

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee Questions on Notice  
Supplementary Budget Estimates, Monday 15 October 2012**

**Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio**

Q No	Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page and hearing date or Written QoN
1	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b>	Colbeck	Efficiency dividend, budget and cost recovery	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> What I might get you to do is give me on notice—there is no point in trying to do this here now—a list of the changes in staff in each area of the agency. I would also be interested in some information on where staff have moved between difficult parts of the agency.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> We can give you the variation. There is FTE and ASL. FTE is the one we can give you at the points in time.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> On the internal staff numbers, if you can give me something over a bit more time. So let us go back for, say, three years of internal staff movements within the agencies.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> Sorry, I missed that.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So on notice the movement of staff within the agencies over, say, three years and also, if you can, the rationale behind those movements within those specific areas.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> Yes.</p>	8 15/10/2012
2	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	Colbeck	Industry funds	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Sorry—\$235.9 million?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> \$235.9 million is the estimate for 2012-13. That information is drawn from the rural research and development policy statement that was released by the minister earlier this year. I can provide the reference to you if that would help.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Do you have the other contributions—the CRCs, the CSIRO and universities?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I do not have them in the information in front of me, but I am sure we could get that from the Productivity Commission.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay. Can I clarify whether the industry funds are part of that sum?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> My understanding is that that is not the case. The industry funds are, as you have suggested earlier, big on industry.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> From the outset, that is what I have been trying to determine. I have been very interested in where the number comes from because, quite frankly, the industry funds should be recognised as industry funds.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Let me just see whether we can gather that other information from the PC just to absolutely confirm that.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay.</p>	9 15/10/2012

3	<b>Climate Change Division</b>  Removed as is the same as QoN 40	Nash	Climate Change Adjustment Program—Transitional Income Support program funding	<del>Senator NASH: So am I right in reading it that that \$1.2 million was directed to the Transitional Income Support program?</del> <del>Mr Schaeffer: Yes.</del> <del>Senator NASH: And it was then cut?</del> <del>Mr Schaeffer: Redirected.</del> <del>Senator NASH: Okay. .What was the time frame? How long did that \$1.2 million actually sit with transitional before it was redirected again?</del> <del>Mr Schaeffer: I will have to take that on notice.</del>	10-11 15/10/2012
4	<b>Governance Division</b>	McDonald	Public comments by Australian Public Service employees	<del>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Can you tell me what level of public servant is authorised to give information? Do they then speak on behalf of the government or do they only provide factual information?</del> <del>Dr O'Connell: They provide only factual information, yes.</del> <del>Senator IAN MACDONALD: So they do not talk about policy?</del> <del>Dr O'Connell: They are not representative of the government of the day. They will provide the material that is factual but within the policy framework that they are delivering.</del> <del>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Of course. Is there a guideline to public servants on what they should and should not talk about?</del> <del>Dr O'Connell: Yes.</del> <del>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Could we have a look at that, please, on notice?</del> <del>Dr O'Connell: Yes.</del>	11-12 15/10/2012
5	<b>Governance Division</b>	MacDonald	Media department costs, numbers and function	<del>Senator IAN MACDONALD: There are eight people doing very well I am sure what one person does in my office—admittedly, there are only four people in my office, as opposed to 4,000 in yours, and I understand there may be a few more issues. On notice could you tell me what events management the department looked after in the last 12 months, if that is not too onerous?</del> <del>Dr O'Connell: You would be aware of the outlook conferences we managed. Those are the sorts of things we would have to manage. They are quite extensive. The regional outlook and others.</del> <del>Senator IAN MACDONALD: If you could just list the events you have done. Has there been any efficiency dividend from that area of the department and, if so, what?</del> <del>Dr O'Connell: They would have had the same constraints as others. We can explain the changes in the budget for that section.</del> <del>Senator IAN MACDONALD: So the numbers would have gone down from eight?</del> <del>Dr O'Connell: I do not know what the numbers would have done. Mr Aldred might be able to help.</del> <del>Mr Aldred: I think we have gone from eight to seven.</del>	12 15/10/2012
6	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	MacDonald	Interactions with department of regional development	<del>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I am talking about across the board, of which you are a part. I was just interested in that. Anyhow, good luck to what is left of your media department. Finally, in the corporate area, what interaction does your department have with the Office of Northern Australia and the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport in some of the programs that are specifically related to agricultural matters?</del> <del>Dr O'Connell: We have very extensive interactions with the department of regional development on</del>	12-13 15/10/2012

				<p>a range of issues. We could, if you want, provide you with a list of those. But there is a large set of exercises, whole of government-wise, which both ourselves and the department of regional development are involved in.</p> <p><b>Mr Aldred:</b> Maybe specific examples might be raised under the productivity provisions.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Sorry?</p> <p><b>Mr Aldred:</b> We can probably tease out specific examples under agricultural productivity provisions, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> All right. That is fine. Thank you for that. That is all from me.</p>	
7	Finance & Business Support Division	Colbeck	Hospitality and catering	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I want to go to a couple of questions on notice that we asked around hospitality and catering costs—question on notice no. 174. We asked, in question on notice no. 174—which referred back to question on notice no. 155 from February—about over 50 per cent of the planned departmental hospitality budget being used at the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy's sixth national workshop. That was an amount of \$23,000 for two dinners at that workshop, which was scheduled for 10 and 11 October 2012. Question on notice no. 174 now tells us that it was incorrectly classified as official hospitality. What is it now classified as and where would we find it in the budget?</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> Look, we might be able to manage that when we have the animal welfare people on. Let me see if we can try that, rather than take it on notice, if we can.</p>	13
8	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	16 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I have some other questions about other areas. I want to ask about \$21,000 spent on a dinner for the 16th session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. Do I have to wait for Fisheries to come on to get an answer that?</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> In terms of the workshop, that is just part of the business expense, not hospitality.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> We will just have to check but I think it was just a classification problem. We classified it a certain way and that classification was not the correct classification, so we have corrected it; but I will have to confirm that.</p>	13
9	Finance & Business Support Division	Colbeck	Expenditure on official hospitality	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> You have given me, as part of question on notice no. 135, your proposed budget for this year which adds up to \$37,100. Your budget for this year, 2012-13, is \$37,100. That is down from a spend last year, to the end of April, of \$82,328. Can you give me the final spend on official hospitality?</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> Mr Schaeffer is just getting that.</p> <p><b>Mr Schaeffer:</b> For 2011-12, our official hospitality spend was \$900,681.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> How did that line up against the budget?</p> <p><b>Mr Schaeffer:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I do not have the detailed budget with me for 2011-12.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Would it have varied much from the current year's budget?</p> <p><b>Mr Schaeffer:</b> Our current indications are that our budget is slightly above the 2011-12 budget.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So you are running ahead of where you were last year on expenditure? How much have you spent so far this year on hospitality?</p> <p><b>Mr Schaeffer:</b> At the end of September, \$16,494.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> And that is in line with the spending on an annual basis for previous years?</p>	13 15/10/2012

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<b>10</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	DAFF's hospitality	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> According to what you have given me, your budget is \$37,100.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> I think we will have to provide you with the complete picture. We look as if we have got a slight confusion of numbers here.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> If you did not give me a complete picture—</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> I thought we did.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I would expect that you did.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> That is exactly what I would expect.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So DAFF's hospitality?</p> <p><b>Mr Schaeffer:</b> I would have to check. I think the 37,000 is for the actual known official hospitality events that we are planning, which would be incorporated in the overall envelope of official hospitality.</p>	14
<b>11</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Edwards	CDDA Live cattle claims	<p><b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> The CDDA claim is to do with live cattle. I just want to know what the status of that claim is and what discussions have been had with the Department of Finance and Deregulation and the Australian Government Solicitor. Have there been any discussions with Meat &amp; Livestock Australia? Thank you, Chair.</p>	14 15/10/2012
<b>12</b>	<b>Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer</b>	Back	Livestock from the Fremantle port	<p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Thanks. It is in regard to the terms of reference for a review of inspection regimes prior to the export of livestock from the Fremantle port. I understand it was undertaken following a recommendation of the Farmer review. Could you give us a brief overview of what was the background that caused Mr Farmer to make that recommendation?</p> <p><b>Dr Schipp:</b> During the preparation of the Farmer report, Mr Farmer visited Fremantle during preparation of sheep for live export and saw there a number of sheep that were not suitable for export and he was concerned at the number of those animals and so made a recommendation in his report that we look again at the inspection arrangements at Fremantle and compare those to the inspection arrangements at other ports.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Do you know how many vessels Mr Farmer and/or his group oversaw in forming that recommendation?</p> <p><b>Mr Schipp:</b> One.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Perhaps you could give us some indication as to what the vessel was and when, if you would.</p> <p><b>Mr Schipp:</b> Yes.</p>	15

13	Border Compliance Division	Colbeck	AQIS/Biosecurity cargo staffing numbers	<p><b>Mr Chapman:</b> In addition to that, activity in the cargo and shipping site has increased—that is with volumes of crates—</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> Just volume.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So what is the proportionate increase in volumes versus the proportion of increase in staff?</p> <p><b>Mr Chapman:</b> I would have to take that on notice, Senator, but overall there was not an increase in staff. There was a filling of vacant positions and I—</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> It is an increase in staff because there was nobody there. Effectively what you are doing is you are transferring cost. It is no different to what happened in the other AQIS reforms. AQIS was employing—</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> The government—with appropriation funding.</p>	20 15/10/2012
14	Border Compliance Division	Colbeck	Industry working group on Quarantine	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> It does not seem to be clear from the letter that the Industry Working Group on Quarantine has written.</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> We have a letter also from the Industry Working Group on Quarantine, in response to correspondence about this, indicating that, as industry is already funding 75 per cent of the project expenses, it is assumed that additional costs related to the project will form part of that expense.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> What is the date of that?</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> This letter came in response to a letter from the chair of the industry consultative committee. This would have been in early 2012; this copy is not stamped, but we will get the actual date.</p>	22
15	Biosecurity Plant Division	Back	Grain export phytosanitary inspections	<p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Can you, on notice, give us an outline of quarantine failures, respectively, for bulk, bagged and 'containered' grain in the last financial year? I want get to some understanding of the overall security of our exported grain in terms of failures by producers-exporters please.</p> <p><b>Ms Calhoun:</b> Yes, we can do that.</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> So by failures, Senator, you mean where it has not met the protocols?</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Yes, that is correct. I suppose that is a way to put it. Where the inspection has indicated a failure of quality and/or where it has indicated the presence of organisms, weevils et cetera, that we would find unacceptable in the export market.</p> <p><b>Ms Calhoun:</b> We do inspections for phytosanitary purposes. We do not actually do quality inspections. I can provide you with phytosanitary.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> So you can provide us with the information?</p> <p><b>Ms Calhoun:</b> Yes.</p>	23 15/10/2012
16	Biosecurity Plant Division	Nash	Biosecurity Australia guidelines for Import Risk Analysis	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I know, and we will probably go through it again in the inquiry. Thanks, Dr Grant. Could you take something on notice for me. If you would not mind, could you give the committee a detailed analysis of the Biosecurity Australia guidelines for the IRA, when they were drafted, who did it and on what basis they were done—the factors that were taken into account.</p> <p><b>Dr Grant:</b> The actual risk assessment?</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Dr Grant:</b> Yes, we can do that. We have already done that partly in questions on notice.</p>	27 15/10/2012

				<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> You have, and so if you could do that a bit more fully, perhaps, for us that would be very useful. Thanks.</p>	
17 and 18	Border Compliance	Colbeck	Traces of hemp on grain imports	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> If you are out there listening in the other room: we really are short of time today and it would be appreciated if the officers could make themselves available when they know their time is coming up. Although hemp snuck up on us, Senator Colbeck.</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> Do you have any more details, Senator Colbeck, of the time and place?</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I am trying to find out how you actually found the hemp in the grain that came in.</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> Perhaps we could take that one on notice, just to keep things moving.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Yes I think we might have to; hopefully, that can come back to us before the half-hour is up.</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> We will see what we can get.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Prohibited plant: hemp, is what I have here, and I would assume that it is in grain form, found within another importation of grain.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> The minister was asking for the source of the information.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> It comes from DAFF Biosecurity: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, <i>Imported food program, Failing food reporting</i> from May 2012. So you are the source.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> Thanks.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> We definitely have those for—</p> <p><b>Mr Liehne:</b> I will take that on notice and get back to you with details of the actual import.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Have we taken any action around that particular—</p> <p><b>Mr Liehne:</b> Normally when there is a failing food of that sort the import stream—that is, the product, the exporter and the flow of product—is then bumped up to 100 per cent inspection until such time as the matter is resolved and we are confident that there is no ongoing problem.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Did we check to see whether there had been any previous problems—not a lot of happy bread eaters, or whatever the grain was?</p> <p><b>Mr Liehne:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> That is assuming that it was not rhetorical!</p>	31 15/10/2012
19	Food Division	MacDonald	Food exports – proposed abattoir in Darwin	<p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Noting that we only had 40 minutes for the first one and 15 for the next one, my question is on food exports, but almost in their prefood form. At the last estimates, at question No. 13, you spoke about AACo and a proposal for an abattoir to create food exports in Darwin. You indicated in your answer that it was mainly for Mr Crean's department but he had kept Senator Ludwig informed. Have you had any recent involvement in the proposal for an abattoir in Darwin to create food for export?</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> That, I think, would be best kept until Agricultural Productivity. They are on later this evening. We could give you any engagement that we have had with the regional department.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> That is a great answer. Thank you. If perchance I am in another</p>	33 15/10/2012

				<p>committee then, could you take that as a question on notice.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> Yes.</p>	
20	<b>Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer</b>	Searle	CV of members of the steering committee on website	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> I welcome officers from biosecurity animal.</p> <p><b>Dr Schipp:</b> I would like to provide clarification on my previous comments. In my previous response to Senator Back I stated that the CVs of the members of the steering committee were on the website. They are not yet on the website. I apologise for that error. That information will be provided on notice. The information is being prepared to be placed on the website but is not yet on the website.</p>	40 15/10/2012
21	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	Back	Fenthion review	<p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Just for clarification, the writer of the data that is going to be presented to you now communicated with us to say that Ms Schipp of the APVMA had in fact been offered access to this data during the public submission period of the Fenthion review, but it was rejected on the grounds that the data was not collected in a controlled situation and therefore not scientifically accurate. I just wonder if you could give us advice, not now but on notice, as to what the circumstances are, or what your requirements are, during a public submission process because clearly the information is now to be handed to you. My concern is that in fact there may have been some miscommunication or whatever. But that could, indeed, have been provided to you during the public submission process.</p> <p><b>Mrs Bennet-Jenkins:</b> We are happy to provide that on notice, yes.</p>	45 15/10/2012
22	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	Di Natale	Sale of antibiotics for veterinary use	<p><b>Dr Bryce:</b> The APVMA has taken on the job of collecting information on the sales of antibiotics for veterinary use. This is a different question, though, than the question you are asking about surveillance of antimicrobial resistance.</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> So you do not play any role in collecting and analysing the results of testing for residues or, for example, the emergence of antimicrobial resistance amongst bacteria and so on?</p> <p><b>Dr Bryce:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Who does that?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> Dr Bryce mentioned that there was a survey done in 2003-04, I think. I am not aware of a survey done since then, but I am happy to take that on notice and have a look at that. In terms of testing the residues of products, we do that through our residue survey which looks at antibiotics. I am not quite sure, and I will have to go and talk to the development people in our food division or our animal biosecurity division, about whether or not that then is looked at from the point of view of resistance. As Dr Bennet-Jenkins mentioned, it is a whole-of-government thing and is done across portfolios and, when a new antibiotic is considered for use in animals, the Department of Health and Ageing look at it. They do an antimicrobial risk assessment. The Department of Health and Ageing are very, very conscious of the impact on human health and in their advice to APVMA I am sure that that is considered. But I will have to take that on notice for you in terms of how detailed our analysis is within the department.</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Okay, I look forward to that. Let me ask about a few other things, for</p>	50 15/10/2012

				example, off-label use where a drug is prescribed in a way that is outside the guidelines for that substance. For example, I understand that in veterinary practice it is not illegal to prescribe a drug that might be registered for one class of animals—cattle—for another class, such as other food-producing animals—pigs, sheep et cetera. Is that correct?	
23	Food	Di Natale	Testing of aquaculture	<p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Because it is an emerging area, I am interested in the issue of testing in locally farmed seafood. In particular, what sort of testing is done for unlicensed antimicrobials? What sort of testing regimes apply?</p> <p><b>Mrs Bennet-Jenkins:</b> In terms of testing, it is not the APVMA's role to conduct testing in aquaculture.</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> So who does that?</p> <p><b>Mrs Bennet-Jenkins:</b> It would be part of the testing that is done either by the department here or the states and territories.</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> I am particularly interested in this area because aquaculture is one of those emerging areas where there is a lot of off-label use of antimicrobials. There are concerns around the potential for antimicrobial resistance, of course, in aquaculture. I would like to know a little bit more about the testing regime. How is that done? Do we test for residues in fish? Do we test for resistant bacteria?</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> We can probably take that on notice. Aquaculture is by and far carried out in state waters so the Commonwealth does not have a direct responsibility over those areas of activity, but we can take that on notice and see what we can find out for you.</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Again, there would not be a clear national picture emerging from this area, would that be fair to say?</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> Not to my knowledge, but we can confirm that.</p>	51 15/10/2012
24	Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA	Colbeck	Technical report to a work order	<p><b>Mr Matthew:</b> There is a current arrangement with the successor agency to SEWPaC.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I want to go to clause 3B.5 which says: The Agency's obligations to provide the Final Technical Report in relation to a Work Order allows for three working days after the day on which the Work Order is due to be finalised and dispatched by the Agency to the APVMA. To me that is saying, 'We set a date when we want the stuff done, but you can give it to us three days after that if you like.' Am I interpreting that correctly?</p> <p><b>Mr Matthew:</b> I am sorry, I do not actually have a copy of the SLAs with me. I will have to take on notice how that provision is being interpreted.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Well how does it work in practice if you set a date? It says: The Agency's obligations to provide the Final Technical Report in relation to a Work Order allows for three working days after the day on which the Work Order is due to be finalised and dispatched by the Agency to the APVMA. Why would there be a clause like that in the service agreement? Why do you not just set a date for when you want the work completed?</p> <p><b>Mrs Bennet-Jenkins:</b> Senator Colbeck, we might have to go back and look at the whole service level agreement and answer that more fully on notice.</p>	52 15/10/2012



25	Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA	Colbeck	Service agreement	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Gee whiz! The service agreement also requires that the APVMA be advised by SEWPaC if it is experiencing difficulties or expects to experience difficulties with staff numbers or in providing expertise. How many times have you had representations from SEWPaC in relation to those issues since 2008?</p> <p><b>Mr Matthew:</b> I am sorry, Senator, I will have to take that on notice. We do have quarterly meetings where issues about work throughput and planning are discussed, but if you want a specific number I had best take the question on notice.</p>	52 15/10/2012
26	Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA	Colbeck	New service level agreements	<p><b>Mr Matthew:</b> I suppose I would answer that by saying that we certainly are aware of the problems that we have had, and that we have already commenced the negotiations for new service level arrangements to support the revised legislation for financial year 2013-14 onwards. We are hoping that will address a number of those sorts of issues with the advising agencies at that time.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> 'In the case of deficiencies continuing for more than 44 days, there is provision to consider the work order and whether those obligations can be performed by alternative means'—can you give me an example of the alternative means, how often this situation has arisen in the course of the agreement and the circumstances?</p> <p><b>Mrs Bennet-Jenkins:</b> Again, could we could take the actual numbers on notice please? There are situations where we may use other external expertise in that area to provide us with advice.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So is your obligation to go to SEWPaC first?</p> <p><b>Mrs Bennet-Jenkins:</b> Generally speaking, for our routine day-to-day work</p>	53 15/10/2012
27	ABARES	Joyce	Qualifications of ABARES employees	<p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Okay. Are these people on that \$134,000 contract permanent or part time?</p> <p><b>Mr Gooday:</b> They are permanent.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> This is my final question: what are their qualifications? Who are they?</p> <p><b>Mr Gooday:</b> There are economists who have economics degrees, there are social scientists who have social science degrees, and—</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Do they have names? I will take that on notice.</p>	56 15/10/2012
28	ABARES	Colbeck	Orders on citrus exports	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay. And I suppose, to clarify it for more general consumption, these more specifically refer to citrus exports out of South Australia. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> There are a number of orders that fit under the requirements or under the arrangements that are in place in terms of the export efficiency powers: citrus, or oranges, to all markets; it is mandarins, tangelos, grapefruit, lemons and limes to the United States; apples to all markets; pears to all markets; and dried grapes to all export markets. They are the range of commodities where orders currently apply. In essence, we were looking across those.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> In how many of those markets, while there might be orders that apply, are they actually in use or being utilised?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> I will probably have to get you the specific details of that on notice. Certainly all citrus exported to the United States market must be sold through a single exporting—</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Single desk effectively.</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> Yes, single desk type arrangement. In fact, a single importing company in this case. The exporters of oranges, apples, pears and dried grapes generally are required to obtain a licence from</p>	58 15/10/2012

				<p>Horticulture Australia Limited, so there are arrangements around those. For certain other markets there is not a similar requirement. But if you wanted a breakdown for which markets they specifically apply and which markets they do not apply, we would have to take that on notice and get you some more detail.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay. If you could do that, that is fine. We do not need to do that now.</p>	
29	Governance Division	Whish-Wilson	Consultation with stakeholders	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> I understand David Borthwick was in Tasmania last Friday and he met with a couple of stakeholders. There was concern that, for example, recreational fishermen did not know about his trip to Tasmania. Will there be other consultation meetings in the future, and can you tell us when they might be?</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> We will have to take that on notice and check with Mr Borthwick on what his program is, but we can provide that to you.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Fantastic. Thank you. My understanding is that it was Friday, 12 October.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> As I say, we will have to take that on notice, but we can provide you with a copy of his program of consultation.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Okay. Is it too early to provide a full list of stakeholders who will be consulted as part of that review?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> It would be early for a full list.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> So that would come after submissions?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I am sure they have a list of the ones they have consulted with to date, but in reviews people often meet with additional stakeholders after the consultation period has closed, because of what is raised in written submissions.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Okay.</p>	68 15/10/2012
30	Sustainable Resource Management	Whish-Wilson	Selection process for the expert panel on fishing activity	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> I have just a couple of quick questions before afternoon tea, on the environment protection and biodiversity conservation amendment. It is similar to what I just asked previously: are there guidelines on the selection process for the expert panel chosen to examine the uncertainty on the declared fishing activity? Is there anything formal?</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> It is probably best to ask SEWPaC that question. I know that we are to be consulted, but I do not have the details in front of me.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> We have it, though. We will take it on notice and provide it.</p>	68-69 15/10/2012
31	Governance Division	Siewert	Inquiry terms of reference	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Are the terms of reference for that inquiry available?</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> We can do that.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could supply them that would be appreciated. Thank you.</p>	72

32	AFMA	Siewert	Management Advisory Committees	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> How often does the Commission accept the recommendations of a MAC, as opposed to changing the recommendation of a MAC?</p> <p><b>Dr J Findlay:</b> We make hundreds of decisions a year, including some 50-plus CAC decisions. With the majority of those you would generally find concurrence between the regional assessment group advice, MAC advice, AFMA management advice and what the AFMA commission ultimately decides.</p> <p>On a number of issues—I do not have the exact statistics for you; if you would like to specify the period we can go back and give you those statistics—</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay, I will put the question on notice.</p> <p><b>Dr J Findlay:</b> The AFMA commission does deviate from any number of those sets of advice, including in situations where all three groups are disagreeing with the ultimate decision of the AFMA commission. It is not a fait accompli that if a management advisory committee says, 'Do X,' that the AFMA commission will just rubberstamp that. It is far from that; in fact, there is very active discussion on all of these issues. It is not unusual for us, again, to disagree with one or more of the groups that have provided advice through the process.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> So in this particular case, the small pelagic fishery, did you accept the MACs' advice?</p> <p><b>Dr J Findlay:</b> I would have to go back and check for you, but I understand that there was a lack of consensus. This is one of the problems that management advisory committees are made up of a collection of members and it is not unusual for that group of members to have different views. Those dissenting views are recorded. From memory, there were dissenting views on the number of the TACs. Those were provided both within the resource assessment group and the management advisory committee. Certainly, on the jack mackerel easts TAC decision there were dissenting views from within those groups provided to the AFMA commission as part of their decision making. So, when you say 'MAC advice' I suppose I would be a little bit careful there that we do not force consensus and describe it in that way. A range of views from within the MACs or the RAGs are often presented to the commission, and that is what occurred on this occasion.</p>	75 15/10/2012
33	AFMA	Colbeck	Hand backs of licences	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Did they give reasons for those hand-backs? Do we have a collection of the rationales for the handing back of the licences?</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> Generally we do not ask that specific question. There could be a range of reasons why concessions are surrendered to us. If they are not being utilised and people do not want to pay a levy, that can be one reason. It may be that they are changing the nature of their fishing business to focus on other activities. Many of our fishermen have multiple concessions in many different fisheries. It really depends on a range of business factors in terms of what they decide to do with their concessions.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> That was my next question. Your crystal ball must be working better than mine, because I was going to ask how many of the licences that were handed back were active. Do you have any information on that?</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> We might take that one on notice and check for you how many were active in the last 12 months.</p>	77 15/10/2012

34	Governance Division	Colbeck	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation board and selection panel	<p><b>Mr Aldred:</b> A selection panel was appointed. A selection panel went through a process. It made recommendations to Minister Ludwig. Minister Ludwig rejected the recommendation and asked the selection panel to provide him with some alternative recommendations, which the selection panel did. Those recommendations were agreed by Minister Ludwig.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> That is all in accordance with the primary industries and energy—</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I am not arguing that. I will come to something to argue about in a minute, I am sure, but I am not arguing about the process—but that does help. Thank you. Minister, can you give me your reasons for rejecting the initial recommendations of the selection panel?</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> The way it works is that you cannot cherry pick. Either you accept all of the recommendations or none of them. I did not think it had sufficient geographic and equity distribution and gender balance. On the basis of that, either you reject all of them—and they are all very competent people—or you ask for it to be dealt with again. So I chose the latter.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Whose decision was it to reduce the board by one?</p> <p><b>Mr Aldred:</b> I will need to take that on notice and go and check the paperwork.</p>	87 15/10/2012
35	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	Recreational fishing industry development strategy	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Of the \$140,000 that you allocated to the recreational fishing industry development strategy, there is nothing out of that amount being spent on bringing the rec fishing industry together. I think we have all experienced the disparity of the industry. So what is the key aim of the strategy?</p> <p><b>Mr Neil:</b> The \$140,000 related to the recreational fishing industry strategy is only a component of \$2 million that was invested in the strategy over 10 projects. Two of those projects were of particular interest to ABARES and were essentially being managed by them, and that is the \$140,000. The remainder of the money was in eight other projects.</p> <p>In terms of bringing the recreational sector together—I am sorry I do not have the list he with me; I need to dig a little further—we in fact invested in a major conference in August this year. I think it was \$100,000. I would need to confirm that.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So that we can continue to move things along here, could you provide us on notice with the status of the \$2 million that was initially put in, the projects under that and where we are at with each of those projects, including these ones?</p> <p><b>Mr Neil:</b> Certainly.</p>	90 15/10/2012
36	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Heffernan	Environmental Stewardship Program advisory board	<p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> He coordinated this project on behalf of the three TMAs who were involved. This is his response. This particular woman, , Kylie Ridge, who works for a government department, bought a property which she subsequently tried to get a mortgage on. She went to the bank for financing. They then went out and valued the place—otherwise this would not have come to light. Ten or 12 weeks after she bought the place for \$230,000, she got an \$896,000 grant. The valuer who valued the place said, 'Most of the property is valueless. It is steep. It would cost \$600,000 minimum for a period of three or four years to spray the blackberries on it.' She got a grant to lock up what I think was seven acres of some box grass out of 2,800 acres. She got a grant of \$896,000. She had already got the first grant when she went into receivership, and this letter was asking, 'What happened to the money? She has gone into receivership.' The answer came back saying, 'We don't know.' So do I ask all those questions tonight? This is obviously a rort.</p>	92-93 15/10/2012

				<p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> As I said, Senator, the Environmental Stewardship Program is administered by—</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> So you have no financial responsibility in that?</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> No, it is appropriated—</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> You have a person who is on the board approving this.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> Not on the board; there is an advisory panel—</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> Yes, but he is one of the advisers, so could we have him in here later tonight to answer?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I am not sure of the date when that was approved because I am not sure of the detail of it, but I suspect the person is long gone, in a sense.</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> That is a great way to get out of it! This is a deadset thieving of money from the taxpayers of Australia. It was approved on 13 May 2010.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> The issue is best raised with the environment department. It is a SEWPaC appropriation administered by that department. We do not administer that program.</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> What I am trying to get to is how do you make a decision to approve—and I'll bet you the application was probably made before the property was bought.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> We did not make a decision, Senator.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I might just help out here. Senator Heffernan, I do not know how many times Dr O'Connell has to let you know it is nothing to do with DAFF, it is in the wrong area.</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> They have a person on the advisory board approving it, to give advice to approve it.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> But it is administered through a completely different portfolio, a different department.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> I think Senator Heffernan has made his point; it seems to be that is the reason for it. There are a range of places if you think there is an activity going on which you disagree with where you can certainly make a complaint about it, but initially this seems to be clearly not in this portfolio. If there is information around what advisory board DAFF participated in, we can take that on notice and provide that on notice to Senator Heffernan, but that is unrelated to a decision by SEWPaC in relation to a grant and it should not be misconstrued.</p>	
37	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Camel culling	<p><b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> I believe you have had a lot of luck lately with camel numbers because there was the concentration. I would be very pleased if you could come back with the latest evaluated figures of camels culled to the most recent time, what you believe your cost per head of camel culled is at this point and whether you think you are going to be able to meet the 350,000 camel cull, which was the original project target. I believe there has been an accelerated cull over the last three or four months. So there are a number of questions on notice. What do we believe the replenishment rate of camel numbers is in Central Australia now? There is another word for 'replenishment'—'recruitment' or something like that—which is the natural increase. Are we on top of the game or not?</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Thank you. We will now take a break.</p>	94 15/10/2012

38	Climate Change Division	Williams	SCoPI – drought review pilot	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> I welcome officers from Climate Change.</p> <p><b>Senator WILLIAMS:</b> Ms Willock, the Standing Council on Primary Industries was due to meet this month to develop the new drought policy. Has that meeting been held yet?</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> No. It is on the 26th.</p> <p><b>Senator WILLIAMS:</b> When can we expect a package of new measures to be announced and will they be for further consultation? Or is what is announced going to be the policy?</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> Can I have your help to make sure that we get agreement? It presupposes that we get agreement—that is what SCoPI is all about—so we have to get the state and territory ministers around the table, listen to them, find an outcome, and then I will be in a position to answer the next questions. I am sure I can rely on you to help me with the New South Wales primary industries minister.</p> <p><b>Senator WILLIAMS:</b> I would love to do that, Minister. I want to raise the drought review pilot in Western Australia that was extended until 30 June this year. How much did the federal government contribute to the two-year trial?</p> <p><b>Ms Willock:</b> The overall package was \$81 million. That was by the Western Australian government and the Australian government. The Australian government contribution was \$65 million.</p> <p><b>Senator WILLIAMS:</b> How much of the expenditure was actual departmental expenses, do you have a separation of that? What was actually owed to farmers and what were departmental expenses?</p> <p><b>Ms Willock:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p>	94-95 15/10/2012
39	Climate Change Division	Siewert	Drought review pilot exit support numbers	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> So all we know is for drought policy we have a meeting on the 26th and that is it.</p> <p><b>Ms Anderson:</b> At the meeting in April this year SCoPI ministers did say that they would consider the package that is being brought forward by officials on 26 October, which is what the minister has referred to, with a view to implementing a new package from July 2014. There is an implementation time frame, and obviously, depending on what the outcome of that meeting is, there may need to be consideration by individual governments as well.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Can I go to the WA trial and ask a few more questions about that, building on what Senator Williams was asking. The trial area was expanded quite significantly last financial year. Of the increase in the number of people that did choose an exit process, how many of those came from that expanded area?</p> <p><b>Ms Willock:</b> I would have to take on notice how many came from that expanded area.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I am interested in a breakdown of the numbers in the original area and those in the expanded area.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> Is this numbers for exit support?</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> There were eight grants paid in 2011-12 and one in 2012-13.</p> <p><b>Ms Willock:</b> We have updated figures.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I want an update of the figures on the website, which are from March. I would like them to June, if that is possible. I am specifically after an understanding of whether there was a response from the people in that expanded area. I cannot tell from the figures whether the following applications were in that original area, which is more your Wheatbelt area, or where it has expanded and gets into your Northern Ag area and some of the drier areas up north. That is what I am</p>	95-96 15/10/2012

				<p>interested in—did some more people come out of that area. Obviously I do not want to know names—I do not want the information if you think it is going to identify people, but I am interested in looking at that.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> We will have a look at it. It will depend on the size of the group. If the size is very small, it maybe identifiable, in which case I suspect we would be not helpful. If we do not think we will identify them by their geography, then we can provide a number. That is the only caveat I would place on it—the concern that you might be able to identify them by the small size of the sample.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I totally understand what you are saying. If it is possible to provide that for the other components of the program, that would be appreciated too—the breakdown between the original area and the expanded area. With the mentoring program, is there a process for keeping on board the people who took up the roles of mentors, or is that process now completely finished?</p> <p><b>Ms Willock:</b> That process is now completed. It was part of the trial and, as you are aware, the trial has concluded.</p>	
40	Climate Change Division	Nash	Year of the Farmer funding	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Earlier this morning I was asking some questions about a redirection of funding, which I think Dr O'Connell you were kindly going to see whether you could get somebody who might be able to run me through that to explain—</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> To clarify, referring to your question today, what we have is that the 2012-13 PBS notes that \$1.3 million was allocated to the 2011-12 Australian Year of the Farmer—which, for completeness, is footnote 3 on page 20 of the PBS and refers to Australia's Farming Future, the Climate Change Adaptation Partnership. This funding was redirected from the Professional Advice and Planning Grant program. The Professional Advice and Planning Grant program closed in 2011-12 and had sufficient unspent funds remaining to cover the \$1.3 million allocation to the Australian Year of the Farmer.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I did not have any indication that it was the Year of the Farmer. I thought it was exactly the same program.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Senator, if I can continue, I suspect there is some confusion over the Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships and the Climate Change Adjustment Program. One involved the movement of \$1.3 million and the other was a movement of \$1.2 million.</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> And the acronym for both is CCAP.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Okay, terrific. Can I ask you to take that on notice for me?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> That is very easy. We suspected that that was what the issue.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> If you could do that for me, that would be much appreciated.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Sure.</p>	97 15/10/2012
41	Climate Change Division	Nash	Carbon Farming Initiative	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I know it is predominantly not your department but you have—thank you very much—answered some questions on notice on the Carbon Farming Initiative. I want to follow up some of the answers you gave. I note that in your answer you said that there were four methodologies approved with another nine under consideration. Having checked the website, I think there have been some more recent ones. Can you run me through how many actually are approved, what they are, what is currently undergoing the process of approval and what we have got in the bucket?</p> <p><b>Ms Gaglia:</b> There are four methodologies that have been approved by the minister for climate change and there are currently 15 methodologies under consideration by the Domestic Offsets</p>	97-98 15/10/2012

				<p>Integrity Committee.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> How long have those 15 been on the list to be considered?</p> <p><b>Ms Gaglia:</b> There are different time frames. Some have been under consideration for quite some time. Some of them have been through an assessment process and gone back to the applicant for more details and some have only gone through the public consultation period and are now going through a full assessment. The majority of them are actually back with the applicants for more information and detail.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Obviously since you answered that question on notice for me, which was not that long ago, another five have come on the list.</p> <p><b>Ms Gaglia:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Can you take on notice to provide the time line for each of those, when the applications came in and their current status? In that answer I think at that stage there were no methodologies relating to soil carbon. Are there any now?</p> <p><b>Ms Gaglia:</b> From memory, I think there are three relating to soil carbon. They are all back with the applicants for more information.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Great. Again if you would not mind taking on notice to give me some more information around that. Is there a targeted optimum length</p>	
42	Climate Change Division	Nash	Soil carbon testing	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I might have misheard you, but I thought you said that you had not looked at them yet because there isn't a firm price for the soil testing.</p> <p><b>Ms Gaglia:</b> No, we know which laboratories are currently using the new technology.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> When will you have an idea of the efficacy of that and some certainty around the drop in price?</p> <p><b>Ms Gaglia:</b> At the end of this month, all of the data collected as part of the Soil Carbon Research Program will be made public, so it will be available to all laboratories, which will allow them to do the calibrations within their scanning systems. Once they have done that and they can see that they can modify their systems, we would hope that the majority of laboratories would start bringing their costs down and implement the new technology.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Do you think they will? You would imagine it must be almost prohibitive if it is going to be \$1,000 a test.</p> <p><b>Ms Gaglia:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> So does the whole thing fall over if you cannot drop the price of the soil carbon testing?</p> <p><b>Ms Gaglia:</b> I imagine that they will drop the prices.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> We will have to wait and see, won't we? Would you mind, in case it is before the next set of estimates, taking it on notice, if you do receive any information about the certainty of the cost of doing that testing, to pass it to the committee?</p>	99 15/10/2012
43	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Investigations in the Action on the Ground and Filling the Research Gap programs	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> What are the sorts of things that you looked at? One that has been put to me is an interfamily sale of equipment and business, effectively, which means that the family continues in the business but gets the advantage of an exit package. Was anything like that looked at?</p> <p><b>Mr Aldred:</b> There were a few different things. Just to be clear, we are talking about the 2010-11, rather than the Tasmanian, IGA contractors program.</p>	102 15/10/2012



				<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Aldred:</b> The sorts of allegations came through generally had to do with things such as whether someone had moved their operations to the mainland—</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> But that was permitted under the guidelines, as I understand it.</p> <p><b>Mr Aldred:</b> There was no prohibition of that in the guidelines. They also had to do with whether or not contracts had expired during the application period or been transferred—those sorts of things.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> You did not investigate anything of the kind that I described just a moment ago?</p> <p><b>Mr Aldred:</b> I cannot recall specifically. I could take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I am happy for you to do that.</p>	
44	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Investigations in the Action on the Ground and Filling the Research Gap programs	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> And I do not know any particular or specific details around that. I was just interested to inquire as to where that was all at. In respect of the intergovernmental agreement process itself, has there been any work done around peer review of information in the report that was handed down by the expert panel? There has been some discussion and some work around the edges looking at some of the issues that were raised around that. I think I recall that the chair of the panel talked about the need to do some peer review work. I am interested to know whether anything has actually happened.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> We will take that on notice.</p>	102-03 15/10/2012
45	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	SEWPaC and modelling work on timber supply in Tasmania	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> But surely providing peer review would assist them in that process, particularly with respect to some of the redefinitions that have been designed. As I said, I have seen some work that has been done on a voluntary basis that questions some of the assertions that are made in that document and questions them to the extent that it would raise concerns about what is being said or what is being asserted in those documents. We are not looking at doing anything in the context of that and how that might flow into future decision-making processes or how it might be, for example, portrayed as being reality when it is effectively a redefinition for the purposes of gaining a particular outcome in this process?</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> I have not been involved in the recent discussion, so I will have to take it on notice, but, in terms of your broader point about it potentially influencing RFA reviews, we are currently in the process of preparing for the government how we may approach that. I do not recall that particular issue coming up, but</p>	103 15/10/2012
46	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Forestry standards	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I will start with forestry standards. Are you aware of any benchmarking of the two key standards that exist globally—the PEFC, which is obviously an umbrella under which the Australian Forestry Standard sits, and the Forest Stewardship Council? Are you aware of any global benchmarking that makes a comparison of those two standards?</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> We are not aware, but we could certainly take that on notice.</p>	106 15/10/2012
47	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Assessment of FFC	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Has there been an assessment of FFC to see if that actually meets Standards Australia principles? Are you aware of any assessment in that context?</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> I am not aware, but I can certainly take that on notice.</p>	107 15/10/2012

				<b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I would appreciate that if you could. Does the government differentiate in any way in respect of the two standards in any of the programs that it operates?	
48	<b>Climate Change Division</b>	Colbeck	Assessment of FFC	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I would appreciate that if you could. Does the government differentiate in any way in respect of the two standards in any of the programs that it operates?</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> Senator, the government does not form a view between the two standards. Both standards are a matter for industry. Provided they provide a reasonable level of certification, and again I would go back to the fact that they are both recognised globally in many countries, then the government does not differentiate between the two of them.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I understand that is the view that is taken in a number of other countries. I have had conversations in the UK in particular where they do not discriminate between either of them based on their global reach. So, effectively, it is left as a market mechanism—although I do understand Minister Burke intervened with the Green Building Council a couple of years ago to suggest that they should also recognise the Australian forestry standard. Is that right?</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> We would have to take that one on notice—or it might be something you want to put to SEWPaC.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> No, it was done before, when he was previously in this portfolio. That is my recollection.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> We do not always agree, but I agreed with him on that particular principle. I think it was a correct one for him to take. So, where a senator says the AFS is not credible and not respected, it might just be their personal perspective.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> I am not aware of what Minister Burke said.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay. I will move on from that. We will go to—</p>	107 15/10/2012
49	<b>Climate Change Division</b>	Colbeck	Illegal logging program	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Back in 2008-09, there was \$1 million allocated to identify illegally logged timber and restrict its import into Australia. The information that I have, based on question on notice No. 231, is that there were two projects. One was \$79,000 spent with URS to develop a framework for differentiating legality verification and chain-of-custody schemes; that was completed in 2010. The other was \$74,000 spent with Poyry on a risk assessment framework for the legality of timber and wood products imported into Australia. Is that all the money that was actually expended out of that \$1 million?</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> I am just looking at the question on notice now. Out of the \$1 million, there was around \$792,000 spent on various consultancies.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> \$792,000?</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> Yes. And, as I understand it, the unspent money out of that \$1 million was returned to consolidated revenue.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> That would be about \$208,000 then, by those numbers.</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> Roughly, yes—\$207½ thousand.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay. What I might get you to do for me on notice is give me a list of the projects that were funded under that program.</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> Yes, absolutely.</p>	107-108 15/10/2012

50	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	WA RFA	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Looking at some of the Western Australian experiences, does the department monitor whether the Western Australian government complies with its legally binding obligations contained in clause 95 of the Western Australian RFA?</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> Through the regular reporting requirements we would ask them to report against the particular provisions of the RFA. I would have to take on notice that specific clause. It is not before me.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you.</p>	109 15/10/2012
51	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Clause WA RFA	<p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> It applies to all RFAs. There is a mechanism within the RFAs themselves and to my knowledge the clause that was referred to by Mr Tucker has not been activated in recent times, in the last 12 months.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So we have not had problems in the past 12 months. Has it been activated at other times?</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> That was only my recollection.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I will come back to New</p>	109 15/10/2012
52	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Sawmill biomass fuel study	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I will come back to New South Wales. I am interested in the sawmill biomass fuel study. Under what program was that funded?</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> Do you have a bit more information?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> It is on your website under 'bioenergy'. It is a sawmill biomass fuel study that has gone to south-east fibre exports.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> Whereabouts on our website?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> It is at <a href="http://www.daff.gov.au/forestry/national/climate-change-research/bioenergy">www.daff.gov.au/forestry/national/climate-change-research/bioenergy</a>. Doesn't ring a bell?</p> <p><b>Dr O'Connell:</b> No. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	109-110 15/10/2012
53	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Sawmill biomass fuel study	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Yes. I was interested in how it is being funded and what the conditions of the grant are. Has a report been put in? I understand money has been handed over, so I am interested in how this has been managed.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> We will take that on notice and get back to you.</p>	110 15/10/2012
54	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Sawmill biomass fuel study	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you take that it on notice to inform the committee whether the report will be made public and, if so, when?</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> Yes.</p>	110 15/10/2012
55	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Sawmill biomass fuel study	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Essentially the project, as I understand it, is about biomass for bioenergy at timber processing facilities? Considering you do not have the detail before you on that specific grant, could you provide details to the committee about what work that has been done in that area generally?</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Seriously—nobody here tonight is able to talk about biomass for bioenergy?</p>	110 15/10/2012

				Minister, is that not surprising considering that, periodically, your government has given emphasis to the whole issue of biomass and how it should be managed in terms of energy delivery? It has been quite controversial.	
56	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Australian Farmer of the Year	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Have we asked them to report back on their achievements in that? For example, was their presence at rural agricultural shows, which would be a reasonable opportunity for people to undertake that engagement, part of their commitment under the \$500,000 we gave them?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> In terms of reporting back, the Australian Year of the Farmer Limited have not completed their obligations, so we would not expect them to report back until they had completed that event. There is still some time for that. I will have to take on notice whether or not we actually said to them, 'You must go to X number of field day events and activities.' From memory I think they have exceeded what they initially said they were going to do in terms of the number of roadshows, but I will have to go back and have a look and take that one on notice.</p>	112 15/10/2012
57	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Reallocation of funds for Australian year of the farmer	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> You might not have to take it on notice, Mr Tucker. Are you in a position to answer it now?</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> No; the officer with the details left this evening, so we will provide it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> The conversation was about two programs, one of \$1.2 million and one of \$1.3 million, and there was some confusion about what came out of what program. That is where we ended up, on the reallocation of \$1.2 million into the Year of the Farmer.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> Yes, and you said they should take it on notice, but the \$1.25 million—I will correct the record if I am wrong, but I am pretty confident—did not come out of that program....</p>	114 15/10/2012
58	Agricultural Productivity Division	McKenzie	Australian Farmer of the year	<p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> I have a question on the same issue. Senator Colbeck has addressed a lot of the issues that I had with the 'Year of the Flop', as the front page of the <i>Weekly Times</i> said last week. In the period of time between the seed funding and the additional allocation by the minister of \$500,000 in March, what formal assessment was done of the proposal that the group was putting up at that time?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> We received requests for funding and we would have assessed them at that time.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> What sort of criteria would you have had around that?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> It was done against the CNCB, Community Networks and Capacity Building. We set criteria and it was assessed against those criteria. I can provide those if you like.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> That would be fantastic</p>	114
59	Agricultural Productivity Division	McKenzie	Australian Farmer of the year	<p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Their activities, not their obligations?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> Activities, obligations—</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Under the plan they submitted to you?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> Under the submission—I will have to go back and have a look at what we actually agreed for them to look at. They have been out there doing the roadshows as they were asked to do: look at certain groups and everything else and report back to us. As I said earlier, I am not quite sure we actually said 'next certain number of roadshows' that they had to do. I will have to take it on notice and have a look.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> I would appreciate that.</p>	115 15/10/2012

60	Agricultural Productivity Division	Nash	Spending in the Regional Food Producers Innovation and Productivity Program	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Correct me if I am wrong, the Regional Food Producers Innovation and Productivity Program was a four-year election commitment announced in 2007, according to your answer to my question on notice, and terminated on 30 June 2012. Can you refresh my memory as to how much funding was allocated to it and what it actually did?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> So we started with \$35 million. I think you said a variety of things happened—sorry, I cannot remember your exact words—to reduce it to \$10.8 million. How many different reductions were there from the \$35 million down to \$10.8 million? Thirty-five million dollars sounds pretty good; \$10.8 million, not so good.</p> <p><b>Mr Solomon:</b> In terms of precise numbers of movements out of the program, rather than waste your time by counting up—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I am not wasting my time at all.</p> <p><b>Mr Solomon:</b> I might take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I would like you to take it on notice.</p>	116 15/10/2012
61	Agricultural Productivity Division	Nash	Regional Food Producers Innovation and Productivity Program	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> How many applications did you have all up?</p> <p><b>Mr Solomon:</b> I am sorry, I will have to take that on notice.</p>	116 15/10/2012
62	Agricultural Productivity Division	Nash	Regional Food Producers Innovation and Productivity Program	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> If you could take that on notice, that would be great. What did you do to promote the program?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> It was before my time, so I can call people who would understand.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Oh boy, if everybody used that who sat at this desk I would be here for seven years; we would be in a world of pain.</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> We would have taken the standard approach. We would have advertised. We would have used our networks as best we can. We would have spoken to industry contacts. We would have tried to contact food processors themselves and things like that to try and raise awareness of the program. They are fairly standard steps that we would have taken. We can provide a process, perhaps on notice, in some more detail about the exact methods we used to try and raise awareness.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I accept that. That is fine. Would you mind taking on notice to verify that that was indeed the case?</p>	116 15/10/2012
63	Agricultural Productivity Division	Nash	Regional food producers program	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I accept that. That is fine. Would you mind taking on notice to verify that that was indeed the case? Minister, are you aware of this program and the reductions that happened along the way?</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> Broadly.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Was it just a nice little pot to grab some cash out of to redirect to somewhere else? I am struggling to understand why a \$35 million program went down to \$10.8 million.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> I think as you have already heard, there was not a lot of uptake.</p>	116-117 15/10/2012

				<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I do not think that is necessarily a great reason to drop \$20 million out of what is a good program.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> Again, it depends on whether or not there is uptake. If there is no uptake of the program—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Thank you. If you would not mind taking on notice as well, when we do the time line for the steps through for the reduction, to do a comparative of how many applications were in the pipeline at that point in time, from the start of the program travelling along. If we could do that concurrently, that would be very useful.</p>	
64	Agricultural Productivity Division	Ruston	Citrus Australia Ltd	<p><b>Senator RUSTON:</b> I noted in a letter from the minister to one of the industry associations that you requested a number of things in terms of an improvement in governance. I bring to your attention a couple of them. One was that the citrus IAC would no longer be constituted by a majority of members coming from Citrus Australia Ltd. I note that the change went from four members to 11 members that were directors, the executive officer or employees of CAL. I just noted on the new post August 2012 board that whilst there are only four out of 11, and that the four additional members who are different to the members who constituted the board prior to the minister requesting these increased governance arrangements may not be directors of Citrus Australia, but that they are actually members of Citrus Australia; and also that the two employees of Citrus Australia that became one employee of Citrus Australia actually excluded Ms Pat Barkley. The letter from the minister actually said that Ms Barkley had to remain on the IAC and yet she seems to be the person who has been removed. So on two points there: the constitution of the committee and the role of Ms Barkley.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> We will follow it up.</p>	119 Not sure about this one – what do you think?
65	Agricultural Productivity Division	Ruston	Citrus Australia	<p><b>Senator RUSTON:</b> Could you just take a couple of other things on notice? In 2010-11 it appears that about 75 per cent of the research and development funds that were available to the citrus industry went to Citrus Australia. Subsequent to your changes in your governance arrangements, could you advise what percentage of the funds in 2011-12 went to Citrus Australia, and also to date in 2012-13—what percentage of those funds have gone?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> Yes, certainly.</p>	120 15/10/2012
66	Agricultural Productivity Division	Siewart	Comments on draft bill for registration on veterinary chemicals	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Asking how many you have had on this one so far? On the new draft?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> I actually have not looked to see how many we have received to date. Typically with these things, we get a flurry within the last day or so. So, I am happy to provide the answer on notice once the period has closed.</p>	120 15/10/2012
67	Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA	Back	R & D expenditure	<p><b>Senator BACK:</b> One of the points not made earlier today was that the notation that expenditure on R&amp;D as a percentage of total turnover in Australian industry has declined from between nine and 10 per cent in 2006 to 7.7 per cent in 2011. From your observations and experience, would you regard that as an inaccurate comment or do you think that that too ought to be the subject of further scrutiny?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> I will have to have a look at the report. I do not recall that comment about expenditure. This is a percentage of expenditure of the total animal health product market, the portion of research</p>	121 15/10/2012

				<p>as the total animal health market, which is down to only six per cent or seven per cent now. I do not know whether Mr Parnell would have any comments to make.</p> <p><b>Mr Parnell:</b> No, I do not have anything to add.</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> I will have to have a look at that on notice and get back to you, if I can.</p>	
68	Finance & Business Support Division	Colbeck	Grant funding	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> What grant funding programs do you currently have available within the agency?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> Within the agency generally—I would have to take that one on notice. I could not put my hand on my heart and run through a list.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Can you tell me how many of them currently have grant rounds open for applications?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> I would have to have a look at that as well.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> Senator, these would have been able to be answered by our Chief Finance Officer first thing this morning.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> But that is okay. We are happy to—if you run them off, we will take them on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> And I am happy to have them on notice. We are short of time and we do not need to take any more time. For those who do not have grant rounds currently open, can you let me know when the next grant round will be open and when the last grant round was?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> Okay.</p>	122-23 15/10/2012
69	Finance & Business Support Division	Colbeck	Grant programs	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> To follow on from a previous question I had asked, to get an update on—I need to find the right terminology because the minister and I have had a couple of arguments about this over a period of time—non-continuing grant programs and their expiry dates.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> Lapsing programs.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Lapsing programs—we know what we mean, Minister, anyway.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> We do. We will take it on notice.</p>	123 15/10/2012
70	Biosecurity – Animal Division	Rhiannon	Live animal exports	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Minister, I am seeking some clarification about the circumstances surrounding the shipment of live export of cattle that ended up in Pakistan in controversial circumstances.</p> <p><b>Senator Ludwig:</b> Sheep.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Sheep, I am sorry. There have been some contradictory statements as to how sick those animals were. On 3 September on ABC <i>Lateline</i> it was stated that: The department of agriculture says that the shipments are both infected with the disease scabby mouth. Then on 15 October AAP reports—and this is the latest report that we are aware of—that the sheep were not affected. There had been an earlier report on 1 September that a veterinarian certificate of health citing Perth for ocean voyage was actually backdated nearly a month after the ship left, possibly, again saying the sheep were healthy. Could you clarify what you understand to be the health of the sheep was at different stages during their voyage?</p> <p><b>Dr Glyde:</b> I did not hear quite all of that but I could give you on notice the details of what was said. What you are quoting is a series of media reports that were made primarily in Pakistan but here as well and most of which were wrong. All along the Australian authorities and DAFF has maintained</p>	124 15/10/2012

				<p>that the animals were healthy—they had no notifiable animal health diseases. Indeed, that subsequently has proven to be the case. I think was yesterday or the day before that the exporter Wellards put out a press release showing the results of the independent testing that had been done by a laboratory in the United Kingdom at the request of the High Court of the Sindh Province that demonstrated that the animals were healthy. Whilst they may have had scabby mouth, that was not a notifiable disease. They were free of all the diseases they have been accused of. If you like, I could put on notice the exact claims that have been made over the course of the last few weeks.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you do that from when they leave Perth, to Bahrain, the circumstances, and then to Pakistan?</p> <p><b>Dr Glyde:</b> Sure.</p>	
71	<b>Biosecurity – Animal Division</b>	Nash	DAFF import statistics	<p><b>Senator CASH:</b> I understand that. I will just then ask on notice whether you could take for me, and perhaps pass it on to the relevant people if you do not mind: does DAFF make statistics publicly available around the number of applications received to import food, broken down into categories, and in terms of the total number, how many were approved and how many were rejected in any given year? Can you provide that information? If not, can you explain why not?</p>	127 15/10/2012
72	<b>Trade and Market Access Division</b>	Colbeck	Access to Indonesian ports	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> On the closure of Indonesian ports: we have survived the first round of process in relation to Tanjung Priok, and that remains open to Australia, the US and Canada—and, I think, one other country. There were four of us that were part of that, recognising our food safety system.</p> <p><b>Ms Evans:</b> The other one is New Zealand, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Thank you. What is the process with negotiations with Indonesia on the other nine ports that were part of that whole discussion?</p> <p><b>Mr Withers:</b> Sorry, Senator—the other nine?</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Ports. That refers to your question—</p> <p><b>Ms Evans:</b> We will have to take it on notice. But the Tanjung Priok port was by far the most significant one for us—</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> That took about 90 per cent of our horticultural product.</p> <p><b>Ms Evans:</b> That is right. I will take it on notice to find out where we are up to and what exactly has happened with the other nine.</p>	129-130 15/10/2012
73	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b>	Colbeck	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written
74	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery</b>	Colbeck	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?</p>	Written



	<b>Division</b>			How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?  How many contract staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?	
<b>75</b>	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b>	Colbeck	Staffing	How many ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?  How many non-ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?  How many contract staff left were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? What is the average length of their employment period?	Written
<b>76</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Staffing	Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.  If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	Written
<b>77</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Making the Public Service more efficient	Please detail how the department/agency will achieve savings over the forward estimates through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 <a href="http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html">http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html</a> ).  In addition, please provide the following detail:  How will reductions in air travel spending be achieved? What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?  What restrictions will be implemented for business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?  How will the use of external consultants and contractors be reduced? How will this impact on the Department/agency? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?  How will the department/agency manage moving recruitment advertising online? Will all future recruitment advertisement be online only? If not, explain why. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?  How will printing costs be reduced? Explain if and how the department/agency will reduce its printing costs by five per cent, or if it will not, why not? How will it be determined what documents will no longer be printed? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written

78	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b>	Colbeck	Recruitment Costs	<p>How much was spent on recruitment advertising in 2011-12? How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising?</p> <p>Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media.</p> <p>How much has been spent on recruitment advertising this financial year to date? How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising?</p> <p>Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media.</p>	Written
79	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Printing costs	<p>How much was spent on printing 2011-12? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?</p> <p>How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost?</p> <p>How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?</p> <p>How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p>	Written
80	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b>	Colbeck	Graduate Recruitment	<p>How much has been spent on 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.</p> <p>Has any travel been incurred for 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.</p>	Written
81	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b>	Colbeck	Staffing	<p>How much is estimated to be spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training is to be provided, why and the estimated cost for each.</p>	Written
82	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Government Advertising	<p>What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p>	Written

				<p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>	
<b>83</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Government Advertising	<p>What was the total cost of all advertising for 2011-12?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services that was undertaken in 2011-12.</p>	Written
<b>84</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this</p>	Written

				<p>financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	
<b>85</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p>	Written
<b>86 and 87</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Board Appointments	<p>List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</p> <p>List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members for 2011-12.</p> <p>What was the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio for 2011-12?</p>	Written

88	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Freedom of Information	<p>Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for 2011-12? How many FOI requests did the department/agency receive in 2011-12? How many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?</p> <p>What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p>	Written
89	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Community Cabinet Meetings	<p>How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?</p>	Written
90	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Community Cabinet Meetings	<p>How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location.</p> <p>How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? 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.</p> <p>What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12?</p>	Written
91	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many Reviews are being undertaken?</li> <li>• What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</li> <li>• Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</li> <li>• When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</li> <li>• Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</li> <li>• What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</li> <li>• What reviews are planned?</li> </ul>	Written

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When will each of these reviews be concluded?</li> </ul>	
92	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Reviews	<p>For 2011-12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many Reviews were undertaken?</li> <li>Where all reviews have, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</li> <li>Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</li> <li>Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</li> <li>What was the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</li> <li>For any ongoing reviews, when will each of these reviews be concluded?</li> </ul>	Written
93	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Consultancies	<p>How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written
94	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Consultancies	<p>How many consultancies were undertaken in 2011-12? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p>	Written
95	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Media Monitoring	<p>What is 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</li> <li>What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</li> <li>What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ul>	Written
96	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Media Monitoring	<p>What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2011-12?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> </ul>	Written

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<b>97</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	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 May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks)</li> <li>• If no, will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</li> </ul> <p>Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)</p>	Written
<b>98</b>	<b>Information Services Division</b>	Colbeck	Internet	<p>Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written
<b>99</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Staff Amenities	<p>What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.</p>	Written
<b>100</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Coffee Machines	<p>Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in 2011-12 and how much this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p>	Written

101	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency 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).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications ? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey &amp; Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey &amp; Company? If yes, provide details.</li> <li>• What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> </ul>	Written
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102	<b>Finance and Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Contractors	<p>For 2011-12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency 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).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey &amp; Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey &amp; Company? If yes, provide details and the cost).</li> <li>• What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken</li> </ul>	Written
103	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Grants	<p>Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details</p>	Written
104	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Grants	<p>Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for 2011-12? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Were all grant agreement details published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p>	Written

<b>105</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports were commissioned by the Government in your department/agency in 2011-12? 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"> <li>• How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</li> </ul> <p>What is the current status of each report? Did the Government report within the required timeframe? If not, when is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written
<b>106</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency 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"> <li>• How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</li> <li>• What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>107</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</li> <li>• Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>108</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For 2011-12, did the department/agency pay 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"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• For accounts not paid within 30 days, is/was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</li> <li>• Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> <li>• Have all accounts from 2011-12 been paid? If no, why not?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>109</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Stationery requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p>	Written

				What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	
<b>110</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Stationery requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2011-12?</p> <p>What were the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12?</p>	Written
<b>111</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Media Subscriptions	<p>Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.</li> <li>• What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.</li> <li>• What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.</li> <li>• What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>What was the 2011-12 cost for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TV subscriptions</li> <li>• Newspaper subscriptions</li> <li>• Magazine subscriptions</li> </ul> <p>Does the department/agency provide any media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries? If yes, provide details of what is provided and the cost this financial year to date and for 2011-12.</p>	Written
<b>112</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>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).</p>	Written

				<p>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 the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p>	
113	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Travel Costs	<p>For 2011-12, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>For 2011-12, 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).</p>	Written
114	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Legal costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written
115	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Legal costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to</p>	Written

				date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	
116	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b>	Colbeck	Education expenses	<p>Has there been a change to the department/agency's guidelines on study since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)? If yes, please provide details.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written
117	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b>	Colbeck	Education expenses	<p>For 2011-12, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written
118	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b>	Colbeck	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>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)</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged</li> </ol> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> <li>5. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d) The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>e) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The location used</li> <li>6. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>7. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> </ol>	Written

				<p>ii. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	
119	<p><b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b></p>	Colbeck	<p>Executive Coaching and Leadership Training</p>	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>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)</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged</li> </ol> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f) The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>g) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>h) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>i) The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>j) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. The location used</li> <li>6. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>7. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ol>	Written

120	Governance Division	Colbeck	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>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)</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged</li> </ol> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>6. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>d) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The location used</li> <li>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</li> <li>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ol>	Written
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<b>124</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.</p>	Written
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129	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.  What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written
130	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Credit Cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.  Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>• How is corporate credit card use monitored?</li> <li>• What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</li> <li>• Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</li> <li>• What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</li> </ul>	Written
131	<b>Finance &amp; Business</b>	Colbeck	Credit Cards	For 2011-12 how many instances of corporate credit card misuse were there? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.	Written

	<b>Support Division</b>				
<b>132</b>	<b>Information Services Division</b>	Colbeck	Provision of Equipment	<p>For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs.</p> <p>For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p> <p>Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? 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.</p> <p>Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012): Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.</p>	Written
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<b>134</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Electricity Purchasing	<p>Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).</p> <p>What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12?</p> <p>What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written
<b>135</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Briefings for the Australian Greens	<p>Have any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are briefings requests commissioned?</li> <li>• What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</li> </ul>	Written

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<b>137</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Shredders	<p>Did the department/agencies purchase any shredders in 2011-12? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.</p> <p>Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012)? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.</p>	Written

<b>138</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Protective security policy framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written
<b>139</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Office Locations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a list of all office locations for DAFF and agencies within the portfolio by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Department/Agency;</li> <li>b. Location;</li> <li>c. Leased or Owned;</li> <li>d. Size;</li> <li>e. Number of Staff at each location and classification;</li> <li>f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre ;</li> <li>g. If owned, the value of the building;</li> <li>h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned;</li> <li>i. Type of functions and work undertaken.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>140</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For DAFF and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. By Department or agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</li> <li>iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>141</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Efficiency Dividend	Are electricity costs included in the efficiency dividend?	Written
<b>142</b>	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division</b>	Colbeck	Hospitality	How many people attended the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission dinner on 22 April 2012?	Written
<b>143</b>	<b>Finance and Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Hospitality – incorrect classification	<p>Did DAFF end up providing hospitality support for the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy 6th National Workshop, scheduled for 10 and 11 October 2012?</p> <p>Where will this now appear in the budget?</p> <p>How was this misclassification picked up?</p>	Written

144	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b>	Colbeck	Staffing numbers and movements by program.	Please provide details of staffing numbers for all DAFF divisions and programs for the last 5 financial years.  Provide details of staff movements between programs for the last 5 financial years.	Written
145	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	2012-13 staffing changes QON 130	QON 130 May 2012 highlighted 4 voluntary redundancies in the Information Services Division and 4 staff taken on for "new measures". Were the staff that took voluntary redundancies not able to be deployed to the "new measures"?  What was the net financial outcome of this change?	Written
146	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Electricity costs and provider	As electricity contracts were all in place prior to the Carbon Tax being introduced, what discussions have taken place with businesses that provide electricity to DAFF regarding any increase in costs?  Was the increase in cost of electricity from 2010-11 to 11-12 due to an increase in consumption, an increase in unit cost or an increase in pole and line costs?	Written
147	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Program spending freeze	Provide details of all programs, divisions, agencies that have been subject to a spending freeze this financial year, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of program, division, agency</li> <li>• Program budget before freeze</li> <li>• Program budget after freeze</li> <li>• Date of freeze</li> <li>• Date funds unfrozen</li> <li>• Amount of funding involved in the freeze</li> <li>• Any alteration to program timeframe as a consequence of the freeze</li> <li>• Any alteration in the dates of payment of funds to the program, division, agency as a consequence of the freeze.</li> </ul>	Written
148	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Public good and cost recovery guidelines	Is it correct that the Cost recovery guidelines advise that public good activities are not subject to cost recovery?  What sorts of activities are considered to be "public good"?  When would public relations activities be considered to be public good?  When would IT and computer systems be considered to be public good?  How are public good costs segregated from being cost recovered?  Please provide copies of accounts for individual programs within DAFF that have elements of cost recovery, indicating cost recovered funds, appropriated funds and how these funds are expended.	Written

149	Finance & Business Support Division	Colbeck	Budget	<p>For the programs listed below (see Table 1 below) provide details of expenditure for year to date, and explanation of any significant or unexpected variations to the expenditure for YTD.</p> <p>Table 1:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th>Budget 2012-2013 (\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.1</td> <td>Climate Change Adaption</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Carbon Farming Initiative</td> <td>2,200,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Extending the benefits of the CFI</td> <td>22,038,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Transitional Family farm payment</td> <td>12,047,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.2</td> <td>Sustainable management- Natural Resources</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Caring for our Country LandCare</td> <td>41,986,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.3</td> <td>Forestry Industry</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.4</td> <td>Fishing Industry</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Fisheries Resources research fund</td> <td>2,114,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.5</td> <td>Horticulture Industry</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.6</td> <td>Wool Industry</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.7</td> <td>Grains Industry</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.8</td> <td>Dairy Industry</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.9</td> <td>Meat and livestock Industry</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.10</td> <td>Agricultural Resources</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Agricultural and veterinary Chemicals Minor use Program</td> <td>140,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Australian Animal Welfare Strategy</td> <td>1,012,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Live Animal Exports Business assistance for improved supply chain Development</td> <td>4,839,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Wine Australia Industry</td> <td>1,050,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.11</td> <td>Drought Program</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.12</td> <td>Rural Programs</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Live Exports Business Assistance</td> <td>3,689,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rural Financial Counselling Service</td> <td>13,601,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.13</td> <td>International Market Access</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>AAA International Agricultural Cooperation</td> <td>376,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>UNFAO Food and Ag organisation of UN</td> <td>12,531,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>International Organisations Contributions</td> <td>1,736,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.1</td> <td>Quarantine and Export Services</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Budget 2012-2013 (\$)	1.1	Climate Change Adaption			Carbon Farming Initiative	2,200,000		Extending the benefits of the CFI	22,038,000		Transitional Family farm payment	12,047,000	1.2	Sustainable management- Natural Resources			Caring for our Country LandCare	41,986,000	1.3	Forestry Industry		1.4	Fishing Industry			Fisheries Resources research fund	2,114,000	1.5	Horticulture Industry		1.6	Wool Industry		1.7	Grains Industry		1.8	Dairy Industry		1.9	Meat and livestock Industry		1.10	Agricultural Resources			Agricultural and veterinary Chemicals Minor use Program	140,000		Australian Animal Welfare Strategy	1,012,000		Live Animal Exports Business assistance for improved supply chain Development	4,839,000		Wine Australia Industry	1,050,000	1.11	Drought Program		1.12	Rural Programs			Live Exports Business Assistance	3,689,000		Rural Financial Counselling Service	13,601,000	1.13	International Market Access			AAA International Agricultural Cooperation	376,000		UNFAO Food and Ag organisation of UN	12,531,000		International Organisations Contributions	1,736,000	2.1	Quarantine and Export Services		Written
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<b>150</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Travel	To 30 April 2012 Parliamentary Secretary Sid Sidebottom has not undertaken any portfolio related travel, has he undertaken any since the end of April? Provide details of destination, duration, purpose and costs.	Written																											
<b>151</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Airline Lounge Memberships	<p>What is the total year to date cost of airline lounge memberships for DAFF employees?</p> <p>How is the cost of airline lounge membership recovered if employees cease employment by DAFF during the period of lounge membership?</p> <p>Provided details of any situations where this has occurred, including number of instances and any cost unable to be recovered.</p>	Written																											
<b>152</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Travel non-compliances	<p>QON 148 requested information regarding enforcement of travel policies. The response was: "The travel booking company and their online booking tool provides booking options that comply with the policies and reporting any non-compliance is available"</p> <p>"In addition, approval or review of travel costs and expenditure in DAFF's finance systems provides a further opportunity for managers to detect non-compliance."</p> <p>How many times this financial year has the travel booking company reported non-compliances?</p> <p>What is the frequency for managers to check travel costs and how often this financial year have they reported non-compliances?</p> <p>Provide details of any non-compliances found this financial year and the actions taken to redress these non-compliances.</p>	Written																											
<b>153</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business</b>	Colbeck	Travel details	QON 148 also requested details of travel for departmental officers. The response was: "To provide the information requested by individual trip would take a considerable amount of time	Written																											

	<b>Support Division</b>			and result in an answer that would be hundreds of pages long. That approach is not considered to be an appropriate allocation of resources."  Is this information maintained in a database or manually?	
<b>154</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Taxi spend	QON 156 revealed that to 30 April 2012 over \$935K was spent on taxis, with \$690K being spent by the biosecurity business group.  Why is the taxi spend by Biosecurity so high?  How is this expenditure made up?  Was any of this expenditure cost recovered? If so, how much?  What alternatives have been considered to using taxis?  What is the taxi spend for year to date?	Written
<b>155</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Budget savings	Provide specific information regarding cost savings achieved by using virtual meetings instead of face to face meetings?  What is the cost saving achieved by using virtual meetings for non appropriated activities? How is this cost saving passed back to industry?  If virtual meetings are not being used in cost recovered activities, why not? Are there circumstances when this technology could be used rather than face to face meetings?	Written
<b>156</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Employment and workplace relations advice	QON 149 identified that, to 30 April 2012, \$607 K, or 25%, of spend with the Australian Government Solicitor was for employment and workplace relations advice.  Has there been any benchmarking done to compare this figure with other departments and with industry?  If so, provide details.  If not, why not?  Provide updated information on the total expenditure with the Australian Government Solicitor and the expenditure with the Australian Government Solicitor on employment and workplace relations advice to EOFY 2011-12, and for each financial year since 2007-08 financial year.	Written
<b>157</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	Colbeck	Late reports	QON 139 identified two reports, "Review and assessment of assistance provided to primary producers through the provision of tax concessions" and "Review of the national BioSIRT program",	Written



	<b>Division</b>			<p>due in March 2012 that had not yet been provided to government. Provide an update on these reports.</p> <p>If they are not yet available, what reasons have been provided and when are they expected to be available?</p>	
<b>158</b>	<b>Climate Change Division</b>	Colbeck	Publication costs	<p>QON 139 identified three reviews involving the National Rural Advisory Council are planned, with end dates in September 2012, October 2012 and May 2013 with estimated costs "yet to be determined".</p> <p>Provide details of the status and estimated costs of these reviews.</p> <p>Provide details of any additional reviews and reports being undertaken.</p>	Written
<b>159</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Publication costs	<p>Since January 2012 \$23,111 has been spent, in two parts, on DAFF carbon farming handbook. Why was this handbook only delivered to "Canberra"? Has it been distributed to DAFF regional offices?</p> <p>What was the final spend on publications for the 2011-12 financial year?</p> <p>Which DAFF publications have been printed in hardcopy, the cost and where were they delivered to since 1 July 2012?</p>	Written
<b>160</b>	<b>Information Services Division</b>	Colbeck	Records of allocation of electronic equipment	<p>QON 159 requested details of the staff classification that have been provided with electronic equipment. The response was:</p> <p>"It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the classification of recipients or to whom the equipment has been provided due to the difficulties in interrogating manual processes across the whole department."</p> <p>Are records of the allocation of electronic equipment only available in hard copy?</p> <p>If so, how is this equipment accounted for, retrieved from recipients and records interrogated?</p>	Written
<b>161</b>	<b>People &amp; Service Delivery Division</b>	Colbeck	Cost of graduate recruitment	<p>Response to QON 133 indicates the recruitment cost per graduate is over \$7,500. How does this compare with general recruitment costs?</p>	Written
<b>162</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Training budget	<p>Has there ever been an agency wide policy regarding calculation of the training budget?</p> <p>For each division, provide details of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• training budget as a percentage of each division's total payroll budget</li> <li>• staffing numbers</li> <li>• total payroll budget</li> </ul> <p>for the last five financial years.</p>	Written

<b>163</b>	<b>Border compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Name change	<p>Ms Mellor indicated at Supplementary Estimates that the name change from DAFF Biosecurity to Border Compliance is “just a divisional name within the department. That is not a presentation”</p> <p>When did the department decide on the new divisional name of Border Compliance?</p> <p>Is Border Compliance the division previously known as AQIS?</p> <p>What is the anticipated / actual cost of changing the name with our international trading partners?</p> <p>In response to QON regarding the name change from AQIS to DAFF Biosecurity, the department advised they were “working through, in consultation with industry, a plan for completing the implementation of the name change in our export markets. This will ensure there is a complete understanding of the new name.”</p> <p>How has the consultation with industry progressed?</p> <p>Is there now a plan for completing the implementation of the name change?</p> <p>If so, what is it?</p> <p>If not, when will it be available?</p> <p>What is the cost of implementing the name change with our international trading partners?</p>	
<b>164</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Industry cargo consultative committee	Why do you no longer provide data such as financial information, staff deployment and use of resources to the industry cargo consultative committee?	Written
<b>165</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Operation Hayride	<p>Was the document “Guidelines for Post Border Recovery Operations” created in its entirety post Operation Hayride?</p> <p>What standard operating procedures were in place before this document?</p>	Written
<b>166</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Guidelines	How is performance of post border recovery operations against the “Guidelines for Post Border Recovery Operations” going to be monitored in future?	Written
<b>167</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Guidelines	What actions can be taken if permission to enter a premise is refused?	Written

<b>168</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Guidelines	What training is provided in the “Guidelines for Post Border Recovery Operations”?	Written
<b>169</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Guidelines	The Guidelines state that “post border recovery operations many not be suited to all DAFF Biosecurity officers”, and include training and experience and personal attributes officers need to complete the task. Is compliance with these requirements recorded before assigning staff to post border recovery operations?  How many staff are currently deemed to be suited to undertake post border recovery operations?  What happens to staff that are no longer required in appropriated programs and are not deemed suitable to undertake post border recovery operations?	Written
<b>170</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Operation Hayride	What improvements have been identified to reduce the large manual handling costs associated with recovering product through Operation Hayride?  Has consideration been given to requiring QAPs to maintain electronic distribution records or to have the responsibility and capacity to provide details of traceability within strict timeframes?	Written
<b>171</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Performance Targeting and Effectiveness Program	Is the \$2.5 million PTEP cost recovered or appropriated? What consultation was undertaken with industry in determining the level of cost recovered funding needed to support the PTEP?	Written
<b>172</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	PTEP	How many operations are planned under this program and over what timeframe?  How is the decision made to identifying areas requiring further investigation and initiating an operation?	Written
<b>173</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	PTEP	With the increased focus on cargo rather than airfreight inspections, has the Department assessed the resulting risk this poses for airfreight due to depletion of staff and due to making this change in focus public?	Written
<b>174</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Operations Abercorn and Balmain	What is the budget for each of these operations?  Provide information on costs to date for Abercorn and Balmain, including staff expenditure.	Written
<b>175</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support</b>	Colbeck	AQIS / DAFF Biosecurity / Border compliance IER	Provide details of the income and expenditure from the EIR over the last 5 financial years.  Provide copies of documentation that support industry’s approval of this expenditure.	Written

	<b>Division</b>			Provide details of the percentage the IER is of the program budget for the last 5 financial years.	
<b>176</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	BICON	Provide evidence of industry being consulted and supportive of the ~\$18 million being used from the IER to the BICON project.	Written
<b>177</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Movement of staff from airports to cargo	<p>Provide dates that each of the 97 staff were moved from airports to the cargo division.</p> <p>Provide details of the total saving for the airport division resulting from this redeployment; including on costs, leave, long service leave provisions, mobile phone, vehicle and other allowances.</p> <p>What data was used to show the growth of the cargo area that justified this redeployment?</p> <p>What data was used to show the efficiency gains in the airport area that justified the reduction in staff.</p> <p>Do the redeployed staff carry out similar roles with similar responsibilities to their previous positions?</p> <p>Has there been any increase or decrease in salary packages for any of the 97 redeployed staff?</p> <p>On what basis did the department decide that the high risk areas for quarantine was also the areas funded by industry?</p> <p>Doesn't this highlight a potential conflict of interest for the department and a way of achieving the efficiency dividend imposed by the government?</p> <p>Given the conflict of interest shouldn't an independent analysis be undertaken which areas are high risk and how movements of staff from appropriated to cost recovered is justified?</p> <p>Why is the industry cargo consultative committee no longer provided with data relating to financial information, staff deployment and use of resources?</p>	Written
<b>178</b>	<b>Food Division</b>	Colbeck	Export certification	<p>Has there been any drop off in registrations or export volumes since the introduction of full cost recovery?</p> <p>As the government has modelled export certification costs such as farm and packing house registration on a certain level of uptake what will the government do if the costs are too high and there is a significant decrease in registrations?</p>	Written

				Will the cost recovery require increase charges if costs are not recovered because a shortfall in registrations?	
<b>179</b>	<b>Finance and Business Support Division</b>	Colbeck	Quarantine station	<p>Who will pay the costs of transporting plants and animals from the facility in Melbourne to destinations whether they be Perth, Darwin, Townsville etc.</p> <p>What options were industries offered in developing a single site proposal?</p> <p>Were they given choice of state or were they simply asked if they wanted to be part of the site in Victoria?</p> <p>Most importers of bees are north of Sydney. Will these businesses be assisted with meeting any additional costs involved with the quarantine facility being in Victoria?</p> <p>Have any bee importers offered alternate options to DAFF Biosecurity, including providing land?</p> <p>Will the facility in Victoria be used by the bee industry or will it be too expensive for them to use because of the location?</p>	Written
<b>180</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Plant Division</b>	Colbeck	Chief Plant Protection Officer	What are the qualifications of our current Chief Plant Protection Officer?	Written
<b>181</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Plant Division</b>	Colbeck	Horticultural sector fees and charges	<p>Is it correct that DAFF Biosecurity inspectors and auditors are employed according to the Enterprise Agreement 2011-14?</p> <p>Is it correct that the standard hours of work according to this agreement is 37.5 hours per week?</p> <p>Is it correct that exporters who chose a daily rate pay for 8 hours?</p> <p>Is it correct that exporters who chose a weekly rate pay for 40 hours?</p> <p>Do businesses have the option of paying for auditors/inspectors on the hourly / quarter hourly rate instead of paying the daily or weekly rate?</p> <p>If auditors / inspectors work 8 hour days and / or 40 hour weeks are they paid overtime?</p> <p>Is that overtime payment factored into the hourly or quarter hourly rate?</p>	Written
<b>182</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Plant Division</b>	Colbeck	CRIS Horticulture – cost recovery	<p>What is the justification for the apportioning of departmental overheads apportioned, as detailed on p13 of the Horticulture Export Program CRIS, to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management and Administration (84%)</li> <li>• Audit and Inspection (14%)</li> </ul>	Written

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification and Documentation (2%) determined?</li> </ul> <p>During the development of the cost structure and during the impact assessment process did the Department consider reducing the proportion of overheads from Management and Administration and allocating it to Audit and Inspection fees?</p> <p>What would be the impact of adjusting the proportions to effectively reduce establishment registration fees and increase audit and inspection fees?</p>	
<b>183</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Plant Division</b>	Colbeck	CRIS Horticulture – reduction in establishment numbers	<p>What analysis is the Department planning to identify reasons for the expected 20% reduction in the number of export establishments?</p> <p>What analysis is the Department planning to quantify impact on packhouse / producer income as a result of reduction in export markets?</p> <p>Will these sorts of analyses be included in the review of fees and charges in future and in the Cost Recovery Impact Statement for next financial year?</p>	Written
<b>184</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Plant Division</b>	Colbeck	CRIS Horticulture – demand assumptions	<p>Is the predicted 20% reduction in number of registered establishments proving to be correct (given seasonal variations)?</p> <p>Is this expected 20% reduction an admission of the negative impact registration costs are having on horticultural exporters?</p> <p>What are the implications of a greater than 20% reduction in the number of registered establishments?</p> <p>What assessment has been undertaken of the point at which the cost recovery model ceases to be valid?</p> <p>The CRIS states that "the department will monitor actual demand closely and adjust accordingly in the next CRIS". What actions are able to be taken if there is likely to be a significant variation in the cost recovery?</p> <p>What is the frequency of closely monitoring demand?</p>	Written
<b>185</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Plant Division</b>	Colbeck	Summary of annual charging arrangements	<p>How many export establishments are expected to be registered this year?</p> <p>Does this equate to a 20% reduction?</p> <p>What is the expected over-recovery in dollars and as a percentage of expenses?</p> <p>Is any over- recovery from the horticultural sector maintained for use within this sector or is it</p>	Written

				<p>consolidated with other industry sectors?</p> <p>What is the process for use of any over-recovery?</p>	
<b>186</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Plant Division</b>	Colbeck	Monitoring mechanisms	<p>A footnote on p25 of the CRIS states:          “At the time of this CRIS the department is working with industry and government to establish the best arrangements for ongoing consultation arrangements to ensure all industry sectors are afforded appropriate representation”.</p> <p>What is the current status of this work? What is the likely consultation model to be used in future to ensure all industry sectors are afforded appropriate representation?</p> <p>When will a decision be made as to the make-up of the next industry group to provide input into the next CRIS be made?</p> <p>What is the current financial position of the program and has this been reported to industry?</p>	Written
<b>187</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Plant Division</b>	Colbeck	Horticulture sector assistance package	<p>Has the Horticultural sector assistance package been finalised?</p> <p>How much is it?</p> <p>How is the assistance package being distributed / accessed?</p>	Written
<b>188</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Animal Division</b>	Colbeck	Live exports	<p>The government exported 3.5 million tonnes of wheat to Indonesia much of it to feed Australian cattle in Indonesian feedlots. Did the government consider the impact on the wheat industry when they shut down live exports?</p> <p>What Minister to Minister contact has there been with the governments of Pakistan and Qatar over the latest live animal export incidents?</p>	Written
<b>189</b>	<b>Governance Division</b>	Colbeck	Animal welfare	<p>21 clients represented by Minter Ellison have been reported in the budget papers as having a class action against the government for live exports. When was the department first aware of this class action?</p> <p>Is the claim being managed through this department and what types of information if any has the department provided on this issue?</p> <p>The budget papers indicate there is potential for an "unquantifiable" lawsuit connected to the ban on live exports last year, and the media are reporting the value to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars.</p> <p>What are the potential implications to the \$1.5bn surplus promised by Minister Swan, or has some contingency already been made in the budget?</p>	Written

<b>190</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Animal Division</b>	Colbeck	Foot and Mouth Disease Forum	<p>Did the Foot and Mouth Disease Forum held in August consider the risk of FMD becoming established in Australia as a result of illegal importation of meat products?</p> <p>Where did the forum consider responsibility for minimising illegal importation of products rested?</p>	Written
<b>191</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Reform of Australia's biosecurity system	<p>What are the impediments to having commercial food safety audits recognised as part of an importer's food safety management system?</p> <p>Has any risk assessment been undertaken to determine if these commercial audits outcomes could be recognised?</p> <p>If not, why not?</p> <p>If so, what were the significant risks?</p> <p>Has a cost benefit assessment been undertaken to determine if recognising commercial audits could reduce costs for Biosecurity Australia?</p> <p>If so, what were the results?</p>	Written
<b>192</b>	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Colbeck	Chinese food imports	<p>Biosecurity Australia determines the risk of imported foods through discussion with FSANZ. Are you aware of how FSANZ determine the risk of imported foods?</p> <p>You have indicated that Country of origin is not generally considered by FSANZ in their risk assessment. How is that position justified? Could there not be underlying issues related to for example agricultural practices or environmental conditions that would warrant increased vigilance ( I am thinking of water supply, training and application of agricultural chemicals....)</p>	Written
<b>193</b>	<b>Food Division</b>	Colbeck	Reform of Australia's export certification services	<p>Has the Department undertaken any analysis of where Australian export fees and charges sit with regard to fees and charges of our major competitors?</p> <p>If not, why not?</p> <p>If so, where do we stand?</p>	Written
<b>194</b>	<b>Food Division</b>	Colbeck	NRS Revenue and expenses	<p>Provide details of expenses and revenue received by commodity sector for 2012-13, 2011-12, 2010-11 and 2009-10.</p> <p>Provide details of payroll budget and performance against budget for t for 2012-13, 2011-12, 2010-11 and 2009-10.</p> <p>What were the "resources received free of charge" (see QON 206) that made up the program expense of \$633,000 and who were these resources received by?</p>	Written



<b>195</b>	<b>Food Division</b>	Colbeck	NRS and onion industry	<p>List all chemicals proposed to be included in the GlobalGAP residue test.</p> <p>How does NRS work with FreshTest to minimise duplication?</p> <p>Does the NRS have access to FreshTest results and if so what are the conditions of this arrangement/ agreement?</p> <p>How does NRS ensure its sampling programs do not overlap with Freshcare and WQA?</p>	Written
<b>196</b>	<b>Food Division</b>	Colbeck	NRS Budget	<p>Provide details of total NRS budget and government contributions to this program for the 2012-13, 2011-12, 2010-11 and 2009-10 financial years.</p> <p>Provide details of the NRS special account for the 2012-13, 2011-12, 2010-11 and 2009-10 financial years.</p> <p>How does continuing to operate at a loss conform with the Australian Government Cost Recovery Guidelines?</p> <p>Are there any rules around the use of funds from the NRS special account?</p>	Written
<b>197</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	Colbeck	Service agreements – cost recovery	<p>Is the Price Waterhouse Coopers review of the APVMA finalised?</p> <p>How has the APVMA responded to the PwC observation that cost recovery is significantly lower than the level of reimbursement required under the current cost recovery arrangements?</p> <p>The PwC review in 2008 also found that cost recovery guidelines were not being met and that there was an “intention to amend as appropriate the various fees to better align with the cost recovery arrangements however, due to events beyond the control of the APVMA, no such alignment occurred”. What were these events and has this situation been rectified?</p> <p>Data presented in the PwC draft report shows that corporate services cost nearly as much as the registration process. What consideration has been given to removing costs from corporate services (public affairs, principal scientist, human resources, finance and corporate)?</p> <p>Has any interagency or inter-organisational benchmarking of cost ratio between service delivery (eg registration of chemicals) and corporate overheads (eg corporate services) been undertaken?</p> <p>If not, why not?</p> <p>If so, what did it find?</p>	Written
<b>198</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity</b>	Colbeck	Charge out rates	<p>The hourly rates charged by SEWPac for services have increased from \$126 in 2008 to \$141 in 2011 Over the same period were the charge out rates to industry for the services provided to the APVMA</p>	Written

	<b>Division/ APVMA</b>			<p>by SEWPaC?</p> <p>The hourly rate charged by DoHA in the 2010/2016 agreement is \$159. Over the same period were the charge out rates to industry for the services provided to the APVMA by DoHA?</p> <p>What were the charge out rates for services provided by the APVMA since 2010?</p>	
<b>199</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	Colbeck	Efficiency of interactions	<p>QON 240 May 2012 indicated that the Government had committed \$800,000 over three years to establish an Independent Science Panel to assess and report publicly each year on the efficiency and effectiveness of the APVMA including the performance of the interactions between the APVMA and other agencies.</p> <p>Has the ISP been established and if so who is on it?</p> <p>If not, when will it be established?</p> <p>When is the first report due?</p> <p>What efficiencies and cost savings have been found through this investment?</p> <p>What sorts of inefficiencies were identified through the mapping of interactions between SEWPaC, DoHa and APVMA?</p>	Written
<b>200</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	Colbeck	First Principles review of APVMA cost recovery.	<p>What is the current status of the 'first principles' review of APVMA's cost recovery?</p> <p>When is it due to report?</p> <p>What are the Terms of Reference for this review?</p> <p>What cost savings have been found?</p>	Written
<b>201</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	Colbeck	Better Regulation Reform - sunseting	<p>What was the result of the cost benefit analysis of the sun setting / mandatory review process?</p> <p>What were the key points on the cost side and on the benefit side?</p> <p>Who undertook the analysis?</p>	Written
<b>202</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	Colbeck	Better Regulation Reform	<p>Does this legislation retain the existing mechanism for triggering a reconsideration?</p> <p>The new legislation allows an automatic trigger for reconsideration if two or more overseas regulators make a decision to prohibit use of a chemical within 7 years. Does prohibition include not reregistering a product that is up for renewal?</p>	Written

				<p>Does prohibition include where a product is removed for safety reasons because of lack of data?</p> <p>Under the reregistration process the APVMA must reregister/reapprove unless it appears that the constituent or product does not meet safety, trade or efficacy criteria. How is this any different from the reconsideration of chemicals under the current system where chemicals are reconsidered if they have are risk to humans, animals and the environment?</p> <p>What is the cost of the reregistration process to industry?</p> <p>Is it true that other countries that have reregistration processes in place (the USA and the EU) that the Governments contribute a substantial amount to the costs of registration (some more than 30%)?</p> <p>On the registration process the APVMA must reregister/reapprove unless it appears that the constituent or product does not meet safety, trade or efficacy criteria. How do you determine safety, trade or efficacy criteria?</p> <p>Is it precautionary, risk based, on specific empirical criteria or based on other criteria?</p>	
<b>203</b>	<b>ABARES</b>	Colbeck	Carbon tax	<p>What was the justification for excluding domestic airfreight from consideration of the impact of the carbon tax on agriculture?</p> <p>What consideration has ABARES given to the impact of the carbon tax on high value, highly perishable products such as rock lobster and abalone?</p> <p>In response to QON 230, ABARES indicated that they did not know whether the use of aerial agricultural services for sheep, grains, beef and dairy industries was representative of other industries. How then can the ABARES report into the impact of carbon pricing on Australian agriculture be seen as representative for other agricultural industries?</p> <p>How were the commodities assessed in this report chosen?</p> <p>Why were no highly perishable, high value, low volume products included in the analysis?</p>	Written
<b>204</b>	<b>ABARES</b>	Colbeck	Wood supply	<p>Does ABARES believe that the impact of the collapse of MIS plantations will not have a significant impact on wood supply over the short, medium and long term?</p> <p>If, as stated in QON 66 “The full effects of the collapse of some MIS companies will not be known for another 10 years”, what actions are being taken to ensure that there is not a significant impact on wood supply in the medium to long term?</p>	Written
<b>205</b>	<b>ABARES</b>	Colbeck	Forestry employment and	<p>Between 2009-10 and 2010-11 the fisheries and forestry sectors in Australia lost a total of 1403 jobs. 993 of these jobs were lost from the forestry and logging sectors of Tasmania. The only state to have</p>	Written

			implications	<p>an increase in forestry and logging jobs was Queensland.</p> <p>What modelling have ABARES done on the impact of the job losses in the forestry sector on local communities, particularly in states hardest hit like Tasmania?</p> <p>Provide details of key findings.</p> <p>What modelling or consideration has ABARES given to the impact of these job losses to the overall viability of agriculture in Tasmania?</p> <p>Provide details of key findings.</p> <p>What consideration has ABARES given to the other implications of the changes in forestry in Tasmania, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of roads</li> <li>• Fire risk</li> <li>• Pest and weed control?</li> </ul>	
<b>206</b>	<b>ABARES</b>	Colbeck	Exports	<p>What data does ABARES have on recent changes in value of exports from Tasmania?</p> <p>What consideration has ABARES given to the impact of these changes?</p>	Written
<b>207</b>	<b>AFMA</b>	Colbeck	FV Abel Tasman / Margiris	<p>What advice did AFMA provide to Minister Burke and Minister Ludwig regarding the FV Abel Tasman (then FV Margiris)?</p> <p>When was this advice provided?</p> <p>What advice did Minister Ludwig and Minister Burke request of AFMA with regard Minister Burke's concerns over the environmental impact of the FV Abel Tasman?</p>	Written
<b>208</b>	<b>AFMA</b>	Colbeck	TAC and conflict of interest	<p>Is it usual for industry representatives to be involved with activities associated with setting quota?</p> <p>QON 246 from May indicates that industry now undertakes surveys for establishing TAC and identifying areas for harvest for the Bass Strait Central Zone Scallop Fishery. Does this happen in many other fisheries?</p> <p>What controls are in place to ensure the impartiality of this research and the establishment of the TAC?</p> <p>Who has ultimate responsibility for establishing the TAC for any fishery?</p>	Written
<b>209</b>	<b>AFMA</b>	Colbeck	Export accreditation of the Small Pelagic	<p>When was the last export accreditation of the Small Pelagic Fishery?</p>	Written

			Fishery	<p>What information did AFMA provide to SEWPaC regarding the management of this fishery and the potential for interactions with endangered and protected species?</p> <p>What conditions did SEWPaC require with regard to interactions with endangered and protected species?</p> <p>How did AFMA respond to these conditions and how were they communicated to fishers working in or looking to work in this fishery?</p> <p>What, if any, additional research did SEWPaC request during the accreditation process?</p>	
<b>210</b>	<b>AFMA</b>	Colbeck	Dolphins and seals	<p>Have any Australian Ministers, AFMA representatives or departmental staff been on board the FV Abel Tasman?</p> <p>Did Minister Ludwig considered the comments of the skipper of the FV Abel Tasman regarding dolphin interactions in coming to a decision regarding the uncertainty of environmental impacts with this marine mammal?</p> <p>Has the Minister or Department considered the comments of the skipper of the FV Abel Tasman regarding seal interactions in coming to a decision regarding the uncertainty of environmental impacts with this marine mammal?</p> <p>Did AFMA make any specific requests or requirements of the net to minimise the risk of negative interactions with seals?</p> <p>Was there trialling of the improved excluder device?</p>	Written
<b>211</b>	<b>AFMA</b>	Colbeck	Uncertainty	<p>In dealing with biosecurity uncertainty the Department applies risk assessment principles, looking at the likelihood of something happening and the consequences if it does happen. Was a similar approach applied to the uncertainty regarding the environmental impact of the FV Abel Tasman?</p> <p>If so, provide details of the assessment.</p> <p>What does AFMA consider the likelihood of a negative environmental impact on marine mammals and seabirds from the activities of the FV Abel Tasman to be?</p> <p>What data is there available to support this?</p> <p>Is the likelihood of this negative environmental impact affected by boat size, or the ability to process and store catch on board?</p> <p>What are some ways the potential of a negative environmental impact of the FV Abel Tasman could be managed?</p>	Written

				What consideration did the department give to implementing alternate management strategies to minimise the potential for negative environmental impact of marine mammals and seabirds?	
<b>212</b>	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division</b>	Colbeck	EPBC (Declared Commercial Fishing Activities) Bill - Expert panel	<p>Will Minister Ludwig be consulted regarding the make up of the expert panel?</p> <p>What are the selection criteria for the expert panel, particularly skills and experience needed and how many people should be on the panel.</p> <p>What is the likelihood that the expert panel maybe only one person?</p> <p>What are the Terms of Reference for the expert panel?</p> <p>How will the expert panel is to carry out the assessment?</p> <p>How can the uncertainty of environmental impact be addressed through a literature review?</p> <p>What is the budget allocation for the expert panel and any additional research required?</p> <p>Where will this be allocated in the budget?</p>	Written
<b>213</b>	<b>AFMA</b>	Colbeck	Eastern Billfish and Tuna Fishery	<p>Do AFMA accept that a bureaucratic oversight by its officers has created an issue with removing legal entitlement to EBTF fishing permits from the existing owners as at July 2009 and reinstating the legal title to the owners of the EBTF Fishing Permits in May 2002.</p> <p>What actions have AFMA undertaken to amend the legislation and so that the situation is not repeated?</p> <p>What actions have AFMA undertaken to reinstate the title to the legal title holders?</p> <p>What actions have AFMA undertaken to compensate the affected parties?</p> <p>If a compensation process has now started, how long before it will be concluded and the affected parties compensated?</p> <p>If the delay is more than 6 months, what actions are AFMA undertaking to expedite such claims?</p>	Written
<b>214</b>	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division</b>	Colbeck	Caring for our Country	<p>What are the criteria for undertaking independent financial analysis of programs?</p> <p>What would be the triggers for undertaking an independent financial analysis of Caring for our Country?</p>	Written

215	<b>Climate Change Division</b>	Colbeck	Biochar Capacity Program, Filling the Gap Program, Action on the Ground Program	Provide details of all projects contracted under these programs, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of successful organisation(s)</li> <li>• Location of successful organisation(s)</li> <li>• Title of successful projects</li> <li>• Agricultural commodities involved in project</li> <li>• Date contracted</li> <li>• Date commenced</li> <li>• Date due for completion / of completion</li> <li>• Value of contract</li> <li>• Location where project will be undertaken</li> </ul>	Written
216	<b>Climate Change Division</b>	Colbeck	Surveys of common practice	What activities will ABS undertake to determine “common practice”?  Is this a purely office based assesment? Is there any on site verification of practices?  What is the definition of “common”?	Written
217	<b>Climate Change Division</b>	Colbeck	RFCS	What are the trends in demand levels for Rural Financial Counselling Services?  Has demand gone up in Tasmania and if so in which regions?  What do you attribute this to?	Written
218	<b>Climate Change Division</b>	Colbeck	Illegal logging	How much of the \$1 million appropriated to DAFF in 2008-09 was returned to revenue?	Written
219	<b>Climate Change Division</b>	Colbeck	Carbon Tax	Does the department believe that farmers are price takers and have limited market power?  Does the department have any evidence to support farmers and agricultural industry being able to pass the extra costs imposed on them through the Carbon Tax such as increased electricity costs, refrigerants, up the supply chain?  If so, what is that evidence?  Does the department have any evidence to support farmers and agricultural industry not being able to pass the extra costs imposed on them through the Carbon Tax such as increased electricity costs, refrigerants, up the supply chain?  If so, what is that evidence?	Written

				Did the Prime Minister or Minister Combet get advice from the department before they publicly stated that farmers will be able to pass these costs onto consumers?	
<b>220</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	Colbeck	Tomato processing industry	<p>The response to QON 219 May 2012 is based on a 10 year old customs report. Given there has been a large contraction in the processing industry in tomatoes since that report and recent media regarding 41 cents in the dollar subsidies for Italian producers does the department have any plans to revisit this issue?</p> <p>If not, why not?</p> <p>If so, what are these plans and when will a report be available?</p>	Written



221	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	Colbeck	Draft ag and vet chemical legislation	<p>Does this legislation retain the existing mechanism for triggering a reconsideration?</p> <p>The new legislation allows an automatic trigger for reconsideration if two or more overseas regulators make a decision to prohibit use of a chemical within 7 years. Does prohibition include not reregistering a product that is up for renewal?</p> <p>Does prohibition include where a product is removed for safety reasons because of lack of data?</p> <p>Under the reregistration process the APVMA must reregister/reapprove unless it appears that the constituent or product does not meet safety, trade or efficacy criteria. How is this any different from the reconsideration of chemicals under the current system where chemicals are reconsidered if they have are risk to humans, animals and the environment?</p> <p>What is the cost of the reregistration process to industry?</p> <p>Is it true that other countries that have reregistration processes in place (the USA and the EU) that they contribute more than 30% of the costs of registration?</p> <p>Will the government be contributing funds to reregistration process in line with other countries that have this process?</p> <p>On the registration process the APVMA must reregister/reapprove unless it appears that the constituent or product does not meet safety, trade or efficacy criteria. How do they determine safety, trade or efficacy criteria is it precautionary, risk based or on specific empirical criteria?</p> <p>What are the timelines to introduce this legislation into the house?</p> <p>What extra cost does the reregistration process place on industry?</p> <p>The Minister for Finance and Deregulation, Penny Wong listed Agvet chemical reform in the 2012 update on the Australian Government deregulation agenda as a key example that will reduce regulatory compliance costs for businesses and improve their competitiveness. How does the reregistration process and the extra \$9 million in costs reduce the regulation?</p> <p>The RIS for the Agvet chemical legislation 4.1.1.2 in the first paragraph on page 25 states that says that it is envisaged that the numbers of chemicals referred for review broadly equate to the existing numbers of review nominations. Therefore despite a whole new layer of regulation costing the industry in excess of \$9 million the amount of chemicals reviewed due to potential health or environmental hazards will be the same. Please explain the need for the change if this is the case.</p>	Written
222	<b>Agricultural</b>	Colbeck	Agricultural skills	Did DAFF place any conditions on funding provided to PICSE and PIEF?	Written

	<b>Productivity Division</b>			<p>Did DAFF provide input into the invitees to the PICSE roundtable to establish an Agricultural Education Council?</p> <p>Does DAFF consider they have a leadership role in facilitating the development of an Agricultural Education Council, or similar?</p>							
<b>223</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	Colbeck	Research and Development, DAFF media release 23 July 2012	<p>What strategies are being implemented to increase extension activities?</p> <p>How will coordination and priority setting across all the RDCs be achieved?</p> <p>How will performance be measured?</p>	Written						
<b>224</b>	<b>Trade and Market Access Division</b>	Colbeck	International agreements	<p>Explain how the following money is used and whether the funding amounts are tied to international agreements.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>AAA International Agricultural Cooperation</td> <td>376,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UNFAO Food and Ag organisation of UN</td> <td>12,531,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>International Organisations Contributions</td> <td>1,736,000</td> </tr> </table>	AAA International Agricultural Cooperation	376,000	UNFAO Food and Ag organisation of UN	12,531,000	International Organisations Contributions	1,736,000	Written
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<b>225</b>	<b>Trade and Market Access Division</b>	Colbeck	Ministerial visits	<p>Why is it that there are so many issues with live export when Minister Ludwig has just been to visit and had discussion with his “Middle East counterparts” in Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia?</p> <p>Ludwig visited Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia and all these countries have animal welfare issues with live exports.</p> <p><b>Bahrain</b> Ocean Drover carrying 22,000 sheep was blocked from unloading in Bahrain – late August 2012.</p> <p><b>Kuwait</b> Kuwait also rejected a shipment of 50,000, was due to dock late August 2012.</p> <p><b>Qatar</b> Of the 10,000 sheep exported to Qatar for breeding, up to 7,000 had died from malnutrition and heat stress by August.</p> <p>“Another 250 pregnant dairy cows were exported to the same location in June. Many of these animals calved within days of their arrival, demonstrating a serious breach of the Australian Standards for Exported Livestock (ASEL)”</p> <p><b>Saudi Arabia</b> Movement of livestock to Saudi Arabia is expected to come to a stop for the time being as a result of Australia’s new animal welfare standards. “ESCAS has a long way to go in Saudi Arabia. We are still negotiating with the Australian Government in respect to some issues that exist internally with the Saudi Government over issues</p>	Written						

				surrounding ESCAS”	
<b>226</b>	<b>Trade and Market Access Division</b>	Colbeck	Name change	<p>In response to QON regarding the name change from AQIS to DAFF Biosecurity, the department advised they were “working through, in consultation with industry, a plan for completing the implementation of the name change in our export markets. This will ensure there is a complete understanding of the new name.”</p> <p>How has the consultation with industry progressed?</p> <p>Is there now a plan for completing the implementation of the name change?</p> <p>If so, what is it?</p> <p>If not, when will it be available?</p> <p>What is the cost of implementing the name change with our trading partners?</p>	Written

227	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	Back	Permit system for veterinary pharmaceuticals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the purpose of the permit system to make pharmaceuticals that are uneconomic to register due to small indication available to veterinarians?</li> <li>2. Is it specifically stated that the product should not be under regulatory review?</li> <li>3. Did the APVMA repeatedly over a number of years renew a permit for the use of Pentosan Gold when the product was under review for registration?</li> <li>4. If so, why did the APVMA renew permits for Pentosan Gold (PG) via intra-venous (IV) route when it had concluded the IV use was unsafe and its registration via this route had been rejected by the APVMA?</li> <li>5. Was the APVMA aware that the permit holder of PG continued to widely advertise the administration of this product by the IV route over an extended period in Australia at conferences and over the internet where claims of efficacy were made when used via the intravenous route?</li> <li>6. If so, what action did the APVMA take to require the permit holder to refrain from this action, if the APVMA had determined its use by the IV route was unsafe and that registration was not permitted for this use?</li> <li>7. Was the APVMA aware that this product with the Australian permit number was marketed internationally?</li> <li>8. Is the APVMA aware of fatalities in horses after administration of PG with instructions for IV after APVMA approval was only granted for the safer intramuscular (IM) or subcutaneous (SC) injection routes?</li> <li>9. Did the APVMA withdraw the permit for intravenous use after it registered the PG via the IM and SC route?</li> <li>10. What action has the APVMA taken against the company for this abuse of process?</li> <li>11. Can the APVMA assure the public that it investigates compliance issues in relation to proper procedures for the use of permit products, such as individual records for their use?</li> <li>12. Can the APVMA assure that they do not issue permits to untested and dangerous drugs.</li> </ol>	Written
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228	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	Back	Registration of untested drugs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did the APVMA inform the applicants that their application for registration of PG via the IV route would be refused?</li> <li>2. Did the APVMA subsequently register PG via the IM and SC route?</li> <li>3. Did the APVMA register PG without undertaking or considering safety studies in the horse by either the IV or IM route?</li> <li>4. Did the APVMA register Nature Vet PG without clinical studies demonstrating efficacy via the IM and SC route?</li> <li>5. Did the APVMA register Nature Vet PG, which is a combination of drugs, without demonstration of any benefit of such a combination compared to one component alone?</li> <li>6. Did the APVMA publish details of its PG registration which described the registration details for the dog?</li> <li>7. Did the APVMA accept the safety data on subcutaneous administration in the dog as adequate for registration for IM use in the horse?</li> <li>8. Did the APVMA accept data on a component of PG N-acetyl glucosamine which was a different route, different species and different structural and pharmacological characteristics as evidence of efficacy?</li> <li>9. Was the APVMA aware that the company seeking registration of Nature Vet PG was sold to the French multi-national pharmaceutical company CEVA?</li> <li>10. Was it not evident that the registration of PG the companies (Nature Vet) leading product would affect the sale and its terms?</li> <li>11. Did parties representing Nature Vet make application to the APVMA in relation to this unusual registration process?</li> <li>12. If so, what was the outcome? Who in APVMA made the decision to register this pharmaceutical under these conditions of registration?</li> <li>13. Does the APVMA agree that Australia's reputation as a source of proven effective safe and properly tested drugs for veterinary use can potentially be damaged if untested drugs are registered and found subsequently to be ineffective, unsafe or dangerous for use?</li> </ol>	Written
229	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	Back	Registration of ineffective drugs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the APVMA require controlled clinical studies demonstrating clinical efficacy in the species and via the route applied for in a registration?</li> <li>2. Does the APVMA accept data on different compounds with different activities and different routes of administration and different species as evidence for efficacy and mode of activity for a IV product in horses?</li> <li>3. Does the recent registration of IV Glucosamine fit this description?</li> <li>4. Does the APVMA accept the opinion of outside consultants without question?</li> <li>5. What steps are taken to assure the outside consultants have not a conflict of interest?</li> </ol>	Written

230	RIRDC	Heffernan	Funding to Rare & Natural fibres & deer industry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does RIRDC fund new industries such as Rare &amp; Natural fibres and deer industry?</li> <li>2. If so, how much funding have they received over last 3 years and are there guidelines for how the funding is to be spent?</li> <li>3. If no funding is allocated, why not?</li> <li>4. With growers' levies in this industry allocated to RIRDC, are there any departmental Key Performance Indicators (KPS's) or guidelines issued to this industry so growers feel they are getting value for money?</li> <li>5. With regard to the mohair industry, do all growers pay a statutory levy? If so, how much is the levy?</li> <li>6. I understand some mohair growers do not pay a levy, why not? Can you provide a complete list of mohair growers who pay a levy and those growers who do not pay the levy?</li> </ol>	Written
231	Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA	Heffernan	Use of gloricide	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are APVMA's regulations in regard to the use of gloricide?</li> <li>2. With regard to Gloricide and the use of banned herbicides in aquatic areas, can you advise has the UNEP investigated whether Article III of the Rotterdam Convention has been breached by mixing 2,4,5-T precursor products with Nitriles, Chlorines and changing their "PH", temperature and pressure?</li> <li>3. Environmental poisonings are occurring on a day to day basis by QLD Council Contractors, they are using either a Metulfuron methyl or 2,4-D formula or another insidious unregistered agricultural product called Gloricide, a mix of 2,4-D Metsulfuron methyl and wetting agent, have you had any reports of misuse of gloricide, if so, please provide a list of places and dates?</li> <li>4. Are you aware that the Sunshine Coast Regional Council has been using gloricide without a lawful Permit by the APVMA and with no testing? If not, do you intend to investigate?</li> <li>5. If you are aware, what were the penalties?</li> <li>6. Can you confirm that the majority of all Bush Regeneration work in Australia is under an APVMA Minor Use Permit. – what is a Minor Use permit.</li> <li>7. My understanding is that APVMA has not expressed permission to mix certain products together in a 'Minor Use Permit' as they have done for the control of a single species i.e. Lippia, because the risks of doing so greatly increase the expected exposure - can you explain why APVMA allows the mass unrestricted use and mixing of Endocrine Blocking carcinogens, in a total oblivion to the risks and expected mass loss of life and breaches of our various International Contracts.</li> <li>8. I understand APVMA allows Unregistered Chemical Products to be used without a registration or Permit, especially in and around Aquatic Areas and Endangered Species of Amphibians. It would appear as though with the APVMA warnings of keeping a 20 m buffer from waterways with Glyphosate 450, the APVMA has allowed not only 2,4-D and metsulfuron methyl to be used up to the edge and over waterways on mass, but APVMA has allowed Gloricide to be used as well in those areas. Is this true or false, please provide details.</li> </ol>	Written

232	<b>Food Division</b>	Heffernan	Use of Acetic acid	<p>Kangaroo harvesters have been advised by supplier they must use acetic acid when spraying kangaroo carcasses in the field.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why is this necessary when previous claims by AQIS state roo meat is not to be contaminated?</li> <li>2. Do harvesters need to be registered &amp; certified with AQIS (of DAFF) to apply this chemical?</li> <li>3. Is 5% concentrate strong enough anyway? – (some harvesters say the paperwork is contradictory, is it 5% or 75%? (see NSW Material Safety Data sheet dated August 2008 which states 75%)</li> <li>4. Is the use of acetic acid legal? (was used previously in 1990s and then banned?)</li> <li>5. Which other industries use acetic acid today?</li> <li>6. Is labelling about use of acetic acid on kangaroo meat necessary for retail sale, if not why not?</li> </ol>	Written
233	<b>Border Compliance Division</b>	Heffernan	AQIS Redline	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If there is a breach of quarantine, what is the best phone number for people to report such a breach?</li> <li>2. Recently a constituent (former AQIS employee) reported a possible breach and called the AQIS Redline (1800803006) during a normal business day but received a recorded message, is it normal procedure to have a recorded message during business hours?</li> <li>3. What hours are the lines manned? How many incoming calls do you receive per week/per annum, can I have the breakdown of incoming calls/reports for the last 2 years?</li> <li>4. Are all reported breaches of quarantine followed up?</li> <li>5. If not, how do you assess genuine calls?</li> <li>6. With regard to the general inquiries phone number 1800020504, is this operated and manned 24 hours?</li> <li>7. How many calls do you receive per week /per annum, can I have a breakdown of incoming calls for the past 2 years for both phone numbers (General &amp; Redline)?</li> </ol>	Written

234	<b>Finance and Business Support Division</b>	Heffernan	Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To date, how much of the 2012-13 budget appropriations has DAFF received?</li> <li>2. For 2012-13 please list each grant program DAFF administers, and the total funding of each program.</li> <li>3. Please list each grant program that has not been paused as part of the Government wide grants pause.</li> <li>4. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has not been paused?</li> <li>5. Please list each grant program that has currently been "paused" as part of the Government wide grants pause.</li> <li>6. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has been paused, and the total value of all grants paused?</li> <li>7. On what date did DAFF receive advice from the government to pause certain grants programs?</li> <li>8. How was the instruction received, and from whom was it received?</li> <li>9. Please list the dates the Minister for Finance met with DAFF senior department officials to discuss the grants pause and the DAFF Minister met with senior department officials</li> <li>10. From what date was DAFF told to implement the grants pause?</li> <li>11. When did it do so?</li> <li>12. Has DAFF been provided with information regarding when the grants pause would end?</li> <li>13. If so, what was the date?</li> <li>14. Was DAFF advised if it could communicate when the grants pause would end to grant applicants?</li> <li>15. Please provide the advice DAFF gave to Department of Finance regarding which programs should be included in the grants pause.</li> <li>16. Did DAFF receive advice/instruction from the Department of Finance regarding how best to communicate the grants pause to grant applicants, the media and other external stakeholders?</li> <li>17. What information has been provided to grant applicants regarding the grants pause? Please provide scripts if these have been given to call centres, or any other information sheets which have been used internally for discussing the grants pause with applicants.</li> <li>18. Has DAFF been advised by the Department of Finance of further grants pauses in the future? If so</li> <li>19. When did DAFF receive notification of future grants pauses?</li> <li>20. What is the date of future grants to be paused</li> <li>21. Which grants programs will be paused?</li> <li>22. What is total value of pauses in future grants programs?</li> <li>23. When will notification of these future grants pauses be made public?</li> <li>24. How many staff are employed to administer grant programs within DAFF?</li> <li>25. During the Grants Pause what activities are these staff involved with?</li> <li>26. Have staff been moved to other divisions during the grants pause?</li> <li>27. During the Grants Pause are decisions on grants being made, but applicants not being alerted?</li> </ol>	Written
235	<b>Agricultural Productivity</b>	Heffernan	National Food Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With the loss of food producing farmland to managed investment schemes (MIS) and other timber plantation entities in Australia, what does the government intend to do to protect future Food Security in Australia from competing farmland uses?</li> </ol>	Written



	<b>Division</b>			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Is there a policy, if so, can we have a copy?</li> <li>3. What and how does the government intend to prevent timber plantations displacing food producing farmland now and into the future?</li> <li>4. In Tasmania it is estimated that over one quarter of farms have been lost to timber plantations in the past fourteen years. This represents a great loss of farmers and the farming knowledge these people possessed. What is the government's strategy to retain rural farming communities across Australia and the associated agricultural skills and knowledge base needed to feed the Australian population and a growing world population?</li> <li>5. With the department's vision on the National Food Plan, what is more important to Australia - timber plantations with tax incentives or food producing rural communities (that are disadvantaged by not having the same taxation dispensations as MIS timber plantation companies)?</li> <li>6. How much food revenue has Australia lost by giving generous tax incentives to MIS timber plantations over the past decade?</li> <li>7. If MIS timber plantations are an "as of right" or preferred agricultural land use to realise the targets notionally set in the "Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision", why do other agricultural activities not enjoy the same taxation incentives and benefits?</li> <li>8. Please list those agricultural activities that attract taxation incentives and benefits?</li> <li>9. How many of the 17 recommendations of the 2004 Senate Committee Report "A Review of the Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision" have been acted upon?</li> </ol>	
<b>236</b>	<b>Climate Change Division</b>	Milne	Tasmanian forestry contractors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are there any Tasmanian forestry contractors or other businesses who received funding under the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement and who also accepted an exit package under the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement? If so, please provide details of the businesses, the relevant sums of money, and the dates of receipt.</li> <li>2. Are there any Tasmanian forestry contractors or other businesses who received funding under the Tasmanian Forest Contractors Financial Support Program and who also accepted an exit package under the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement? If so, please provide details of the business, the relevant sums of money, and the dates of receipt.</li> </ol>	Written

237	<b>Biosecurity – Plant Division</b>	NASH	Closure of Eagle Farm quarantine facility in QLD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Minister provide an update on this matter, was a resolution reached at the reported meeting on 28 September? Will the centre remain open?</li> <li>2. When did the Minister first become aware the eagle farm centre was to be closed?</li> <li>3. Was there any funds directed toward the eagle farm centre in the 2012-13 budget to assist in keeping it open?</li> <li>4. Queensland Agriculture Minister John McVeigh has claimed the Queensland Government has been subsidising the Federal Government’s trade obligations as the state government is not responsible for international regulations and entry assessment, does the Minister deny that international regulations and entry assessment is a Federal responsibility? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. In light of this why has the Federal Government not stepped in to ensure the centre can continue to operate?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Given the importance of this centre for disease screening imports of crops, bananas, avocados and sweet potatoes, why did the Government refuse the state Government’s offer to hand over the state owned facility?</li> <li>6. I understand Users have been advised to use facilities at Knoxfield and Eastern Creek? Won’t this place extra pressure on these facilities which are reported to be close to full? Do the staff at the two suggested facilities have adequate experience with growing summer crops?</li> <li>7. Toowoomba based seed developer and distributor Du Pont Pioneer has warned the closure could result in up to \$10 million in lost income for corn and grain sorghum growers, is this correct?</li> <li>8. Can you provide an update on the closure of quarantine centres at eastern creek, Knoxfield, Spotswood, Byford and Torrens Island, when they are expected to close and what transitional arrangements are in place?</li> </ol>	Written
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238	Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA	NASH	Dimethoate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the APVMA been in discussions with the NZ Ministry of Primary Industries in accepting tomatoes that have a lower level of Dimethoate for export into New Zealand?</li> <li>2. Food Standards Australia New Zealand media release from 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 “Call for submission on application to irradiate tomatoes and capsicums” is APVMA aware that FSANZ is calling for submissions to irradiate tomatoes and capsicums?</li> <li>3. Would APVMA be likely to approve this method of treatment against Fruit fly when DAFF Biosecurity and NZ Ministry of Primary Industry have both sent letters to FSANZ approving this method of treatment?</li> <li>4. While the method of irradiation is in the process of trying to get approval, what has the APVMA done in when the current phytosanitary methods such as the use of Dimethoate have been restricted because of Australia’s regulations of healthy levels of consumption is a lot lower to what NZ government expects when receiving tomatoes from Australia?</li> <li>5. I refer to the WTO as it states on its website; <p><i><sup>1</sup>On the assumption that they are technically and economically feasible and provide the same level of food safety or animal and plant health - governments should select those which are not more trade restrictive than required to meet their health objective. Furthermore, if another country can show measures it applied provide that same level of health protection; these should be accepted as equivalent. This helps ensure that protection is maintained while providing the greatest quality and variety of safe foodstuffs for consumers, the best availability of safe inputs for producers and healthy economic competition.</i></p> <p>WTO, <i>Understanding the WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures</i>, <a href="http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/spsund_e.htm">http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/spsund_e.htm</a></p> <p>Wouldn’t the Australia Government be going against the WTO i.e. <i>governments should select those which are not more trade restrictive than required to meet their health objective. Furthermore, if another country can show measures it applied provide that same level of health protection; these should be accepted as equivalent.</i> If the NZ Government has showed evidence that increased levels of Dimethoate is acceptable to NZ safety on human consumption levels, is it not correct that Australia is being as the WTO states <i>trade restrictive?</i></p> </li> </ol>	Written
239	Trade and Market Access Division	NASH	Support in the trade sector	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Minister’s response to the alarming findings? <i>(The OECD has released its annual review of national agricultural policies, and the results confirm they total government support measures for Australian agriculture are at the lowest for any developed national on earth, when expressed as a percentage of GDP. The review looks at ‘total support’ which includes tariffs, subsidies and funding for things like research and</i></li> </ol>	Written

				<p><i>development. Australia received just 0.16% of gross domestic product).</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australia's agriculture sector generates 15 per cent of our Export dollars, yet receives the lowest level of Government support, just 0.16% of GDP, why isn't there greater support from the Federal Government for this essential industry?</li> <li>Australian Farm Institute executive officer Mick Keogh has stated '<i>The concept of Australia as the food bowl of Asia is fanciful in the absence of sensible investment levels for agricultural R, D and E (research, development and extension), regional transport infrastructure, regional services such as education and health and a reduction in regulatory cost burdens</i>'. In light of the review and comments by Mick Keogh does the Minister still believe Australia is 'well placed' to meet growing food demands from SE Asia?</li> </ol>	
240	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	NASH	Regulations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AVPMA currently uses a risk analysis as the basis for its decision making, will this continue under the proposed regulations?</li> <li>What affect do overseas decision making processes have on the proposed regulations?</li> <li>Are new chemistry products currently meeting the target deadlines for registration?  (a) if not, how much are they missing the target deadlines by?</li> <li>In appendix 2 of the details of proposed regulations (page 16) an example is given in a timeline for the re-consideration period taking 54 months. How does this compare with current practice?</li> </ol>	Written
241	<b>Biosecurity- Plant Division</b>	Anne Ruston	National Fruit Fly Strategy	<p>To compliment the National Fruit Fly Strategy (NFFS) Implementation Action Plan prepared by the NFFS Implementation Committee in April 2010 an economic analysis of the specific recommended projects was commissioned. The benefit cost analysis was to outline general benefits to growers, government agencies and the wider community and form the basis of an investment plan that will match actions with costs and benefits.</p> <p>What is the status of the Fruit Fly benefit cost analysis conducted by ABARES applying to the application of the National Fruit Fly Strategy? When will the final report be released and what is the proposed circulation strategy?</p>	Written
242	<b>Biosecurity- Plant Division</b>	Anne Ruston	National Fruit Fly Strategy	<p>Recommendation 10 of the National Fruit Fly Strategy released march 2008, requested the development of a national position on the application of Sterile Insect Technology (SIT) including the feasibility of a multipurpose insect rearing facility. Recommendation 19 requested the assessment of all tools including SIT for the future management of Queensland Fruit Fly to reduce the impact in endemic areas and reducing the threat of its spread to fruit fly free areas. Furthermore project 9 in the National Fruit Fly Strategy Implementation Action Plan released April 2010 called for the commissioning of a specific review of current SIT practices to develop a national position on the use of SIT to manage fruit flies in Australia.</p>	Written

				<p>What are the details of the project signed between Kalang Consultants and DAFF on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012, covering the National Fruit Fly strategy and elements related to the use of Sterile Insect Techniques (SIT)? What are the Terms of Reference, methodology and proposed completion date?</p>	
<b>243</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Plant Division</b>	Anne Ruston	National Fruit Fly Strategy	<p>Recommendation 13 of the NFFS calls for the maintainance and enhancement of research capability, capacity and resources to assist in fruit fly control. Mail only strain technology ensures that that only male fruit flies are generated for release under SIT programs. The technology has been used overseas on other species of fruit fly to improve the capacity of SIT facilities, production efficiency, to remove concerns about the release potentially unsterilized females and preventing possible damage to produce when sterile female fruit flies sting fruit. Work on male only strain technology has previously been funded under various Horticulture Australia Ltd (HAL) funding using industry and tax payer funds.</p> <p>What is the status of the Queensland fruit fly male only strain Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) work funded to improve the efficiency and broader application of SIT? What is the prognosis for the successful application of this technology to improve use of Queensland fruit fly sterile insect technique in Australia?</p>	Written
<b>244</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Plant Division</b>	Anne Ruston	National Fruit Fly Strategy	<p>The Riverina has experienced a significant number of fruit fly outbreaks in the last 12 months with approximately 150 outbreaks recorded. This has resulted in significant financial and resource strains on the NSW State Government and activities of NSW DPI. In response NSW DPI has announced its intention to declare that the Riverina is no longer fruit fly free. The change in status for the Riverina area has placed significant financial hardship on horticultural industries impacted by fruit fly including the need for expensive disinfestations treatments and the potential loss of export and domestic markets worth millions.</p> <p>What specific resources and funding is DAFF Biosecurity making and or prepared to make available to assist with the eradication of Queensland Fruit Fly from the Riverina to return the area to its status as fruit fly free?</p>	Written
<b>245</b>	<b>Biosecurity-Plant Division</b>	Anne Ruston	Queensland Fruit Fly Code of Practice	<p>The Queensland Fruit Fly Code of Practice provides the international agreed protocol describing Australian government and industry management practices that must be implemented and maintained for areas seeking export access for horticultural crops known to be hosts of Queensland fruit fly. While some international markets accept alternative fruit fly treatments in the event of an outbreak in a pest free area others markets are less clear as to what action they are likely to implement if a region cannot be returned to its fruit fly free status.</p> <p>What assurances can DAFF Biosecurity provide that if fruit flies are allowed to become established in the Riverina due to a departure from the application of methodology under the Queensland Fruit Fly Code of Practice that all export markets will be retained using alternative available treatments? Which markets are at risk and what is their estimated value?</p>	Written

246	<b>Biosecurity-Policy Division</b>	Siewert	Myrtle Rust	Has the Department funded any trials on Myrtle Rust? If yes, please outline the nature of the trial/s, location/s and funding.	Written
247	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division</b>	Siewert	Gilnetting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. According to an ABC news report fishers from South Australia are moving to the gillnet fishery in WA as a result of the closures and restrictions in SA. Can you confirm if this is the case?</li> <li>2. How many gillnet vessels previously fishing in SA are now fishing in WA? Where in WA waters these gillnet vessels are now operating?</li> <li>3. Can the Department explain why the SA and WA gillnet fisheries are being treated differently for conditions posed on export approval when the industry has publicly stated they are going to now fish in WA where they are unrestricted?</li> </ol>	Written
248	<b>AFMA</b>	Siewert	Management Advisory Committees	For the last ten years, please provide details on how often does the Commission accept the recommendations of a MAC compared to how often the Commission rejected or modified the recommendation of a MAC?	Written
249	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	DiNatale	Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance Progress report	<p>According to the 2003 Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance Progress report by the Commonwealth Interdepartmental JETACAR Implementation Group (CIJIG) the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority began a review of selected macrolide antibiotics December 2001 because of concerns over the potential risk to human health. The review was to provide the Authority with information to enable it to determine whether the existing uses of these macrolide antibiotics should continue in Australia.</p> <p>Please provide a full copy of the final Report of this review. If such a Report does not exist, why does it not exist and what happened to the review? What were the findings of the review? Were those findings published or otherwise made publicly available? Was the review completed or aborted before completion? If the review was not completed why not?</p>	Written
250	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	DiNatale	Risk assessment in relation to off-label use of antibiotics in veterinary practice	What is the Authority's risk assessment in relation to off-label use of antibiotics in veterinary practice? On what basis has the Authority made this assessment? What actions have been taken as a result of this assessment?	Written
251	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	DiNatale	Advice by NHMRC on cephalosporins	What advice has the former National Health and Medical Research Council's Expert Advisory Group on Antimicrobial Resistance Expert given to the Authority on cephalosporins? Please provide full copies of this advice.	Written

252	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	DiNatale	Growth promotants and prophylactic use of antimicrobials	In Supplementary Estimates, the Authority asserted that “there is a grey area between growth promotants and prophylactic use” of antimicrobials. Given that some countries such as Sweden have banned antibiotic use as a growth promotant, how have they done this if the definition is not clear? How does the Department inform itself of international policies on antimicrobial resistance?	Written
253	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	DiNatale	Antibiotic use in aquaculture	<p>What antibiotics are used in aquaculture? In what geographic areas does use occur and in what quantities? Are you aware of off-label antibiotic use in aquaculture? How does the Authority inform itself of this? Does the Authority perform independent studies or research on this issue? How does the Authority ensure that information on use and resistance flows from states and territories?</p> <p>The Authority asserted in Supplementary Estimates that “before we allow any use of antibiotics in aquaculture—if we issue a permit for large-scale use—we do an environmental risk assessment”. How many such permits have been issued, over what time periods? What is “large-scale use”? Are these assessments publicly available?</p>	Written
254	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	DiNatale	Drug reclassification and risk analysis of microbial resistance safety	What happens when the World Health Organisation reviews the status of a drug and reclassifies the drug as of higher importance to human medicine than had previously been the case (as has happened with polypeptides) and that drug is being routinely used on animals? Does the reclassification by WHO mean that there is automatically a risk analysis of microbial resistance safety and a review of its use in animals?	Written
255	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division</b>	DiNatale	Testing on on the prevalence of antimicrobial resistance in aquaculture	What testing if any has the Department done on the prevalence of antimicrobial resistance in aquaculture?	Written
256	<b>Biosecurity – Animal Division</b>	Edwards	Animal Health Training Scheme	<p>In relation to Question on Notice 55 (May Budget Estimates 2012) about the Animal Health Training Scheme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why was the program terminated?</li> <li>2. When was this decision made?</li> <li>3. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Why was an additional \$25 000 put into the program in 2011?</li> <li>b. When was the decision made to put an additional \$25 000 into the program?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
257	<b>Biosecurity – Policy Division</b>	Edwards	Reform of Australia’s biosecurity system	<p>With reference to Written Question on Notice 276, part 1, f, i (May Budget Estimates 2012) the Department was asked about the reforms that will increase the management of risks offshore and enhance co-regulatory arrangements. The Department stated that the costs of these arrangements will be met by the commercial entity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the likely costs for the commercial entity under these arrangements (or if there are</li> </ol>	Written

				<p>different costs incurred by different commercial entities depending on their activity, what is the range of costs likely to be borne by the commercial entity)?</p> <p>2. How does this compare to the old system? Please provide examples of the rates under the new and old system for the same activity.</p>	
<b>258</b>	<b>Trade and Market Access Division</b>	Edwards	Reform of Australia's biosecurity system	<p>With reference to Written Question on Notice 276, part 2 (May Budget Estimates 2012) the Department was asked what it is doing to deliver market access, specifically which industries and where. The response pointed to involvement in broader whole-of-government efforts and the Trade and Market Access Division. The Malaysia Free Trade Agreement was specifically cited.</p> <p>1. Does Biosecurity have details of the additional export volumes of product exported from Australia? (as evidence that the FTA has actually increased export from Australia to Malaysia, particularly important given a number of changes don't happen until 2016, 2023 or 2026)</p> <p>2. If Biosecurity doesn't have evidence of this, can they cite another example of where they have produced tangible results in "pursuing new and improved market access opportunities"?</p>	Written
<b>259</b>	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division</b>	Edwards	Caring for our Country: core operating expenses	<p>In Written Question on Notice 285 (May Budget Estimates 2012), the Department was asked how often NRM Boards apply to use their surplus base-level funds on alternative activities. The response doesn't actually state how often this happens.</p> <p>1. How often are surplus base-level funds used for on alternate activities?</p> <p>2. How many applications were made to use surplus base-level funds on alternate activities in the past 18 months?</p> <p>3. Please list all applications to use surplus funds on alternate activities that came from South Australia in the last 18 months.</p>	Written
<b>260</b>	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division</b>	Edwards	Australian Landcare Council	<p>1. The Department was asked about advice the Australian Landcare Council provided to the Minister on 6 Landcare and NRM matters in May 2011 (Written Question on Notice 286, Part 3 (May Budget Estimates 2012)). The Department stated that it was not publicly available.</p> <p>a. Why is this advice not publicly available?</p> <p>b. Can the Australian Landcare Council provide a copy?</p> <p>2. The Department stated that it was used to assist with the formulation of "policy and program design"</p> <p>a. Can the Department cite a specific policy or program that the advice was used for?</p> <p>b. What policies or programs was the Department/Minister working on at the time?</p> <p>3. The ALC appointed a consultant to identify successes and barriers that have been identified in association with Indigenous land management in Australia. The consultant was due to report on 29 June 2012.</p> <p>a. Has the report been delivered to the Department?</p> <p>b. If it has not been delivered to the Department, why not and when does the Department expect to receive it? Why has there been a delay?</p> <p>c. Is it publicly available? Why/why not? (provide a link to the report)</p>	Written



				<p>d. What is the Minister’s response to the report?</p> <p>e. What has it been used for in the past 3.5 months? If it hasn’t been used, why not?</p> <p>f. What does the Department anticipate using it for?</p> <p>g. Did the report meet the stated deliverables (as outlined in the Terms of Reference)?</p> <p>h. Which deliverables did the report not meet? What action has been taken as a result?</p>	
<b>261</b>	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division</b>	Edwards	Caring for our Country – conflict of interest	<p>In response to Written Question on Notice 280 (May Budget Estimates 2012), the Department state that organisations receiving funding under Caring for Country do not have to report conflicts of interest to the Commonwealth.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why don’t organisations have to report conflicts of interest to the Commonwealth?</li> <li>2. Is it a conflict of interest where a member of a group that receives CfoC funding is paid a wage to carry out work? For example if a particular group received funding and a part of that funding was for some photographs to be taken. One of the members of the group that helps run the group and applied for the funding received some of that money to take those photographs. Does the Department see this as a conflict of interest?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>262</b>	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division</b>	Edwards	Caring for our Country – National Partnership on Caring for our Country	<p>With regard to Written Question on Notice 281, part 2 (May Budget Estimates 2012):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department provide any examples of what activities will be funded under this Partnership?</li> <li>2. With regard to part 3, the NRM Boards may be funded out of the original allocation but is the \$17.3m for this National Partnership additional funding or from the original allocation provided under CfoC?</li> <li>3. If it is out of the original allocation – is this just a re-announcement of old money?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>263</b>	<b>Trade and Market Access Division</b>	Edwards	Reform of Australia’s biosecurity system	<p>With reference to Written Question on Notice 276, part 2 (May Budget Estimates 2012), Biosecurity – Policy Division was asked what it is doing to deliver market access, specifically which industries and where. Whether they had partnered with any industry body or other agencies and which new markets they had opened up in the last 6 months. Their response pointed to involvement in broader whole-of-government efforts and the Trade and Market Access Division.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Biosecurity Division noted that there were 60 FTE officers in the Trade and Market Access Division. What do these officers do and which markets they have opened up in the last 6 months?</li> <li>2. Biosecurity-Policy Division specifically cited the Malaysia Free Trade Agreement. Do Trade and Market Access have details of the additional export volumes of product exported from Australia? (as evidence that the FTA has actually increased export from Australia to Malaysia, particularly important given a number of changes don’t happen until 2016, 2023 or 2026)</li> <li>3. If Trade and Markets Access don’t have evidence of this, can it cite another example of where they have produced tangible results in “pursuing new and improved market access opportunities”?</li> </ol>	Written

<b>264</b>	<b>Trade and Market Access Division</b>	Edwards	Details of overseas posts	In answer to Written Question on Notice 277 (May Budget Estimates 2012) the Department state that their Beijing trade post costs \$1.42 million for wages costs, admin, rent, support, etc. This seems much higher than some of the other trade posts. 1. Can the Department break down those costs (show wage/labour costs, rent, utilities, etc)? 2. Why is it more expensive than the rest of the other trade posts?	Written
<b>265</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ APVMA</b>	Edwards	Agricultural chemicals – spray drift	With reference to answers given to Written Questions on Notice 125 and 126 (Additional February Estimates 2012), where the APVMA stated that there have been talks around harmonising regulation of chemicals use as a part of the CoAG reforms. 1. What has APVMA’s involvement been in the process of harmonising state regulations? 2. What was APVMA’s advice to CoAG? 3. Which other agencies are involved? 4. What are the developments around harmonising regulation of chemical use? 5. How likely are national regulations? 6. How long will they take to develop? 7. Has industry been consulted? 8. If so, who has been consulted?	Written
<b>266</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	Edwards	Snail control	The answer to Senate Question No. 2113 asked on notice on 23 August 2012 lists 10 RD&E projects in relation to snail control since 2003. 1. Can the GRDC provide dates of when the actions were completed? 2. How many were completed recently, given the recent infestation of snails? 3. Is the GRDC, or is the GRDC aware of, any additional funding for the biological control of snails using native nematodes? 4. How far along is the commercial development looking at whether an endemic nematode can be delivered commercially? 5. How long does the GRDC think it might take for it to be brought to the market? 6. Can the GRDC provide some more detail on the National Snail and Slug Management and research workshop that was held in Adelaide, particularly the number of growers that attended?	Written
<b>267</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/</b>	Edwards	New Audit Process	In February Additional Estimates Wine Australia provided detail on the new audit process in answer to Written Question on Notice 127. 1. Can Wine Australia provide an update on how the roll out of the process is proceeding? 2. Have there been any problems? If so, what? 3. What has been the feedback from industry? What have industry said? 4. How many auditors has Wine Australia employed since establishing the new audit process? 5. What has been the total cost of rolling out the new audit program? 6. Are there likely to be any savings, if so how much?	Written
<b>268</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	Edwards	Fake wine marketed in China	Is Wine Australia aware of reports that fake Australian wine is being marketed in China? If so, what action has Wine Australia taken on this issue? If not, will Wine Australia investigate claims from June 2012 that fake Australian wine is being	Written

				<p>marketed and sold in China?  Reference: Booth, M 2012, "Fake SA wine marketed in China, The Advertiser,  <a href="http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/fake-sa-wine-marketed-in-china/story-e6frea83-1226398023478">http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/fake-sa-wine-marketed-in-china/story-e6frea83-1226398023478</a></p>	
<b>269</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ GWRDC</b>	Edwards	Proposed merger of Wine Australia and GWRDC	<p>In response to Senate Question No. 2110 asked on notice on 23 August 2012 the Minister stated that on 21 August 2012 WFA and WGGA provided a formal submission recommending a merger and that the Department would be analysing the merger.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which section of the Department is conducting the analysis?</li> <li>2. Has the analysis been completed?</li> <li>3. If yes has the Minister received advice? When does the Minister expect to take that to Government and, in turn, make a decision on the merger?</li> <li>4. If not, when does the Department expect the analysis to be completed?</li> </ol>	Written
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<b>271</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ Wine Australia</b>	Edwards	Wine Australia Tasting 2012 Japan	<p>With reference to the Wine Australia Tasting 2012 Japan event which was held in Tokyo in September 2012</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much did Wine Australia spend on this event?</li> <li>2. How much did the Australian Government through other agencies or grants spend on this event?</li> <li>3. How many Australian wineries were involved?</li> <li>4. Please provide a list of the wineries that were involved</li> <li>5. What were the desired outcomes of the event? Were they met?</li> <li>6. What follow up actions have been taken since the event?</li> <li>7. What follow up actions do Wine Australia intend to take up in the Japanese market?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>272</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Wool Innovation</b>	Edwards	Aerial dingo baiting trial	<p>Are there any plans to continue the aerial dingo baiting trial that was originally funded by AWI?  Is AWI aware of any additional funding to roll this out further?</p>	Written

273	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ GWRDC</b>	Edwards	Cart notes for wine grape deliveries	<p>Is GWRDC aware that wine grape cart notes, being individualised by company imposes an unnecessary administrative burden on small grower businesses delivering to multiple off-takers and fails to capitalise on an opportunity to reduce the administrative burden of various regulatory requirements on the same businesses?</p> <p>Has GWRDC put any thought into standardising wine grape cart notes across Australia to achieve lower administration costs on small business?</p> <p>Has the Wine Australia Corporation investigated standardising cart notes so that they cover off on the label integrity program requirements of growers' delivery wine grapes to processing facilities?</p> <p>Has GWRDC had any discussions with state agencies relating to including biosecurity protocols like ICA33 and standardising this across Australia? If so, who with and what action has been taken?</p>	Written
274	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ GWRDC</b>	Edwards	Terms of payment for wine grapes	<p>Is GWRDC aware of anecdotal evidence that some processors prefer to make purchases in states other South Australia because these states do not have legislation equivalent to the South Australian Wine Grapes Industry Act 1991 and they are therefore able to disregard the basic commercial practices set out in SA Act (terms of payment within three defined periods and inability to purchase wine grapes unless purchases of the previous season have been paid in full)?</p> <p>Has there been any discussion of harmonising the rules relating to terms and conditions of payment between the States so that growers outside SA are not disadvantaged and so that growers in all states operate on a level playing field?</p> <p>Has this been discussed at CoAG or through a Ministerial forum?</p> <p>If not, what is the appropriate forum for this to be discussed at?</p>	Written
275	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ GWRDC</b>	Edwards	Funding grower development	<p>Is GWRDC aware that an effective national voice for winegrape growing is hampered, and could potentially fail, under inequitable funding arrangements in which South Australia bears a disproportionate share of the funding load because that state has a voluntary levy that does not exist in any other winegrape-producing state?</p> <p>Does GWRDC acknowledge market failure in relation to advocacy funds for growers?</p> <p>Has Agricultural Productivity/People and Service Delivery/Corporate considered how a national winegrape grower levy for grower development can be implemented to overcome market failure inherent in national advocacy funds for growers?</p> <p>If yes, what has been discussed?</p> <p>If no, why has this not been discussed?</p> <p>Has this issue been raised at CoAG or through a CoAG process?</p>	Written
276	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ GWRDC</b>	Edwards	Abandoned vineyards	<p>Recently released ABS data has shown that the total national vineyard area in Australia has shrunk from 172,676ha in 2008 to 148,509ha this year. Has any work been undertaken to audit the effectiveness of state-by-state legislation for dealing with the biosecurity risks posed by abandoned vineyards with a view to harmonising such regulation nationally?</p> <p>Is GWRDC aware of the issues?</p> <p>If yes, what work has been undertaken?</p> <p>If not, why?</p>	Written

277	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	Edwards	National Vineyard Database	<p>Are Agricultural Productivity/ABARES aware that from 2013, the Australian wine sector will not have a national viticulture statistics collection, such as has existed continuously since 1973?</p> <p>Is the Department aware that this situation has been precipitated by cuts in ABS funding and a doubling of the cost of the survey to industry at the same time as less data is collected?</p> <p>Why is the cost increase for the Vineyard Survey collection so high, particularly in the light of providing a reduced collection?</p> <p>How can the Department assist with retaining ABS arrangements to collect viticulture data in the light of cessation of such a data collection in 2013 and the absence of alternative arrangements being in place?</p> <p>Is there provision for supplementary funding from within or from outside of the Department to fill the shortfall to enable the ABS to continue to provide the industry with the data it requires?</p> <p>Is there a view in the Department on the legitimacy of RDCs operating under the PIERD Act, to fund foundation data sets such as the viticulture statistics?</p> <p>If so, what is this view?</p> <p>If not, what would it be upon consideration?</p> <p>Is Agricultural Productivity/Biosecurity aware that the Australian wine sector wishes to create an industry-owned national vineyard database to support; a viticulture data collection, national biosecurity arrangements and for the first time, a national contact database for growers; and does the Department support this concept?</p> <p>If an industry-owned national vineyard database were to be implemented, how can Agricultural Productivity/Wine Australia/GWRDC assist in facilitating the elements required to make it work, namely:</p> <p>the compulsion to provide information, confidentiality of information.</p> <p>What can the Department do to assist with implementing a National Vineyard Database in the interest of facilitating effective biosecurity arrangements?</p>	Written
278	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	Edwards	Data collection/market failure	<p>Does the Department accept that oversupply in the wine sector, having been widely acknowledged in 2005-06 but still lingering today despite industry efforts to inform industry decision-making through the Wine Restructure Action Agenda (WRAA) program, represents a prima facie case for market failure?</p> <p>Has the Department attempted to understand what the underlying causes are for this slow adjustment?</p> <p>Which government agencies are best to advise on such underpinnings to failed market adjustment?</p> <p>Is the Department aware of that there is economic evidence to suggest that market failure exists in vineyard planting investment decisions because of relatively large establishment costs, lagged on-set of returns and uncertain revenue streams upon vine maturity. Is the Department also aware that this explanation of market failure would encourage both late and excessive entry into winegrape production and slow adjustment out of it – which are the characteristics the industry is experiencing?</p> <p>What government policy settings would the Department suggest to correct the market failure in the wine sector and to facilitate adjustment?</p> <p>What is the Department doing to involve banking and finance instruments with this market failure?</p>	Written

279	<b>Finance and Business Support Division</b>	Macdonald	Communications Branch staff cuts	<p>Question On Notice 5 (Budget estimates May 2012)  Proof Hansard page 12 (21.05.2012):  In answer to questions regarding staffing levels in the communication branch, the department has advised that staff reductions have resulted in the removal of 11 full-time equivalent positions.</p> <p>1. How many staff positions were cut from the department in 2011/12?</p> <p>How many staff positions are expected to be cut from the department in 2012/13?</p>	Written
280	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division</b>	Macdonald	Reef Rescue	<p>Question On Notice 87 (Budget Estimates May 2012)  Proof Hansard page 45 (22.05.2012):  In answer to questions regarding Reef Rescue program as part of the Caring for Country initiative, the department has provided information regarding the steps taken by farmers and graziers to date (to the date of the answer).</p> <p>1. What funding is specifically being allocated to deliver on Reef Rescue and Caring for Country programs over the next two years (completing the 5-year grazier engagement target)?</p> <p>2. What portion of the Caring for Country funding budget has been frozen?</p> <p>Where is the funding being directed/what local and regional bodies are being engaged in determining funding allocations?</p>	Written
281	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division/ AFMA</b>	Macdonald	Illegal Fishing	<p>Question On Notice 89 (Budget Estimates May 2012)  Proof Hansard page 48 (22.05.2012):  In answer to questions regarding incidents of illegal fishing in Northern waters, the department has provided information regarding 14 individual enforcements/incidents of illegal fishing in Australia's Northern waters between May 2011 and May 2012.</p> <p>1. What agency of State or Federal Government was active in effecting these enforcements?</p> <p>2. What was the annual cost of illegal fishing enforcement in Northern waters in 2010/11?</p> <p>3. What was the annual cost of illegal fishing enforcement in Northern waters in 2011/12?</p> <p>4. What is the projected annual cost of illegal fishing enforcement for Australia waters in 2012/13?</p> <p>5. What was the annual budget for illegal fishing enforcement in Northern waters in 2011/12?</p> <p>6. What is the annual budget for illegal fishing enforcement in Australian waters in 2012/13?</p>	Written

<b>282</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division</b>	McKenzie	Community Networks and Capacity Building	<p>How was the Community Networks and Capacity Building program assessed? What was found to be the difference it made to the leadership and representative capacity of target groups?</p> <p>What other outcomes were quantified and how?</p> <p>How did the Year of the Farmer organisation build the leadership and representative capacity of target groups via the funding provided to them through this program?</p>	Written
<b>283</b>	<b>ABARES</b>	McKenzie	Murray Darling Basin	<p>Does ABARES have any statistics on employment in agriculture in the Murray Darling Basin? Please provide details if so.</p>	Written
<b>284</b>	<b>Biosecurity - Plant Division</b>	McKenzie	Imports	<p>Some questions in relation to a constituent who has contacted my office in relation to the auditing and accreditation process for imports.</p> <p>Under what circumstances does AQIS travel overseas to audit plants producing goods for import into Australia?</p> <p>How does AQIS minimise the costs to importers of these trips? Do staff fly economy?</p> <p>How often are the audits required? Does the volume of imports matter? An importer may not be able to recover the costs of the audit in the time before the next one.</p>	Written
<b>285</b>	<b>Finance and Business Support Division</b>	McKenzie	Carbon tax	<p>For the financial year 2011-2012, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume? What was the total cost?</p> <p>What does this cost work out to per employee?</p> <p>What increases in electricity costs has the Department experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax?</p> <p>How has this changed the Department's spending pattern? What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs?</p> <p>What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had?</p>	Written
<b>286</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Support Division</b>	McKenzie	Annual report	<p>Page 5 of the DAFF Annual Report says that one of the ways in which DAFF is helping to tackle climate change is through providing direct financial assistance to rural households facing hardship. How does providing direct financial assistance to rural households facing hardship tackle climate change?</p>	Written

287	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Sawmill biomass fuel study	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Under what program was the Sawmill biomass fuel study project funded? What were the conditions of the grant?</li> <li>2. Were applications sought, if so by what means? Were they advertised in the media? Solicited from the industry? On what date?</li> <li>3. How much was SEFE granted? On what date?</li> <li>4. When was the report completed?</li> <li>5. When was the report received by the department?</li> <li>6. Was the report made public? If not, why not?</li> <li>7. When will the report be made public?</li> </ol>	Written
288	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Funding for Timber Communities Australia	<p>Was any federal funding been provided to Timber Communities Australia in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012? Please detail amounts.</p> <p>Are there any export controls over the export of wood pellets made from native forest wood, for whole logs or woodchips destined to be burned for electricity?</p> <p>What are the current guidelines for each federal Government Renewable Energy program in relation to native forest biomass? What is the definition used in each instance.</p> <p>What grants or other payments were made to the Australia Forest Products Association (AFPA) or its predecessor, the National Association of Forest Industries (NAFI) in 2009, 2010 and 2011, 2012. Under what program was each grant made. What were the conditions or guidelines attached to each grant.</p> <p>What is the total amount of the Diesel Fuel Rebate claimed by the logging industry in each of the past 4 years by RFA region?</p>	Written
289	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Compliance with the WA Regional Forest Agreement	<p>Page 6 of DAFF's Annual Report 2011-12 states: 'We continued to enable a productive and sustainable Australian forestry industry: working on the review and implementation of Regional Forest Agreements (RFA) in New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania...'</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Department monitor whether the West Australian government complies with its legally binding obligations contained in Clause 95 of the West Australian RFA? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes to (2), how?</li> <li>b. If no to (2), why?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. If the Department finds that the WA government is in breach of its obligations under the RFA, what actions will the Department take to ensure implementation?</li> <li>3. What money has been allocated in the 2012-2013 budget to the implementation of the West Australian RFA?</li> <li>4. Clauses 34 and 36 of the RFA require the Commonwealth to conduct reviews and reports on WA's performance against the milestones and commitments made in the RFA and the State's FMP. I note that the Department's website contains only one such report, for the year 2000. Page 76 of the Department's Annual Report 2011 – 2012 states: 'We continued to work with the Western Australian Government on reviewing the first and second five-yearly periods of the South-West Forests Region RFA.' I ask:</li> </ol>	Written



				<p>a) When will these reviews and reports be completed?  b) When will the reports be made publicly available?</p> <p>5. The RFA is scheduled for review 15 years after the date of signing, which is in 2014. I ask:  a) What resources have been allocated to this review?  b) Who will be conducting it?  c) What community consultation is planned in the process?</p> <p>6. Page 6 of the Department’s Annual Report 2011 – 2012 states that ‘the target for the discussion of RFA renewal processes with the states was not met. Governments have yet to formally initiate the third five-yearly RFA reviews, which are the precursor to the renewal process.’ I ask: Will the Department ensure the current RFA is complied with before undertaking the renewal process?</p> <p>7. How does the Minister ensure that the values and obligations of the EPBC Act are upheld in the areas under the RFA?</p> <p><sup>1</sup> <i>Regional Forest Agreement for the South-West Forest Region of WA, 1999, p. 12.</i></p>	
290	Food Division	Rhiannon	2011 request for survey results of microbiological load of harvested kangaroos.	<p>In Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2011 I requested a copy of a 2010 multi-state survey of 463 kangaroo carcasses, carried out by NSW Food Authority, Department of Primary Industries, Resources, Safe Food Production Queensland and AQIS (question 213).  I was told this and other survey results and reports regarding kangaroo meat were unavailable because of market sensitive information and the possibility of enabling “identification of individual establishments causing negative economic impacts”.  I was also advised AQIS was “seeking clearance from the owners of the survey and the kangaroo establishments to write up the results as a technical report and to publish in the scientific literature”:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the cost of the project; what amount of public funding supported the above survey; and what was the proportion and amount of federal funding in this?</li> <li>2. Given public agencies in fact carried out this survey, are those public agencies “owners” of the survey and results from whom AQIS was “seeking clearance” to report?? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If not, why not given the public has funded the research; and</li> <li>b. Are any private enterprises deemed “owners” of this publically funded research; and who are they?</li> <li>c. Was the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia or any members of any private enterprise involved in requesting this study and organising this study; if so who, and how much did they contribute to the cost of the survey?</li> <li>d. Who is the author of the survey, and have they benefitted in any way from funding from the kangaroo industry itself or the RIRDC, which itself receives private funding from the industry?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Is a copy of the results and research of this survey now available, and if not, when will it be available?</li> <li>4. Could the withholding of results on microbacterial loads of kangaroo meat on the basis of “market sensitivity” be construed as withholding important health information to local and international markets and consumers?</li> <li>5. Given all commercially kangaroos are wild kangaroos shot on rural properties, does the</li> </ol>	Written

				<p>reference to owners of “kangaroo establishments” include abattoirs or does it refer to particular exporters or chiller owners who buy wild-shot kangaroos from local shooters?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who are the the “kangaroo establishments, and which “enterprises” participated in the survey?</li> <li>b. What was the methodology of the survey, noting methodology can be explained with personal identifiers removed.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Was the survey project in reaction to the much publicised banning of the import of kangaroo meat by Russia due to contaminated meat?</li> <li>7. May I have a list of diseases, infections and parasites are known or implicated in both kangaroos and humans? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For which diseases and pathogens is kangaroo meat tested before ending up on supermarket shelves for domestic consumption?</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. In reaction to Russia’s ban on kangaroo meat imports due to consistent E.coli bacterial contamination, AQIS guidelines require one in every 600 shot kangaroo carcasses be tested for E.coli. May I have a copy of the data and results of that testing please? If not, why not?</li> </ol>	
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Is domestically sold kangaroo meat also routinely tested for E.coli and other diseases such as toxoplasmosis, which is recognised as widely infecting kangaroos and may affect humans? If so, at what rate per kangaroos shot; per shooter per night; or per chiller per night? If not, why not?</li> <li>10. Kangaroos are beheaded and eviscerated in paddocks where they are shot, among the dirt, excreta, flies, and blood, and then impaled on welded rods on the back of utes also caked in blood and excreta, until the ute is at carrying capacity before being driven to a chiller somewhere in the region. Given the reality of these rural conditions, especially in summer; and that it may take many hours before a uteload of kangaroo carcasses reach any chiller, does the Department recognise that testing of carcasses for contamination should be per shooter per load delivered? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If not, why not given the actual conditions in which kangaroos are shot and prepared compared to the conditions of livestock in actual abattoirs which are subject to stringent hygiene protocols?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
<b>291</b>	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/ RIRDC</b>	Rhiannon	Kangaroo industry funding	<p>In February 2012, in answer to a question on notice I was told the RIRDC “does not allocate any funding towards the marketing and promotion of Australia’s kangaroo industry in Australia or overseas”.</p> <p>How does this statement reconcile with the Rural RDC’s statement on its website that RDCs “commission and manage targeted research and foster uptake and adoption based on the identified needs and priorities of both industry and the Australian Government”?</p> <p>The abstract of the 2011 RIRDC report, “California, New York, the World and Kangaroos” states: This RIRDC report describes a project aimed at securing unrestricted market access for kangaroo industry products into New York and California. The project provided background research and</p>	Written

				<p>information to assist passage of legislation in both destinations.</p> <p>Prior to this project, both California and New York had legislation preventing the sale of kangaroo products. Both markets are critical to ongoing kangaroo industry development, both in terms of the level of actual trade with them, but more so, in their global significance.</p> <p>Would the Minister agree that given the explicit stated aim of the report was to “secure unrestricted market access for kangaroo industry products” and to influence “passage of legislation in [New York and California] to allow importation of kangaroo products, this could constitute “marketing and promotion overseas”?”</p> <p>Given the RIRDC is a statutory authority, yet its core business is “the profitability, productivity and sustainability of RIRDC’s portfolio”, including the kangaroo industry, does the Minister agree that the RIRDC’s commissioned researchers and reports can only be biased towards the continued shooting of kangaroos?</p> <p><sup>1</sup> <a href="http://www.ruralrdc.com.au/Page/About/About.aspx">http://www.ruralrdc.com.au/Page/About/About.aspx</a></p> <p><sup>1</sup> <a href="https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-220">https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-220</a></p> <p><sup>1</sup> P161, Portfolio Budget Statements 2012-13, Budget Related Paper No 1.1, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio: Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, p161</p>	
<b>292</b>	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division</b>	Whish-Wilson	Borthwick review	<p>Can a consultation schedule for the Borthwick review and a list of stakeholders consulted so far be provided?</p>	Written
<b>293</b>	<b>Climate Change Division</b>	McKenzie	Farm Exit Grants	<p>Farm Exit Grants were intended to provide support for farmers wishing to leave their farm, but the program was severely underfunded and was suspended after only 5 weeks.</p> <p>The government later announced some farmers may be eligible for Act of Grace payments having sold their farms and finding themselves without the promised government support.</p> <p>How many people applied for an Act of Grace payment?</p> <p>How many have received a payment?</p> <p>How many are still waiting?</p>	Written
<b>294</b>	<b>Climate Change Division</b>	McKenzie	Farm Exit Grants	<p>I have a constituent who made his Act of Grace payment application on December 19 last year. He was afforded extensions on his application but is still waiting.</p> <p>How much longer can he expect to wait, it’s almost been a year?</p>	Written

295	<b>Agricultural Productivity Division/APVMA</b>	Waters	Usage levels of Diuron	<p>Please provide an update on the process and evidence base leading to the recent decision to change the authorised usage levels of Diuron.</p> <p>Please outline the effect of the change for landholders using Diuron.</p> <p>Please outline any research or knowledge APVMA has about alternatives to Diuron.</p>	Written
296	<b>Sustainable Resource Management Division/AFMA</b>	Whish-Wilson	Small pelagic fishery	<p>Which AFMA Commissioners made the decision on the doubling of the small pelagic fishery quota?</p> <p>What processes does AFMA have in place to review independent science?</p> <p>Does it have a peer review system?</p> <p>Over the past decade what percentage of scientific research related to AFMA's fisheries management responsibilities was funded by non-industry sources?</p> <p>Over the past decade what percentage of scientific research related to the management of the Small Pelagic Fishery was funded by non-industry sources?</p> <p>How does the application of the precautionary principle in AFMA's fisheries management compare to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Code of Conduct 1995 and the FAO guideline documents published in 1996?</p> <p>Has AFMA developed Australian guidelines for the application of the precautionary principle that meet obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity?</p> <p>What metrics exist on the capability and capacity AFMA to provide for sustainability of individual fisheries in the context of Australia's participation in the international Convention on Biological Diversity and the consequent obligations of Australia to apply an ecosystem approach to fisheries management for the purposes of maintaining natural structure and function of ecosystems?</p> <p>What metrics exist for benchmarking the sustainability of individual fisheries, against a background of Australia's participation in the international Convention on Biological Diversity process, and subsequent obligations to apply an ecosystem approach to fisheries management?</p> <p>Did members of the Small Pelagic Fisheries Resource Assessment Group (SPFRAG) raise objections as late as the August 30-31<sup>st</sup> meeting that the conflict of interest involving Gerry Geen which had existed at the February 2012 SPFRAG meeting was continuing?</p> <p>Did members of the SPFRAG raise objections in the August 30-31<sup>st</sup> meeting that the Seafish Tasmania application to apply the Harvest Strategy general metarule with regard to the increase of the Jack Mackerel did not follow required procedures with respect to the timing of the presentation of supporting documentation?</p> <p>Is AFMA of the view that the potential interaction of midwater trawl gear and Lanternfish can be monitored by observers?</p> <p>What methods do AFMA observers use to document the incidental kill of species like Lanternfish?</p> <p>Did any members of the SPFRAG on August 30-31<sup>st</sup> raise concerns or objections to making vessel catch data available that could inform AFMA on the risks of localized depletion?</p>	Written

297	<b>Border Compliance</b>	Colbeck	Broader focus on importers	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> What does that mean for our broader focus on importers and MRLs? Does that go to build in the classification of high- versus low-risk product when you are seeing a number of these products coming through?</p> <p><b>Mr Liehne:</b> The system is a dynamic system, and that is that when we do find fault we target the source and the import that has a problem until such time as the problem is resolved. So it is a process which we apply regularly in a risk managed sense. So it is not a one-size-fits-all. We do have a profiling system which talks about which are the high-risk species and what the risks are for. We then manage that in a dynamic fashion.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay. Thank you, Chair. Can you come back to me with what you can find out on the issues I raised?</p> <p><b>Mr Liehne:</b> Yes.</p>	32
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