantee that all of the submissions that were submitted to the developer will go to the Minister? What I understood you to have said is that some of the submitters put them on their website, and you said the Minister might access some of them. Will all of the submissions go to the minister, notwithstanding that the developer is looking at them, summarising them and passing them on?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Parties who make submissions to drafts will often send copies of that submission or refer the submission to Ministers. Where we have areas of concern, we can ask for copies of submissions made to the proponent. I would have to look at the circumstances as to whether all the submissions would come to the Minister.</p>				23

74-75	Civil Aviation Safety Authority	CASA 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(Functions of the Engineering Support Section)</i></p> <p>Mr Byron—It is a section. There is a range of them. I would have to on notice give you the full details but, for example, there would have been the assessment of industry STCs, supplementary technical certificates, if they required assessment. That sort of function is still available, it is just that it is not done by a section called ESB. If you would like I can give you a more detailed breakdown of the types of work that they performed.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Yes, I would appreciate that; and an indication of where if anywhere that work has gone?</p>					24
75		CASA 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Abolition of the Engineering Support Section)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is it fair to say that that work is now performed in Canberra? Do you need to give me that answer on notice?</p> <p>Mr Byron—I will need to give you an answer on notice on that. As an initial assessment I would say some is done in Canberra but certainly not all of it, but I will give you a detailed answer on notice.</p>					25
75		CASA 03	O'Brien	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is it the case that in this section there were 13 positions located in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney and that these staff were offered voluntary redundancies?</p> <p>Mr Byron—There were a number of staff in the ESB that were offered redundancies as part of the restructuring of MCANTO. I would need to check the precise locations for you.</p>					26
75	Civil Aviation Safety Authority	CASA 04	O'Brien	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—If you could, that would be helpful. Is it also true that of the 13 experienced engineering staff only two have elected to remain in the now retitled section on AWAs?</p> <p>Mr Byron—The detail of that I will have to confirm with you on notice. I know that we certainly have retained a number of staff who are highly experienced.</p>					27
75		CASA 05	O'Brien	<p><i>(Relocation Of Positions)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Would you then be able to give the committee a breakdown of numbers and qualifications of technical staff in Canberra and the field offices, showing me a comparison for the last three financial years?</p> <p>Mr Byron—I can do that on notice, certainly.</p>					28

78		CASA 06	McLucas	<p><i>(Lessbrook/TransAir Enforceable Voluntary Undertaking)</i></p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Did the company seek to amend it? Mr Byron—I would need to take on notice whether they sought to amend the EVU. I am not sure of the answer to that. Senator McLUCAS—I understand they can seek to, and you can refuse amendment. I think you are telling me there has been no amendment but they may have sought to. Mr Byron—I will get advice on that.</p>					29
78	Civil Aviation Safety Authority	CASA 07	McLucas	<p>Senator McLUCAS—So they sought an extension at the point of signing, on 4 May, or subsequently? Mr Byron—Subsequently. Senator McLUCAS—Can you tell me when, please? Mr Byron—We will need to take that on notice.</p>					30
79		CASA 08	McLucas	<p>Senator McLUCAS—Thank you. They were simply seeking an extension of the period of operation of the EVU? Mr Byron—Yes. Senator McLUCAS—Right. Mr Byron—The period of the EVU. Senator McLUCAS—We will get that on notice. Mr Byron—We will get that detail to you.</p>					31
79		CASA 09	McLucas	<p>Senator McLUCAS—How many undertakings were there in the EVU? Mr Byron—We would need to take that on notice. There were a considerable number.</p>					32
79		CASA 10	McLucas	<p>Senator McLUCAS—Can you also confirm that the numbers of undertakings in the EVU are different to the number identified in the summary document on the website? Mr Byron—I would need to check that level of detail. I have been advised that the content of the website certainly describes in broad terms the concerns of CASA that need to be addressed, but obviously all the detail is not there. I would need to check to make sure that each of the items within the EVU is adequately covered by the summary, which I think is the question you are asking me.</p>					33

81		CASA 11	McLucas	<p>Senator McLUCAS—That is what you have been advised. Thank you for that information. Please take on notice, Mr Byron, that I want a list of all actions that were undertaken by CASA following each of the four audits, and also in that list I would like an understanding of all actions that Transair undertook. Basically, you told them to do X. I want to know if they did it. If they did not do it, I want to know what action CASA undertook following that. And I wonder if you could you table a copy of the EVU?</p> <p>Mr Byron—In terms of the actions that CASA took as a result of the audit, I will certainly take that on notice and give that to you.</p>					34
81-82	Civil Aviation Safety Authority	CASA 12	O'Brien	<p>Mr Byron—In terms of the detail of the EVU, I will just need to get advice as to what our legal position is on that.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Doesn't the act say that you have to publish the detail? I use the term 'the detail' because that is what is in the act?</p> <p>Mr Byron—I am advised that what the act says is to publish 'the details', not 'the detail'. What our interpretation has been is that we provide a summary of it rather than word by word.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Instead of the details, you provide a summary of the details?</p> <p>Mr Byron—A summary that specifies what the detail is. If you do not mind, I am happy to take that one on notice and discuss that with our people. We believe we are acting in accordance with the requirements of the act.</p>					35
84		CASA 13	McLucas	<p><i>(Show Cause Notice)</i></p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Thank you. What was the first show cause on 14 August about? What were the issues in the show cause notice?</p> <p>Mr Byron—There is quite a bit of detail in that. I will need to take that on notice. In summary, it is what I have said. We were not satisfied with the way they were progressing with the EVU so we issued them a Show Cause Notice.</p>					36
84		CASA 14	McLucas	<p><i>(evu)</i></p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Of the seven Undertakings, which ones were not complied with?</p> <p>Mr Murray—I do not have the specific detail on that available at the moment, but I am very happy to take that on notice and will supply that.</p>					37
85		CASA 15	McLucas	<p><i>(Show Cause Notice)</i></p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Could we have a copy of the Show Cause Notice?</p> <p>Mr Murray—Certainly, I have no problem with producing a copy of the show cause notice, or indeed the supplementary show cause notice, if we are in fact allowed to do that.</p>					38

86		CASA 16	McLucas	<p>(EVU)</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—You will understand that I have a lot of difficulty when I hear that this company has been given the chance to fix problems that have been identified since November 2001. To be frank, I do not know how the families of the 15 people who are dead are going to cope with that. Did they provide a weekly update of their compliance—a weekly report—as they are required to?</p> <p>Mr Murray—Initially, I understand that they did.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—For how many weeks?</p> <p>Mr Murray—I do not have that detail available at the moment.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Could you provide that for me?</p> <p>Mr Murray—Certainly.</p>				39
86	Civil Aviation Safety Authority	CASA 17	McLucas	<p>Senator McLUCAS—Did they comply with the three documents that they had to comply with on 3 July?</p> <p>Mr Murray—I am not aware of that level of detail.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Could you provide that on notice, too?</p>				40
86		CASA 18	McLucas	<p>Senator McLUCAS—There is another issue I need to get an understanding of. Mr Byron, you have indicated that you are going to tell me what actions CASA took following each audit. I want to know what similar elements were identified in each audit. In my view, if there were consistent non-compliance with certain elements, that information has to be presented to the Committee. Do you understand the issue that I am going to?</p> <p>Mr Byron—I understand what you are asking for and we will do that.</p>				41
86		CASA 19	McLucas	<p>Senator McLUCAS—Thank you. I would also like to get an understanding of which aircraft owned by Transair were involved, particularly in terms of the maintenance schedule. There is a proper term for that. There is a schedule of maintenance and I want to know which particular aircraft were found to be noncompliant. I also want to know which aircraft the unlicensed maintenance person worked on. Is that possible?</p> <p>Mr Byron—We can provide you with the answers to those questions on notice.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Is it possible? By looking back over the audits, can you identify which aircraft—by their signature—the unauthorised maintenance person worked on?</p> <p>Mr Gemmell—We believe we can. We will have a look through our records and they should be good enough to be able to give you that information.</p>				42

87		CASA 20	McLucas	<p><i>(Operators Under Review)</i></p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—That goes to the issue of—I forget the terminology for it—this list of people who are not doing very well?</p> <p>Mr Byron—Fundamentally, yes. In terms of Transair, it is my understanding through the reports that came through to the CEO that Transair, up until the time of the accident, was not mentioned. I can double check that, but that was my understanding.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—I would like you to check that.</p>					43
87-88	Civil Aviation Safety Authority	CASA 21	McLucas	<p>Mr Byron—We are talking about different things here. I have a monthly report, which is a formal report that comes to me every month. That is on the basis of all the consolidated information that the organisation has on a range of issues, which does include operators that need to be alerted to me—operators have action, pending action or concerns, that type of thing; operators under review. It is my understanding, and I will double check this, that Transair did not appear on one of those lists.</p> <p>I think what you are referring to is a draft risk modelling exercise done by part of the organisation. It was an attempt to look at a different way of describing risk, but it certainly was not part of the formal reporting from the compliance part of the organisation to me.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Could you provide on notice clarification of whether Transair appeared on your monthly report prior to the crash?</p>					44
88		CASA 22	McLucas	<p><i>(Operator Risk Model)</i></p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—I would like you to go back and have a look at the earlier version of the operator risk model.</p> <p>Mr Gemmell—I will certainly try, although I just note that the officers who built that system are not with CASA anymore, but we will see what we can find out about what information was put in there that was less than accurate.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—I would like to know what information was accurate by category. I do not want to know what happens for aircraft X, Y or Z, but the categories of information that you know were accurate and the information that you ‘dummied up’—using your words. Thank you.</p>					45

91		CASA 23	O'Brien	<p><i>(CASA's New System of Fees and Charges)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Mr Byron, in January this year CASA moved to a system of fees and charges for a range of services, some 180 I believe. A review was announced on 31 August. What training has been given to staff concerning this implementation?</p> <p>Mr Byron—The detailed training I would have to check with my colleagues. First of all, what I can say is that in discussing this issue with management we first of all made clear that there was an awareness of the fact that we were proposing a new round of fees with staff and that we had to communicate that to staff first before we started communicating the proposal to industry. Given that the detailed fees for implementation in 2007 have not yet been finalised—we are just at the end of the consultation period—I think I am on pretty safe ground to say that my understanding would be that there has been no formal training of staff in the implementation of the new fees but that that certainly will occur prior to July 2007.</p>				46
93		CASA 24	O'Brien	<p><i>(Cost Recovery Model)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Which other entities under the Public Service Act and the Financial Management and Accountability Act operate under a cost recovery model?</p> <p>Mr Byron—We need to take that on notice.</p>				47
93	Civil Aviation Safety Authority	CASA 25	O'Brien	<p><i>(Drug and Alcohol Testing)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is there a standard presentation and, if so, can the committee have a copy of it?</p> <p>Mr Gemmell—There is a standard presentation and you would be most welcome to it.</p>				48

93-94		CASA 26	O'Brien	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Thank you. Mr Byron, with regard to the development of the regulation, I note that the department in its report recommended, at point (b), 'Industry be encouraged to participate in the regulatory development process, including by way of participation in the Standards Consultative Committee, the Aviation Regulatory Standards and Service Industry Consultative Body.' I note also the Minister, in the media release of 2 May, said, 'I encourage the aviation industry to make full use of the consultative processes in place to ensure that the most appropriate form of regulation in an Australian context is achieved.' Given that the seminars are to convey information, how has CASA sought to consult with the aviation industry rather than just to make a series of presentations?</p> <p>Mr Byron—Certainly there is the opportunity through the Standards Consultative Committee to provide points of view. That is our primary consultative mechanism. In relation to the drug and alcohol testing proposals, there has also certainly been information provided, as I understand, on our website, on which people are free to make comment. The Standards Consultative Committee, though, has proved to be probably the most effective forum for this sort of representation. As to the degree of feedback that we have had, I would have to check on that, but I imagine there would have been some discussion and certainly some comment come back to us.</p>					49
94		CASA 27	O'Brien	<p><i>(Drug and Alcohol Testing – Standards Consultative Committee)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Which staff organisations were included?</p> <p>Mr Gemmell—I will take that on notice, if I can. To my recollection, one of their complaints was that it was pretty well airlines, and it was operators rather than staff associations on that group. That was one of their complaints.</p>					50
94		CASA 28	O'Brien	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—But there was not a staff organisation group?</p> <p>Mr Gemmell—I believe that was one of the complaints, yes.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Why not?</p> <p>Mr Gemmell—I could not tell you. I would have to go back and ask.</p>					51
98	Territories and Local Government	TLG 01	Carr	<p><i>(Econtech Report)</i></p> <p>Ms Clendinning—Some information was provided on 24 October, but not the material that we felt was essential to a true assessment of their report—the modelling.</p> <p>Senator CARR—What additional information is outstanding?</p> <p>Ms Page—We would have to take that on notice to give you a detailed answer.</p>					52

102	Territories and Local Government	TLG 02	Hogg	<p><i>(Financial Situation of the Norfolk Island Government)</i></p> <p>Senator HOGG—Do we know what cash reserves the Norfolk Island Government has and, if so, where are those cash reserves?</p> <p>Ms Page—Twelve months ago, which would have been the last time we had advice from the Acumen report, they were in the order of \$11 million, but I would like to check that. They are held variously in cash and term deposits by the Norfolk Island Government.</p>					53
102		TLG 03	Hog	<p>Senator HOGG—There is no more recent assessment of what the cash assets might be?</p> <p>Ms Page—I would like to take that on notice. I do not recall formal advice on the level of cash reserves.</p>					54
103		TLG 04	Carr	<p><i>(Norfolk Island Airport Runway)</i></p> <p>CHAIR—And did the local Public Works Minister win the contract for that or people associated with the Minister?</p> <p>Ms Page—I do not believe so. I think it was Boral that conducted the work.</p> <p>CHAIR—Who had the head contract?</p> <p>Ms Page—I do not believe so, but we could look further into that.</p>					55
105		TLG 05	Carr	<p><i>(Asset Management Plan)</i></p> <p>Ms Page—I would like to correct some earlier evidence. The asset management plan has now been completed and was tabled in the Legislative Assembly, we think, in August.</p> <p>Senator CARR—We can take it as a tabled document?</p> <p>Ms Page—Yes.</p>					56
106		TLG 06	Carr	<p>Senator CARR—I am going to the issue here about the financial sustainability of the Island based on these figures, these reports we now have. This is not a matter of conjecture. These have been published. You say it has been tabled, so presumably the Norfolk Island Government has been obliged to accept it. It would not have tabled it otherwise. Is that the case?</p> <p>Ms Page—I am not aware of whether or not the Norfolk Island Government has indicated a view one way or the other on it. We can find that out for you.</p>					57

107		TLG 07	Siewert	<p><i>(Annual Environment Report)</i></p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—In the third paragraph you say that PRL provides an annual environment report to the Department of Industry and Resources in Western Australia under their act. There is an annual inspection carried out, but DOTARS does not have access to that report.</p> <p>Mr Yates—I think I will probably have to take that question on notice. I am afraid I do not have that level of detail with me.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—While you do, if you could find out if that is normal practice on other leases and across the territories. I believe the states do not provide that information.</p>				58
108	Territories and Local Government	TLG 08	Siewert	<p><i>(Environmental Performance Audit)</i></p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—I move onto question TLG 31. I have been chasing this for a while, as you can probably tell by the number of questions I have asked on it. The environmental performance audit was paid for by PRL. Then it says that the audit is confidential. Is that also normal practice? Because an audit was paid for by a company it then claims it is commercial-in-confidence and then it is not publicly available?</p> <p>Mr Yates—I am not able to answer at the moment whether it is normal practice. That is outside of my knowledge. Again, I would be happy to take that on notice and provide you with some advice on that.</p>				59
109	Civil Aviation Safety Authority	CASA 29	O'Brien	<p><i>(Alcohol and Drugs Testing – Standards Consultative Committee)</i></p> <p>Mr Gemmell—I think you asked were there any minutes reported to the SCC and, no, it is not a reporting line like that. As to whether or not there is any record of those meetings, there may well be, but they are not reported to the SCC as—</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can you check that?</p> <p>Mr Gemmell—I certainly can.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can we see copies of the minutes if there are any?</p> <p>Mr Gemmell—I am sure you can, yes.</p>				60
112		CASA 30	O'Brien	<p><i>(ICAO Proposals)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How many incidents have occurred where either of the pilots have been incapacitated necessitating the remaining pilot to take sole control?</p> <p>Mr Byron—We would need to look at the safety data on that. We can look at that if you like.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I would appreciate it if you could give us those figures for Australia and for the rest of the world. Presumably, it is all part of the justification for the system.</p>				61

112-113		CASA 31	O'Brien	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—So you do not know where the 70-hour figure came from?</p> <p>Dr Edkins—I would have to take that on notice. I am not quite sure where that figure has come from.</p>					62
113		CASA 32	O'Brien	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—How would that awareness have arisen?</p> <p>Mr Byron—Probably in discussions about issues that CASA had. I will have to check that out.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—When would you be able to give us a definitive answer to that question—yes or no, and who?</p> <p>Mr Byron—I can give you that this week.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I would appreciate it, if you could.</p>					63
113	Civil Aviation Safety Authority	CASA 33	O'Brien	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Who is on the working group?</p> <p>Dr Edkins—There are 15 industry members on the working group and those members are from a variety of organisations. I am happy to provide that information on notice, but the working group is made up of some existing members of the SCC and other interested parties. With this particular type of licence, obviously not all members of the SCC are interested in this process. It may not be relevant to their part of the industry, so obviously we have to supplement additional people on that working group other than SCC members.</p>					64
116		CASA 34	O'Brien	<p><i>(Alteon Training)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—When did CASA obtain a copy of the proposed Alteon Syllabus, if you do have it?</p> <p>Dr Edkins—We have received the first module, which I think is called the core module. I am not able to find the exact date of when that was provided, but we can certainly provide that on notice.</p>					65
117		CASA 35	O'Brien	<p><i>(Polar Aviation)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—When are they due another compliance audit?</p> <p>Mr Byron—I will need to take that on notice.</p>					66
122	Airservices Australia	AA 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(Air Traffic Controller Training- Agreement with China)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How long has the agreement to run?</p> <p>Mr Russell—It has begun. There is a series of courses. I would need to check the details to be sure, but I will get those to you.</p>					67

123		AA 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Contacts Facilitated by Ambassador)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Yes. Are there any specific contacts that have been facilitated by the Ambassador?</p> <p>Mr Russell—None that I am personally familiar with. I think generally they have been very helpful to us and in particular Austrade.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can you take that question on notice and find out?</p> <p>Mr Russell—In terms of the contacts that the Ambassador has made?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—That have been facilitated by the Ambassador.</p> <p>Mr Russell—Yes. I am happy to do that.</p>					68
124		AA 03	O'Brien	<p><i>(Business with China)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How much has it cost the organisation so far to chase business in China?</p> <p>Mr Russell—I will have to take that on notice. I am happy to do so.</p>					69
124	Airservices Australia	AA 04	O'Brien	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—The business gain to date is the \$600,000 to \$650,000 joint venture with RMIT?</p> <p>Mr Russell—Yes. There have been others. Again, I will give you a more complete answer to that issue.</p> <p>CHAIR—If there are spotter fees, will you include that in the cost?</p> <p>Mr Russell—Yes, we will.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—It would be good to get a breakdown of those costs.</p> <p>Mr Russell—I will certainly do that.</p>					70
124		AA 05	O'Brien	<p><i>(International Business)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is it possible to get a breakdown of the costs of this section of the business—salaries, travel, legal costs, etcetera?</p> <p>Mr Russell—I can do that, yes.</p>					71
126	Regional Services	REGS 01	O'Brien	<p><i>(Mackay Riverside Aquatic Park)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—In relation to the Mackay Riverside Aquatic Park, the project had the full support of the local council, state government and local community, with over 70 per cent of funds already committed. Other aquatic facilities, including the one at Nanango, have required 60 per cent of funds from Government. Why not fund this project?</p> <p>Ms McNally—I do not have the specific details on that project. I would have to take that on notice.</p>					72

126		REGS 02	O'Brien	<p><i>(Bacchus Marsh Equine Training Centre)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—What was the reason for not providing <i>Regional Partnerships</i> funds to the Bacchus Marsh equine training centre?</p> <p>Ms McNally—I do not have individual reasons for the range of projects that were not approved in the last financial year. I would have to take all of those questions on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I would appreciate, on notice, if you could give us the full detail for that.</p>					73
126		REGS 03	O'Brien	<p><i>(Shark Lake Industrial Park)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—And the reason for the decision not to provide <i>Regional Partnerships</i> funds for the Shark Lake Industrial Park in Esperance?</p> <p>Ms McNally—Yes.</p>					74
127	Regional Services	REGS 04	O'Brien	<p><i>(New Guidelines and Better Practices Grants Guide)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—On notice, can you tell us what the differences are between the processes and the better practices grants guide?</p> <p>Ms McNally—I could not go into their guidelines in detail, but essentially the guidelines changed in respect of setting out more clearly what the assessment criteria are, so there are now seven defined assessment criteria. They clarified the role of the ACCs and the regional officers of the Department and the national office. The guidelines also clarified some of the terminology, such as what was meant by 'competitive neutrality' and 'cost shifting'. The guidelines also provided clarification about opportunities for a process review, if applicants chose to query the reason they were not given a project.</p>					75
127		REGS 05	O'Brien	<p><i>(Eligibility of ACT Government for Grants)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is the ACT Government now eligible for <i>Regional Partnerships</i> grants?</p> <p>Ms McNally—There is no specific reference to the ACT Government in the guidelines, but we have written to the ACT Government clarifying their eligibility and I am happy to provide that information to you.</p>					76
128		REGS 06	O'Brien	<p><i>(ACC Advice on Applications)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—When the ACC provides the advice, are the applicants told what that advice is on request?</p> <p>Ms McNally—They could be, but I am not aware of any actual requests myself. I could look into that for you.</p>					77

130		REGS 07	Nash	<i>(ACC Advice on Applications)</i> Senator NASH —Did that go through an ACC? Ms McNally —I would have to get back to you on that level of detail. Most of the projects do go through the Area Consultative Committee. There are a range of reasons as to why they are sometimes withdrawn. Sometimes they get advice from the area consultative committees that they are probably not going to be suitable, but they decide to have a go anyway. I am not clear that that one is in that category, but that does happen.					78
131		REGS 08	Heffernan	<i>(Regional Partnerships Applications)</i> CHAIR —Is there one for June? Ms McNally —I will have to check.					79
131		REGS 09	O'Brien	<i>(appointments to ACC's)</i> Senator O'BRIEN —Are there criteria available that are used in the making of the appointments? Ms Page —There are criteria. Ms McNally —We could make that information available for you.					80
132	Regional Services	REGS 10	O'Brien	<i>(Funding Increases for ACCs)</i> Senator O'BRIEN —What was the average increase for the 48 ACCs? Ms Gosling —I would have to take that on notice. I would not know the average.					81
WRITTEN QUESTIONS									
n/a	Territories and Local Government	TLG 09	Carr	<i>(Cocos Cultural and Heritage Precinct Project)</i> Are you aware of the proposal by the Shire of Cocos-Keeling to develop a cultural and heritage interpretation plan for Cocos Island?					82
n/a		TLG 10	Carr	It has been suggested that following local consultation and contact with Lotterywest in Perth, that this project has been with DOTARS for quite some time awaiting advice on funding support. Is that correct? a. On what date did the Department receive a request for such assistance? b. What assistance is the Shire seeking for this project? c. What is the current status of that request?					83
n/a		TLG 11	Carr	Under your new organisational arrangements, exactly who has responsibility for considering such a request- staff in Perth or Canberra?					84
n/a		TLG 12	Carr	Have you advised the Shire Council on any progress or any problems with the proposal? a. If so, what are the problems identified?					85

n/a		TLG 13	Carr	When do you think that a decision will be made on this request?					86
n/a		TLG 14	Carr	<i>(Buzz Dance Theatre)</i> In the experience of the Department, how many such cultural or theatre groups tour the Cocos Islands in an average year? a. Would you agree that such visits would be important to the community and the cancellation of such visits would be a matter of concern to the community?					87
n/a		TLG 15	Carr	Can you confirm that a tour this month by the WA company Buzz Dance Theatre to give kids there skills development in dance and movement has recently been cancelled?					88
n/a		TLG 16	Carr	It has been suggested to me that the company needed to know by 15th September whether funding had been approved for the tour, but that no such advice was received from DOTARS. Is that correct?					89
n/a		TLG 17	Carr	Did the Department receive a request for funding or other assistance to enable this tour to proceed? a. If so, on what date was that request received by the Department? b. Was there any delay in considering this request? c. Where was it considered: in Perth or in Canberra?					90
n/a	Territories and Local Government	TLG 18	Carr	Why was it not possible to make this decision in time for the tour to proceed?					91
n/a		TLG 19	Carr	Do you consider that the Department acted in a timely manner on this issue?					92
n/a		TLG 20	Carr	Are you aware of any other similar cultural visits or tours that have had to be cancelled because the Department could not provide advice or agreement in time?					93
n/a		TLG 21	Carr	Do you anticipate that you will be able to reach a decision to allow the proposed re-scheduled tour year to take place in April next?					94

n/a		TLG 22	Carr	<p><i>(Christmas Island Crane at Flying Fish Bay)</i></p> <p>The crane at Christmas Island was out of action for months due to cracked footings. It was supposed to be back in use by July. Was the crane at Flying Fish Cove finally repaired and put back into use by the July deadline stated during last estimates?</p> <p>a. If not, how do you explain the further delay?</p> <p>b. If there was a delay, when did the crane finally become fully operational?</p> <p>c. If repairs are not complete, what is the timeline now and what is happening to the off-loading of cargo and the loading of phosphate?</p>					95
n/a		TLG 23	Carr	What was the current cost of repairs?					96
n/a		TLG 24	Carr	What is the estimated total cost of repairs? Is this a greater figure than your original estimate of costs?					97
n/a		TLG 25	Carr	Who meets these costs?					98
n/a		TLG 26	Carr	What is the total cost to the Department of these repairs?					99
n/a		TLG 27	Carr	You have previously indicated that possible action against contractors or other parties associated with the installation and maintenance of the crane was being considered. Is that still the case?					100
n/a		TLG 28	Carr	What is the current status of possible action to recover costs?					101
n/a		TLG 29	Carr	What legal opinions and advice has the Department received?					102
n/a		TLG 30	Carr	<p>In seeking legal advice, has the Department relied on in-house advice or sought external advice?</p> <p>a. If the latter, from what legal firms?</p> <p>b. When was this advice sought and received?</p>					103
n/a	Territories and Local Government	TLG 31	Carr	<p>What is the gist of this advice- does the Commonwealth have a case to recover costs from contractors or other parties?</p> <p>a. If not, why not?</p>					104
n/a		TLG 32	Carr	<p><i>(Linkwater Road)</i></p> <p>Has the land for the Linkwater Road on CI project been finally resumed from the resort and has the proposed road work been carried out?</p> <p>a. If not why not and what is now the expected time line for this project?</p>					105

n/a		TLG 33	Carr	<i>(Mammography Services)</i> The mammography screening on Christmas Island has been operational for some months now. Do you have any statistics available as to how many women have used it, and how many have had to be sent on for further examination and/or treatment?					106
n/a		TLG 34	Carr	Are any statistics broken down to show how many women accessing this service were actually from Cocos Island?					107
n/a		TLG 35	Carr	The women from Cocos would mostly be Muslim I imagine, certainly far more so than on CI, given the breakdown of Cocos population. Have there been any cultural problems with these women accessing the screening service? For example, do they travel alone or do they have to be accompanied by a relative or husband? a. If so, who pays for this?					108
n/a		TLG 36	Carr	If women from Cocos have to travel across to Christmas Island who is paying for this and what happens about accommodation for them as they would have to stay at Christmas Island a matter of days before there was a return flight?					109
n/a		TLG 37	Carr	Is there any ongoing education awareness program being run in conjunction with this screening program? a. Who is providing it? b. Is it for both CI and Cocos?					110
n/a		TLG 38	Carr	Given the seeming welcome that this service has received and given the distance and difficulties involved and cultural differences for the women from Cocos, are there any plans to have a mammography machine at the Cocos Islands?					111
n/a		TLG 39	Carr	<i>(DOTARS Restructure)</i> How has the restructuring of DoTARs Territories and Local Government Division into Territories West (IoT) and East (Norfolk Island) affected any operations for the IOT? a. If so in what way?					112
n/a		TLG 40	Carr	How many staff are in each division and how does this compare to the former arrangement?					113
n/a	Territories and Local Government	TLG 41	Carr	In terms of the IOT, has this resulted in the up-grading of Perth operations or do Canberra-based officers still undertake the same roles and responsibilities that they did previously?					114
n/a		TLG 42	Carr	How has this restructure affected the presence of DOTARS in the IOT?					115

n/a		TLG 43	Carr	Is there any plan to increase on-island representation?					116
n/a		TLG 44	Carr	<i>(Cocos Island-Wind Generators)</i> Have you any reports on the performance of the wind generators on Home Island (at Cocos) – have there been any problems, not just technical but including say bird strikes or kills?					117
n/a		TLG 45	Carr	Are there any figures on how these wind generators have affected the cost of power generation for the island?					118
n/a		TLG 46	Carr	<i>(Cocos Island-Water on Home Island)</i> There was another study proposed earlier this year into the water problem on Home Island. Has this been done? a. If not what is the position regarding this matter?					119
n/a		TLG 47	Carr	<i>(Cocos Island-Desalination Plant)</i> The Minister announced that a temporary desalination plant would be put at Cocos for the dry season, or until rains replenish the water table. Is the temporary water desalination plant in place yet? What is the cost of this?					120
n/a		TLG 48	Carr	<i>(Cocos Island-Hovercraft)</i> Can you give me an update on the position regarding the provision of a hovercraft at Cocos Islands to run between Home and West Islands and also to be used as a possible means to unloading cargo containers at Home island?					121
n/a		TLG 49	Carr	<i>(Cocos Island-Rumah Baru Wharf)</i> Indian ocean Territories Policy Forum has recently expressed concern at the continuing delays to the Rumah Baru Wharf Project? How do you explain the continuing delays and lack of reasonable progress on this project?					122
n/a		TLG 50	Carr	Has a decision been made on what facility to put in there in order to facilitate the safe and secure unloading of cargo on West Island?					123
n/a		TLG 51	Carr	What works are now proposed and do you have a revised timetable for works?					124
n/a		TLG 52	Carr	What is the date for project completion now?					125
n/a	National Capital Authority	NCA 01	Carr	<i>(Commonwealth Financial Contributions)</i> Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • projected uncommitted Commonwealth financial contribution for administered and departmental items for 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009 10; and • the amounts spent for administered and departmental items for 2003 04 and 2004-05. 					126

n/a		NCA 02	Lundy	<i>(Adelaide Avenue)</i> What are the current height restrictions in for Adelaide Avenue? What height restrictions has NCA recommended in DCP 171/06/003? What is the final decision of the NCA in relation to the height restrictions for Adelaide Avenue and the reasons for this decision?				127
n/a		NCA 03	Lundy	Could you outline for the Committee, in order of occurrence, the consultation process that the NCA undertook in relation to DCP 171/06/003?				128
n/a		NCA 04	Lundy	Could you outline for the Committee the main issues raised in submissions made during the consultation process in relation to DCP 171/06/003 and how these concerns were dealt with by the NCA?				129
n/a		NCA 05	Lundy	Could you provide the Committee with a detailed list of factors that the NCA considered before recommending that height restrictions be increased in the Adelaide Avenue precinct?				130
n/a		NCA 06	Lundy	Is the economic viability of a proposed development a factor that the NCA considered in assessing appropriate height restrictions for Adelaide Avenue?				131
n/a		NCA 07	Lundy	Could you outline for the Committee what assessments NCA has undertaken to establish the likely impacts of the Adelaide Avenue development on local: a. Traffic b. Parking Please provide all documentation relating to the NCA's assessment of the impact of the development on traffic and parking in the area.				132
n/a		NCA 08	Lundy	How does the NCA intend to respond to the concerns raised by 445 signatories to a petition by Deakin residents against the Adelaide Avenue development recently tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly?				133
n/a		NCA 09	Lundy	<i>(Becton Development)</i> Can the NCA confirm that the State Circle street frontage is not available for visitor parking for the Becton Development for the purposes of satisfying the NCA's stated visitor parking requirements of 15?				134
n/a		NCA 10	Lundy	On what grounds did the NCA decide to approve the Becton Development works with only 4 genuine visitor parking spaces on site, having previously confirmed that 15 were required? Please provide all documentation regarding the works approval process.				135

n/a	National Capital Authority	NCA 11	Lundy	Why did Mr Rohl state in his correspondence dated 18 October 2006 that the NCA would apply the ACTPLA provisions in relation to visitor parking when the NCA had previously advised myself, residents and other parties, confirmed by correspondence, that all visitor parking required would be provided on site? Please provide a full explanation and clarification.					136
n/a		NCA 12	Lundy	Could the NCA provide the Committee with the detailed arrangements for visitor parking for the new proposed development on the other corner of Melbourne Avenue? Also provide detail on the access plans for this site.					137
n/a	Australian Maritime Safety Authority	AMSA 01	McGauran	<i>(Dornier Aircraft)</i> Could you please provide detail on the Dornier aircrafts performance since commencement of the contract?					138
n/a		AMSA 02	McGauran	Was the capability fully available on the proposed start date?					139
n/a		AMSA 03	McGauran	How many live tasks have been performed?					140
n/a		AMSA 04	McGauran	What was the response time on each occasion?					141
n/a		AMSA 05	McGauran	I am led to believe that the Dornier 328TP aircraft radar has some performance limitations. Could you please advise the issues with the radar performance?					142
n/a		AMSA 06	McGauran	How many days has the aircraft been out of service or unavailable due to maintenance or other issues?					143
n/a		AMSA 07	McGauran	Where the contractor has failed to meet the required performance standards what measures are open to AMSA under the contract to enforce performance or apply penalties?					144
n/a	Aviation and Airports	AAA 03	Evans	<i>(APEC 2007)</i> Please indicate the total funding allocated to the Department for APEC 2007 related purposes, please also indicate how this funding is broken down by financial year.					145
n/a		AAA 04	Evans	Are the funds listed in response to question one (AAA 04) received from the Attorney-General's Department?					146
n/a		AAA 05	Evans	What is the purpose of the funding listed in response to question one (AAA 04) and what are the Department's activities in regard to APEC 2007? Please provide a breakdown of the level of funding allocated to each of the Department's APEC 2007 outcomes.					147

n/a	Whole Department and all Agencies	CORP 04 CASA 36 AA 06 NCA 13 AMSA 08	Ludwig	(Annual Reports) With regard to each Agencies (and the Department itself) that fall inside the Department's Portfolio, could the Department indicate What date the Agency's 2005-06 Annual Report was tabled before Parliament?					148 149 150 151 152
n/a	Whole Department and all Agencies	CORP 05 CASA 37 AA 07 NCA 14 AMSA 09	Ludwig	(Annual Reports) If the Annual Report was not tabled by 31 October 2006 , could the Department indicate: a. When the Report was tabled, or if it remains un-tabled what date the Report is expected to be tabled by. b. Whether the Agency's own legislation provides an alternative timeframe for its Annual Report. If so, could the Department provide: i. A description and reference to the relevant provision and legislation. ii. An explanation of why the Agency cannot meet the general timeframe set out in the <i>Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Requirements for Annual Reports</i> , and so requires an alternative timeframe? c. Whether the Agency was granted an extension under section sub-sections 34C (4) - (7) of the Acts <i>Interpretation Act 1901</i> ? If so, could the Department provide: i. The date for finalizing the Report as set out in the extension. ii. The reason given for granting the extension. iii. The date that the Minister tabled in Parliament a statement explaining why an extension was granted. iv. A copy of the Minister's statement. d. Where the Agency's legislation doesn't provide for an alternative timeframe (as per question b) nor was the Agency granted an extension (as per question c) could the Department provide: i. Explanation for why the Annual Report was tabled outside the timeframe set by DPM&C despite there being no provision alternative timeframe set out in the Agency's legislation nor there being any formal extension granted. ii. Details of any other arrangement in place for the tabling of the Agency's Annual Report					153 154 155 156 157

n/a		CORP 06 CASA 38 AA 08 NCA 15 AMSA 10	Ludwig	<i>(Possible Parliamentary Questions)</i> With regard to the preparation of Possible Parliament Questions briefs or other such documents intended to brief Minister's on an issue specifically for Question Time, could the department/agency provide: a. The number of such briefs prepared in each of the last three financial years (2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06). b. The number of staff who are responsible for coordinating such briefs and the salary level they are engaged at. c. The name of internal unit/team that those staff belong to and a description of its other responsibilities. d. 4. The total budget associated with the unit/team referred to in response to part 3					158 159 160 161 162
n/a	Whole Department and all Agencies	CORP 07 CASA 39 AA 09 NCA 16 AMSA 11	Ludwig	<i>(Legal Services Expenditure)</i> What sum did the Department/Agencies spend during 2005-2006 on external (a) barristers and (b) solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).					163 164 165 166 167
n/a		CORP 08 CASA 40 AA 10 NCA 17 AMSA 12	Ludwig	<i>(Legal Services Expenditure)</i> What sum did the Department/Agencies' spend on internal legal services.					168 169 170 171 172
n/a		CORP 09 CASA 41 AA 11 NCA 18 AMSA 13	Ludwig	<i>(Legal Services Expenditure)</i> What is the Department's/Agencies' projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.					173 174 175 176 177