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Question: 4

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Public comments by Australian Public Service employees

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Senator MACDONALD asked:

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?

Dr O'Connell: They provide only factual information, yes.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: So they do not talk about policy?

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.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Of course. Is there a guideline to public servants on what they should and should not talk about?

Dr O'Connell: Yes.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Could we have a look at that, please, on notice?

Dr O'Connell: Yes.

Answer:

The Australian Public Service Commission's (APSC) *Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online* provides detailed guidelines around how APS employees can make public comments.

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Question: 5

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Events management

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Senator MACDONALD asked:

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?

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.

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?

Dr O'Connell: They would have had the same constraints as others. We can explain the changes in the budget for that section.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: So the numbers would have gone down from eight?

Dr O'Connell: I do not know what the numbers would have done. Mr Aldred might be able to help.

Mr Aldred: I think we have gone from eight to seven.

Answer:

Please refer to the list below, which outlines the events management the department has looked after in the last 12 months.

Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences

ABARES Outlook 2012 conference

6–7 March 2012

The annual ABARES Outlook conference is the pre-eminent agricultural, fisheries, forestry and food conference in Australia, which draws leading international and domestic speakers, complemented by ABARES speakers.

Regional Outlook Conferences

26 October 2011–26 September 2012

Conferences are held to engage regional Australians in discussion of key issues affecting the outlook for Australia's agricultural, fisheries and forestry industries, natural resources, climate and trade. In 2012 Regional Outlook conferences were held in Darwin NT, Berri SA, Alice Springs NT, Margaret River WA, Horsham VIC, Bega NSW and Burnie TAS. Each conference attracted an average of around 100 delegates.

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Agricultural Productivity Division

National Food Plan green paper launch

17 July 2012

Minister Ludwig launched the National Food Plan green paper in Sydney, hosting a roundtable with food and agriculture industry representatives.

Ag Youth Think Tank

10–11 September 2012

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) brought together 30 young people, with an interest or experience in agriculture, to explore ideas aimed at encouraging more young Australians to become involved in agriculture.

Primary Industries Partnerships for Schools

20–21 September 2012

A two-day forum was held to develop a toolkit to help schools learn how to implement an effective partnership model and foster relationships with local agribusinesses.

Climate Change Division

Australia's Farming Future Climate Change Research Program

18 August 2011–29 June 2012

Forty-five events (11 producer-focussed, nine influencer-focussed and an additional 25 events supported by providing speakers and Climate Change Research Program (CCRP) materials such as brochures and fact sheets) were delivered to raise industry awareness of the research projects funded under the CCRP and to inform relevant audiences about research progress and possible on-farm applications.

Carbon Farming Initiative workshop series

17 May–14 June 2012

Twenty-one workshops presented to inform agricultural advisers about the Carbon Farming Initiative and to discuss the opportunities and challenges of the scheme in various regions.

Carbon Farming Initiative forum

5 June 2012

DAFF held a Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) forum as part of a national meeting of Regional Landcare Facilitators to discuss the delivery of communication activities under the CFI Communications Program.

Governance Division

Secretary's Post-Budget Briefing

9 May 2012

The department's secretary provided a post-budget briefing to external stakeholders.

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People and Service Division

Innovation Week 2012

4–8 June 2012

DAFF hosted Innovation Week 2012 to increase awareness of innovation in the public sector and assist with implementing the Australian Public Service Action Plan.

Sustainable Resource Management Division

National Landcare Conference

3–5 September 2012

The National Landcare Conference provided an opportunity to learn about and share innovative practice approaches and solutions as well as opportunities to build new networks, share ideas and discuss challenges for the wider Landcare community.

Passengers and Mail, Border Compliance Division

20 Years of DAFF Detector Dogs

20 February–19 April 2012

The 20th anniversary of DAFF's Detector Dog Program was celebrated at airports around Australia with a demonstration of the work undertaken by detector dogs. The events highlighted DAFF's work in managing biosecurity. Stakeholders and media attended the events, which were held at Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Darwin.

Ministerial visit to Brisbane airport

1 May 2012

Minister Ludwig visited DAFF's operations at Brisbane airport. As part of the minister's visit, a demonstration of the detector dogs operation was provided for Minister Ludwig and the media.

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Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: CDDA Live cattle claims

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Senator EDWARDS asked:

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 & Livestock Australia? Thank you, Chair.

Answer:

The claim under the Scheme for Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration (the CDDA Scheme) cannot be considered until the question of legal liability has been resolved. It would be inappropriate to comment on matters that may be subject to legal proceedings.

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Question: 29

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Commonwealth Fisheries Management Review stakeholder consultation

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Senator WHISH-WILSON asked:

Senator WHISH-WILSON: 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?

Dr O'Connell: 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.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Fantastic. Thank you. My understanding is that it was Friday, 12 October.

Dr O'Connell: As I say, we will have to take that on notice, but we can provide you with a copy of his program of consultation.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Okay. Is it too early to provide a full list of stakeholders who will be consulted as part of that review?

Mr Thompson: It would be early for a full list.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: So that would come after submissions?

Mr Thompson: 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.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Okay.

Answer:

As at close of business on Monday 15 October 2012, Mr Borthwick had met with a number of stakeholders including:

- Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences
- Australian Fisheries Management Authority
- Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
- Australian Government Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
- Australian Longline Pty Ltd
- Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation
- Commonwealth Fisheries Association / National Seafood Industry Alliance
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation – Sustainable Ocean Ecosystems and Living Resources
- Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (Tasmania)
- Department of Primary Industries and Resources, South Australia
- Fisheries Research & Development Corporation
- Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania

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- Recreational Fishing Roundtable
- Richey Fishing Co
- Seafish Tasmania
- Seafood Services Australia
- South Australian Research and Development Institute
- Tasmanian Association for Recreational Fishing (TARfish)
- Tasmanian Game Fishing Association
- Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council
- Tuna Club of Tasmania
- Tuna Boat Owners Association
- Western Australian Fishing Industry Council

A list of stakeholders with whom Mr Borthwick has been in contact during the course of the review to date can be found under 'Stakeholder input' at www.daff.gov.au/fisheriesreview.

Mr Borthwick may continue to meet or speak with stakeholders to follow up on matters raised in written submissions and earlier meetings.

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Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Commonwealth Fisheries Management Review terms of reference

Proof Hansard page: 72

Senator SIEWART asked:

Senator SIEWART: Are the terms of reference for that inquiry available?

Senator Ludwig: We can do that.

Senator SIEWERT: If you could supply them that would be appreciated. Thank you.

Answer:

The terms of reference for the Commonwealth Fisheries Management Review are available on the department's website at www.daff.gov.au/fisheriesreview.

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Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Fisheries Research and Development Corporation board and selection panel

Proof Hansard page: 87

Senator COLBECK asked:

Mr Aldred: 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.

Dr O'Connell: That is all in accordance with the primary industries and energy—

Senator COLBECK: 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?

Senator Ludwig: 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.

Senator COLBECK: Whose decision was it to reduce the board by one?

Mr Aldred: I will need to take that on notice and go and check the paperwork.

Answer:

Following consultation with the corporation's chair and advice from the department, Minister Ludwig decided six directors would be appointed to the corporation for the next term, consistent with his powers under the *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989*.

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Question: 82

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Advertising

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?
2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.
3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.
4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.
5. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.
6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.
7. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?

Answer:

1. The total cost of advertising for the financial year to 30 September 2012 was \$151 155 (including GST).
2. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has spent approximately \$100 504 (including GST) on non-campaign advertising and approximately \$50 651 (including GST) was spent on recruitment advertising (including GST) managed by the HR branch of the department. The department does not have any official advertising campaigns. The department follows the definition of campaigns as set out in the *Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies* (March 2010). Please refer to the table below which outlines public awareness press advertising from 1 July–30 September 2012.

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Program	Cost
Australia's Farming Future (AFF) Information Services \$5348	
Australia's Farming Future	\$5348
Agricultural Productivity \$4 810	
Horticultural export review	\$4810
Biosecurity \$53 829	
Biosecurity Legislation reform	\$53 829
National Food Plan \$34 290	
Advertising	\$34 290
Live Animal Exports \$2227	
ESCAS ad	\$2227

3. No.
4. No.
5. The department does not have any official advertising campaigns.
6. Please refer to the table below for detailed information on communication activities undertaken from 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012.

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Program	Cost
Caring for our Country \$876	
Systemik solutions	\$715
PMP Digital	\$161
Australia's Farming Future (AFF) Information Services \$5918	
Union Offset Printers	\$5 918
Carbon Farming Futures (CFF) \$451 973	
Esther Price Promotions	\$77 000
Monash University	\$5500
Grant Hobson Photography	\$15 281
Getty Images	\$16 852
iStock Images	\$3247
eConnect	\$22 497
Haystac	\$56 049
Various consultancies	\$255 547
Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) \$320 500	
CFI Communications Program grants	\$320 500
Biosecurity \$76 213	
Biosecurity Legislation reform	\$4500
Cargo and Shipping	\$1506
	\$1540
	\$587
	\$ 587
Passengers and Mail	\$420
	\$6313
	\$415

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	\$347
	\$4523
Imported Food	\$13 032
	\$1920
	\$2188
	\$24 795
Regional Offices	\$587
Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy (NAQS)	\$12 953
National Food Plan \$55 233	
Green Paper production	\$2860
Web accessibility	\$1936
Printing	\$41 687
Media training	\$7584
Video services	\$1166
Live Animal Exports \$22 694	
ESCAS brochure printing and mail out distribution	\$22 694
Horticulture Policy \$4810	
Review of Horticulture Australia Limited export regulation powers	\$4810
Rural Research and Development \$2642	
Rural Research and Development Policy Statement	\$2642

7. The department has one planned information campaign. This is for the Carbon Farming Communication Strategy.

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Question: 83

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Advertising

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. What was the total cost of all advertising for 2011-12?
2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.
3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.
4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.
5. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.
6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services that was undertaken in 2011-12.

Answer:

1. The total cost of advertising for the 2011-12 was \$617 197 (including GST).
2. The department has spent approximately \$424 856 (including GST) on non-campaign advertising and approximately \$192 341 (including GST) was spent on recruitment advertising (including GST) managed by the HR branch of the department. The department did not have any official advertising campaigns. The department follows the definition of campaigns as set out in the *Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies* (March 2010).

The table below outlines the purpose of non-recruitment advertising from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

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Program	Cost
ABARES	
\$16 638	
AdCorp	\$7884
Career Spot	\$220
AdCorp	\$1792
AdCorp	\$5127
Walsh Media	\$1615
Agriculture Productivity	
\$2299	
Gazette notices x 2	\$2299
Carbon Farming Futures (CFF)	
\$79 628	
AdCorp	\$28 782
AdCorp	\$40 504
AdCorp	\$10 342
Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI)	
\$34 845	
AdCorp	\$30 704
AdCorp	\$4141
Climate Change	
\$21 558	
Walsh Media ad	\$3781
AdCorp	\$17 777
WA Drought Pilot Extension	
\$6143	
AdCorp	\$6143
Biofouling management	
\$59 427	
AdCorp	\$59 427
Biosecurity operations	
\$23 492	
AdCorp	\$10 477
AdCorp	\$11 036
TSI Regional Education	\$1 979
Horticulture Policy	
\$2571	
AdCorp	\$2571
Fisheries	
\$9114	
AdCorp	\$9114
Forestry	
\$7986	
AdCorp	\$7986
Live Animal Exports	
\$85 184	

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AdCorp	\$45 335
AdCorp	\$18 263
Media Brands Australia Pty Ltd	\$21 586
National Food Plan \$38 146	
AdCorp	\$38 146
Centre for Excellence Biosecurity Risk Analysis \$22 741	
AdCorp	\$22 741
Minor advertising \$15 083	
AdCorp	\$1872
Blackwell publishing	\$3795
AdCorp	\$9416

3. During 2011-12, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry conducted online advertising to raise awareness of the live animal export website. Due to the modest budget (\$21 586.47) short duration and informational nature of the content, the Department of Finance and Deregulation deemed this to be operational advertising. The advertising was placed through Universal McCann (now Media Brands Pty Ltd) and complies with the Australian Government's advertising arrangements.
4. No.
5. The department does not have any official advertising campaigns.
6. Please refer to the table below for detailed information on communication activities undertaken from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

Program	Cost
Caring for our Country Community action grants \$38 478	
Footage and production managed by Bearcage Productions	\$38 478
Australia's Farming Future (AFF) Information Services \$126 199	
External – Sefton and Associates	\$109 091
GRID Communications	\$3500
GRID Communications	\$275
Internally produced	\$4833
Printed by BlueStar Group	
Royal Agricultural Society NSW Farmers Association	\$8500
Carbon Farming Futures (CFF) \$12 000	

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ABARES	\$12 000
Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) \$990 078	
University of Melbourne Commercial Limited	\$198 040
Graphic design - Grid Communications Printing - Union Offset printers	\$12 038
The grantees are organisations that host Regional Landcare Facilitators— these are located in each of the 56 Natural Resource Management regions.	\$780 000
Biosecurity \$176 894	
Business Assurance and Risk – designed internally printing through Union/Canprint	\$1771
Plant Exports Operations – External through Fancy Films	\$79 500
Plant Exports Operations – External through Fancy Films	\$77 000
Industry Arrangements and Performance Branch – External – through Bearcage Productions	\$3283
Machinery and Military Program –designed internally printed by Union Offset Printers	\$1 034
Business Strategy and Reporting – printed through PMP Print	\$225
Biosecurity Account Team - printed by suppliers in each region: Melbourne: Digital Signage Solutions Sydney: Printsmart Graphics Adelaide (for Perth as well): Prints alive Brisbane: JP Signs Canberra: PMP Print	\$3219
Biosecurity Account Team –Bluestar Group through ongoing contract	\$7412
Designed internally Printing through GEON	\$3450
Food Policy \$131 849	
FoodMap publication – managed through Freshlogic and production of publication conducted internally	\$122 545
	\$9304
National Food Plan \$84 047	
Managed externally by Cox Inall	\$84 047
Rural Research and Development \$28 020	
Managed externally by Quay Connection	\$28 020
Horticulture Policy \$3410	
Honey bee industry and pollination continuity strategy – printed through Union Offset Printers	\$3410

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Question: 86 and 87

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Board Appointments

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.
2. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members for 2011–12. What was the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio for 2011–12?

Answer:

Attachment A lists all of the boards within this portfolio, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members as at 15 October 2012. These are the portfolio bodies that were reported [following the methodology] for the *Gender Balance on Australian Government Boards Report 2011–12*. The gender ratio for each board is also provided. The gender ratio across the portfolio at 15 October 2012 is 41.3 per cent women and 58.7 per cent men.

Board appointments for this financial year to date (as at 15 October 2012) are detailed below:

- Three members were appointed to Australian Landcare Council. One member was appointed for two years from 12 October 2012. The other two members were appointed for three years from 12 October 2012.
- Six directors were appointed to the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation from 12 September 2012 until 31 August 2015.
- A new chair and three members were appointed to the National Rural Advisory Council from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2015. Two new members were appointed to the council from 25 July 2012 to 24 July 2015. One member was reappointed to the council from 22 August 2012 until 21 August 2015.

Attachment B lists all boards within the portfolio for 2011–12, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members and gender ratio for each board.

The gender ratio for the portfolio at 30 June 2012 was 39.3 per cent women and 60.7 per cent men.

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ATTACHMENT A – Portfolio bodies as at 15 October 2012

Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	Gardner Murray	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	9 male (64.3%) 5 female (35.7%)
	Bill Bray	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Brett McCallum	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	DeeDee Woodside	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Glenys Oogjes	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Helen Cathles	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Hugh Wirth	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Keith Adams	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Kevin Doyle	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Lyndy Scott	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Mary Barton	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Norm Blackman	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Philip Glyde	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
Rick Symons	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014		
Australian Fisheries Management Authority Commission	James Findlay	CEO	27 September 2010	27 March 2016	6 male (66.7%) 3 female (33.3%)
	Michael Egan	Chairperson	1 March 2009	28 February 2014	
	Richard Stevens	Deputy chairperson	8 February 2007	28 February 2014	
	Denise North	Member	8 February 2007	28 February 2014	
	Elizabeth Montano	Member	1 March 2009	28 February 2014	
	Ian Cartwright	Member	8 February 2007	28 February 2014	
	Jennifer Goddard	Member	1 March 2009	28 February 2014	
	John Glaister	Member	1 March 2009	28 February 2014	
	Keith Sainsbury	Member	1 July 2008	28 February 2014	

Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Australian Landcare Council	Kim Chance	Chairperson	6 January 2010	No end date	7 male (35%) 13 female (65%)
	Denis Mutton	Member	10 August 2006	5 July 2013	
	Andrew Stewart	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Alexandra Gartmann	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	James Walch	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Jock Laurie	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	John McQuilten	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Judy Henderson	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Pamela Brook	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Sharon Starick	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Edward Barlow	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Vicki-Jo Russell	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Banduk Marika	Member	6 July 2010	5 July 2013	
	Kathryn Andrews	Member	6 July 2010	5 July 2013	
	Rosemary Hill	Member	6 July 2010	5 July 2013	
	Ella Maesepp	Member	27 May 2011	30 June 2013	
	Keelen Mailman	Member	27 May 2011	30 June 2013	
	Lynne Strong	Member	12 October 2012	11 October 2014	
Kate Jones	Member	12 October 2012	11 October 2015		
Jacqueline Jarvis	Member	12 October 2012	11 October 2015		
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Advisory Board Selection Committee	Trysh Stone	Member	23 May 2012	End of selection process	3 male (50%) 3 female (50%)
	Rob Rahaley	Member	23 May 2012	End of selection process	
	Heather Yeatman	Member	23 May 2012	End of selection process	
	Bernard Meadley	Member	18 June 2012	End of selection process	
	Georgie Aley	Member	20 June 2012	End of selection process	
	Ian Douglas	Member	23 May 2012	End of selection process	
Biosecurity Advisory Council	Andrew Inglis	Chairperson	1 January 2012	31 December 2012	4 male (44.4%) 5 female (55.6%)
	Clare Penniceard	Member	1 January 2012	31 December 2012	
	Dennis Witt	Member	1 January 2012	31 December 2012	
	Elizabeth Mattiske	Member	1 January 2012	31 December 2012	
	Joanne Daly	Member	1 January 2012	31 December 2012	
	John Mackenzie	Member	1 February 2011	31 December 2012	
	Lisa Adams	Member	1 January 2012	31 December 2012	
	Rona Mellor	Member	1 January 2012	31 December 2012	
Roly Neiper	Member	10 July 2012	9 October 2012		

Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Cotton Research and Development Corporation	Michael Logan	Chairperson	13 August 2007	12 August 2013	5 male (71.4%) 2 female (28.6%)
	Lorraine Stephenson	Director	1 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Cleave Rogan	Director	1 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Hamish Millar	Director	1 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Mary Corbett	Deputy Chairperson	1 October 2008	30 September 2014	
	Michael Robinson	Director	1 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Richard Haire	Director	1 October 2011	30 September 2014	
Cotton Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	Christine Hawkins	Other	27 May 2011	26 May 2014	1 female (100%)
Eminent Scientists Group	John Radcliffe	Chairperson	1 September 2010	31 August 2013	4 male (100%)
	Chad Hewitt	Member	1 September 2010	31 August 2013	
	Mark Lonsdale	Member	1 September 2010	31 August 2013	
	Tom Kompas	Member	1 September 2010	31 August 2013	
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Harry Woods	Chairperson	1 September 2010	31 August 2013	5 male (71.4%) 2 female (28.6%)
	Brett McCallum	Director	12 September 2012	31 August 2015	
	Bruce Mapstone	Director	12 September 2012	31 August 2015	
	Heather Brayford	Director	12 September 2012	31 August 2015	
	Peter O'Brien	Director	12 September 2012	31 August 2015	
	Renata Brooks	Director	12 September 2012	31 August 2015	
	David Thomason	Director	12 September 2012	31 August 2015	
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	Prudence McMichael	Chairperson	17 April 2012	16 April 2014	1 female (100%)
Food Policy Working Group	Janine Allis	Member	17 November 2010	17 November 2012	5 male (83.3%) 1 female (16.7%)
	Jeff Lawrence	Member	17 November 2010	17 November 2012	
	Jock Laurie	Member	23 November 2010	23 November 2012	
	Nick Stace	Member	17 November 2010	17 November 2012	
	Peter Williams	Member	29 November 2010	29 November 2012	
	Grant O'Brien	Member	25 November 2011	24 November 2013	

Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Grains Research and Development Corporation	Keith Perrett	Chairperson	1 October 2007	30 September 2013	6 male (75%) 2 female (25%)
	Jennifer Goddard	Director	11 November 2008	30 September 2014	
	Jeremy Burdon	Director	4 November 2011	30 September 2014	
	John Woods	Director	8 March 2012	30 September 2014	
	Kim Halbert	Deputy Chairperson	4 November 2011	30 September 2014	
	Richard Brimblecombe	Director	4 November 2011	30 September 2014	
	Robert Lewis	Director	4 November 2011	30 September 2014	
	Sharon Starick	Director	4 November 2011	30 September 2014	
Grains Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	Joanne Grainger	Chairperson	27 May 2011	26 May 2014	1 female (100%)
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation	Rory McEwen	Chairperson	3 April 2010	2 April 2013	4 male (50%) 4 female (50%)
	Anita Poddar	Director	1 September 2011	31 August 2014	
	Christopher Day	Director	1 September 2011	31 August 2014	
	Helen Garnett	Director	21 September 2008	31 August 2014	
	Jan O'Connor	Director	1 September 2011	31 August 2014	
	Michele Allan	Director	1 September 2011	31 August 2014	
	Philip Laffer	Director	1 September 2011	31 August 2014	
	Terry Hill	Deputy Chairperson	21 September 2008	31 August 2014	
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	Robert (Bob) Granger	Chairperson	7 April 2011	6 April 2014	1 male (100%)
National Rural Advisory Council	Mick Keogh	Chairperson	1 July 2012	30 June 2015	3 male (42.9%) 4 female (57.1%)
	Susan Brumby	Member	1 July 2012	30 June 2015	
	Alexandra Gartmann	Member	1 July 2012	30 June 2015	
	Kerry O'Brien	Member	1 July 2012	30 June 2015	
	Fran Freeman	Member	25 July 2012	24 July 2015	
	Regina Fogarty	Member	25 July 2012	24 July 2015	
	Andrew Locke	Member	22 August 2012	21 August 2015	

Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Daniela Stehlik	Chairperson	21 April 2010	20 April 2013	4 male (50%)
	Samuel Archer	Director	1 July 2011	30 June 2014	4 female (50%)
	Alexander Campbell	Director	14 July 2008	30 June 2014	
	Michael Guerin	Director	1 July 2011	30 June 2014	
	Roseanne Healy	Director	30 September 2008	30 June 2014	
	Alana Johnson	Director	1 July 2011	30 June 2014	
	Merilyn Sleigh	Deputy Chairperson	30 September 2008	30 June 2014	
	Len Stephens	Director	1 July 2011	30 June 2014	
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	David Crombie	Chairperson	11 March 2011	31 January 2014	1 male (100%)
Statutory Fishing Rights Allocation Review Panel	Barbara Yeoh	Member	30 December 2008	29 December 2012	5 male (50%)
	Nicoletta Ciffolilli	Member	30 December 2008	29 December 2012	5 female (50%)
	Christopher Doogan	Chairperson	25 May 2009	24 May 2013	
	Mary Lack	Member	2 November 2009	1 November 2013	
	Robert Lister	Member	3 September 2005	1 November 2013	
	Sandra Welsman	Member	2 November 2009	1 November 2013	
	William Edeson	Member	3 September 2005	1 November 2013	
	Gabrielle Cogan	Member	18 March 2008	No end date	
	Gordon Neil	Other	10 May 2011	No end date	
	Anthony Cuthbert	Other	10 May 2011	No end date	
Sugar Research and Development Corporation	Ian Causley	Chairperson	1 October 2010	30 September 2013	5 male (71.4%)
	Julian Venning	Director	27 May 2011	30 April 2014	2 female (28.6%)
	Kleanthes Yannakou	Director	27 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Lindy Hyam	Director	27 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Paul Donnelly	Director	27 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Steven Guazzo	Deputy Chairperson	26 April 2006	30 April 2014	
	Tracy Henderson	Director	27 May 2011	30 April 2014	
Sugar Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	Christine Hawkins	Chairperson	2 December 2010	30 June 2013	1 female (100%)

Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Water, Soil and Food Working Group Expert Reference Panel	Ian Chubb	Member	5 April 2012	End of review	5 male (62.5%) 3 female (37.5%)
	John Crawford	Member	23 April 2012	End of review	
	Craig Knowles	Member	12 April 2012	End of review	
	Molly Harriss-Olsen	Member	6 April 2012	End of review	
	Alastair Robertson	Member	18 May 2012	End of review	
	Daniel Williams	Member	18 April 2012	End of review	
	Gillian Kirkup	Member	9 May 2012	End of review	
	Katrina Wilson	Member	21 June 2012	End of review	
Wheat Exports Australia	Edward (Ted) Woodley	Chairperson	1 July 2008	31 December 2012	3 male (75%) 1 female (25%)
	Alexander (Sandy) Murdoch	Member	1 July 2008	31 December 2012	
	Kim Halbert	Member	1 July 2008	31 December 2012	
	Nicole Birrell	Member	1 July 2008	31 December 2012	
Wine Australia Corporation	George Wahby	Chairperson	1 July 2012	30 June 2015	5 male (62.5%) 3 female (37.5%)
	Anthony (Tony) Jordan	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Bill Moularadellis	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Brian Walsh	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Catherine (Kate) Thompson	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Josephine Rozman	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Kevin McLintock	Deputy Chairperson	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Susan Henderson	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
Wine Australia Corporation Selection Committee	Robert Granger	Chairperson	16 July 2010	15 July 2013	4 males (100%)
	Stephen Couche	Member	9 November 2010	8 November 2013	
	Stephen Shelmerdine	Member	9 November 2010	8 November 2013	
	Robert Hill Smith	Member	9 November 2010	8 November 2013	

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Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	Bill Bray	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	9 male (64.3%) 5 female (35.7%)
	Brett McCallum	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	DeeDee Woodside	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Gardner Murray	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Glenys Oogjes	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Helen Cathles	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Hugh Wirth	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Keith Adams	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Kevin Doyle	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Lyndy Scott	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Mary Barton	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Norm Blackman	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Philip Glyde	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014	
Rick Symons	Member	4 October 2011	30 September 2014		
Australia's Farming Future – Expert Advisory Committee	Beverly Henry	Member	20 October 2009	30 November 2011	6 male (85.7%) 1 female (14.3%)
	Bill Slattery	Member	20 October 2009	30 November 2011	
	Mark Howden	Member	20 October 2009	30 November 2011	
	Peter Grace	Member	20 October 2009	30 November 2011	
	Richard Eckard	Member	20 October 2009	30 November 2011	
	Ross Kingwell	Member	20 October 2009	30 November 2011	
	Snow Barlow	Chairperson	20 October 2009	30 November 2011	
Australian Fisheries Management Authority Commission	Denise North	Member	8 February 2007	28 February 2014	6 male (75%) 2 female (25%)
	Elizabeth Montano	Member	1 March 2009	28 February 2014	
	Ian Cartwright	Member	8 February 2007	28 February 2014	
	Jennifer Goddard	Member	1 March 2009	28 February 2014	
	John Glaister	Member	1 March 2009	28 February 2014	
	Keith Sainsbury	Member	1 July 2008	28 February 2014	
	Michael Egan	Chairperson	1 March 2009	28 February 2014	
	Richard Stevens	Deputy Chairperson	8 February 2007	28 February 2014	
	James Findlay	CEO	27 September 2010	27 March 2016	

Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Australian Landcare Council	Andrew Stewart	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	7 male (41.2%) 10 female (58.8%)
	Alexandra Gartmann	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	James Walch	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Jock Laurie	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	John McQuilten	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Judy Henderson	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Pamela Brook	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Sharon Starick	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Edward Barlow	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Vicki-Jo Russell	Member	15 April 2010	14 April 2013	
	Ella Maesepp	Member	27 May 2011	30 June 2013	
	Keelen Mailman	Member	27 May 2011	30 June 2013	
	Banduk Marika	Member	6 July 2010	5 July 2013	
	Denis Mutton	Member	10 August 2006	5 July 2013	
	Kathryn Andrews	Member	6 July 2010	5 July 2013	
Rosemary Hill	Member	6 July 2010	5 July 2013		
Kim Chance	Chairperson	6 January 2010	No end date		
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Advisory Board	Claude Gauchat	Member	10 January 2011	9 January 2012	6 male (85.7%) 1 female (14.3%)
	Jennifer Mack	Member	10 January 2011	9 January 2012	
	Mark Allison	Chairperson	10 January 2011	9 January 2012	
	Michael Moore	Member	10 January 2011	9 January 2012	
	Roger Toffolon	Member	10 January 2011	9 January 2012	
	Simon Robinson	Member	10 January 2011	9 January 2012	
	Wayne Cornish	Member	10 January 2011	9 January 2012	
Australian Pesticides and Advisory Veterinary Medicines Authority Board Selection Committee	Trysh Stone	Member	23 May 2012	End of selection process	3 male (50%) 3 female (50%)
	Rob Rahaley	Member	23 May 2012	End of selection process	
	Heather Yeatman	Member	23 May 2012	End of selection process	
	Bernard Meadley	Member	18 June 2012	End of selection process	
	Georgie Aley	Member	20 June 2012	End of selection process	
	Ian Douglas	Member	23 May 2012	End of selection process	

Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Biosecurity Advisory Council	Andrew Inglis	Chairperson	1 January 2012	30 April 2013	3 male (37.5%) 5 female (62.5%)
	Clare Penniceard	Member	1 January 2012	30 April 2013	
	Dennis Witt	Member	1 January 2012	30 April 2013	
	Elizabeth Mattiske	Member	1 January 2012	30 April 2013	
	Joanne Daly	Member	1 January 2012	30 April 2013	
	John Mackenzie	Member	1 February 2011	30 April 2013	
	Lisa Adams	Member	1 January 2012	30 April 2013	
	Rona Mellor	Member	1 January 2012	30 April 2013	
Cotton Research and Development Corporation	Michael Logan	Chairperson	13 August 2007	12 August 2013	5 male (71.4%) 2 female (28.6%)
	Lorraine Stephenson	Director	1 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Cleave Rogan	Director	1 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Hamish Millar	Director	1 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Mary Corbett	Deputy Chairperson	1 October 2008	30 September 2014	
	Michael Robinson	Director	1 October 2011	30 September 2014	
	Richard Haire	Director	1 October 2011	30 September 2014	
Cotton Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	David Anthony	Member	11 July 2011	14 September 2011	3 male (60%) 2 female (40%)
	Simon Corish	Member	11 July 2011	14 September 2011	
	Joanne Grainger	Member	11 July 2011	14 September 2011	
	Andrew Watson	Member	11 July 2011	14 September 2011	
	Christine Hawkins	Presiding member	27 May 2011	26 May 2014	
Eminent Scientists Group	John Radcliffe	Chairperson	1 September 2010	31 August 2013	4 male (100%)
	Chad Hewitt	Member	1 September 2010	31 August 2013	
	Mark Lonsdale	Member	1 September 2010	31 August 2013	
	Tom Kompas	Member	1 September 2010	31 August 2013	
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Brett McCallum	Director	9 September 2009	31 August 2012	6 male (75%) 2 female (25%)
	Daryl McPhee	Director	1 September 2009	31 August 2012	
	Heather Brayford	Director	1 September 2009	31 August 2012	
	Keith Sainsbury	Director	1 September 2009	31 August 2012	
	Renata Brooks	Director	1 September 2009	31 August 2012	
	Richard Stevens	Director	21 September 2006	31 August 2012	
	Stuart Richey	Director	1 September 2003	31 August 2012	
	Harry Woods	Chairperson	1 September 2010	31 August 2013	

Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	Prudence McMichael	Presiding member	17 April 2012	16 April 2014	3 male (60%) 2 female (40%)
	Adam Smith	Member	18 May 2012	End of selection process	
	Brian Jeffriess	Member	18 May 2012	End of selection process	
	Katherine Sarneckis	Member	18 May 2012	End of selection process	
	Neil Stump	Member	18 May 2012	End of selection process	
Food Policy Working Group	Alastair Robertson	Member	12 July 2010	12 July 2012	9 male (69.2%) 4 female (30.8%)
	Alison Watkins	Member	12 July 2010	12 July 2012	
	Janine Allis	Member	17 November 2010	17 November 2012	
	Jeff Lawrence	Member	17 November 2010	17 November 2012	
	Jock Laurie	Member	23 November 2010	23 November 2012	
	Kate Carnell	Member	12 July 2010	12 July 2012	
	Malcolm Jackman	Member	12 July 2010	12 July 2012	
	Michael Byrne	Member	12 July 2010	12 July 2012	
	Nick Stace	Member	17 November 2010	17 November 2012	
	Peter Williams	Member	29 November 2010	29 November 2012	
	Simone Tully	Member	12 July 2010	12 July 2012	
	Terry O'Brien	Member	12 July 2010	12 July 2012	
	Grant O'Brien	Member	25 November 2011	25 November 2013	
Grains Research and Development Corporation	Keith Perrett	Chairperson	1 October 2007	30 September 2013	6 male (75%) 2 female (25%)
	Jennifer Goddard	Director	11 November 2008	30 September 2014	
	Jeremy Burdon	Director	4 November 2011	30 September 2014	
	John Woods	Director	8 March 2012	30 September 2014	
	Kim Halbert	Deputy Chairperson	4 November 2011	30 September 2014	
	Richard Brimblecombe	Director	4 November 2011	30 September 2014	
	Robert Lewis	Director	4 November 2011	30 September 2014	
	Sharon Starick	Director	4 November 2011	30 September 2014	
Grains Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	David Crombie	Member	11 July 2011	8 March 2012	4 male (57.1%) 3 female (42.9%)
	Terence Enright	Member	11 July 2011	8 March 2012	
	Alistar Robertson	Member	11 July 2011	8 March 2012	
	Anne Simson	Member	11 July 2011	8 March 2012	
	Claudia Walton	Member	11 July 2011	8 March 2012	
	Andrew Weidemann	Member	11 July 2011	8 March 2012	
	Joanne Grainger	Presiding member	27 May 2011	26 May 2014	

Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation	Rory McEwen	Chairperson	3 April 2010	2 April 2013	4 male (50%)
	Anita Poddar	Director	1 September 2011	31 August 2014	4 female (50%)
	Christopher Day	Director	1 September 2011	31 August 2014	
	Helen Garnett	Director	21 September 2008	31 August 2014	
	Jan O'Connor	Director	1 September 2011	31 August 2014	
	Michele Allan	Director	1 September 2011	31 August 2014	
	Philip Laffer	Director	1 September 2011	31 August 2014	
	Terry Hill	Deputy Chairperson	21 September 2008	31 August 2014	
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	Robert (Bob) Granger	Presiding member	7 April 2011	6 April 2014	1 male (100%)
Live Animal Welfare Partnership Advisory Committee	Andrew Fisher	Member	24 August 2009	16 December 2011	5 males (100%)
	Cameron Hall	Chairperson	24 August 2009	6 July 2011	
	Lach MacKinnon	Member	24 August 2009	16 December 2011	
	Michael Finucan	Member	24 August 2009	16 December 2011	
	Ross Kingwell	Member	17 December 2009	16 December 2011	
National Rural Advisory Council	Keith Perrett	Chairperson	20 May 2005	30 June 2012	4 male (57.1%)
	Tom Aldred	Member	2 July 2011	1 July 2014	3 female (42.9%)
	Ian Feldtmann	Member	5 June 2007	15 July 2013	
	Keryl Enright	Member	20 May 2005	30 June 2012	
	Andrew Locke	Member	7 September 2006	21 August 2015	
	Georgina Somerset	Member	20 May 2005	30 June 2012	
	Sharon Starick	Member	20 May 2005	30 June 2012	
Regional Food Producers Innovation and Productivity Program Advisory Panel	Geoffrey Annison	Member	11 February 2009	10 February 2012	2 male (40%)
	Mary Nenke	Member	11 February 2009	10 February 2012	3 female (60%)
	Ray Collins	Chairperson	11 February 2009	10 February 2012	
	Reetica Rekhy	Member	11 February 2009	10 February 2012	
	Sonya Maley	Member	11 February 2009	10 February 2012	
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Daniela Stehlik	Chairperson	21 April 2010	20 April 2013	4 male (50%)
	Samuel Archer	Director	1 July 2011	30 June 2014	4 female (50%)
	Alexander Campbell	Director	14 July 2008	30 June 2014	
	Michael Guerin	Director	1 July 2011	30 June 2014	
	Roseanne Healy	Director	30 September 2008	30 June 2014	
	Alana Johnson	Director	1 July 2011	30 June 2014	
	Merilyn Sleigh	Deputy Chairperson	30 September 2008	30 June 2014	
	Len Stephens	Director	1 July 2011	30 June 2014	

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Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	David Crombie	Presiding member	11 March 2011	31 January 2014	1 male (100%)
Rural Research and Development Council	Anne Stünzner	Member	24 January 2009	23 January 2012	4 male (44.4%)
	Catherine McGowan	Member	24 January 2009	23 January 2012	5 female (55.6%)
	Elizabeth Woods	Member	24 January 2009	23 January 2012	
	Frances Shapter	Member	24 January 2009	23 January 2012	
	James Pratley	Member	24 January 2009	23 January 2012	
	Kate Fairley-Grenot	Chairperson	24 January 2009	23 January 2012	
	Mark McHenry	Member	24 January 2009	23 January 2012	
	Rob Clark	Member	24 January 2009	23 January 2012	
	Robert Rose	Member	24 January 2009	23 January 2012	
Statutory Fishing Rights Allocation Review Panel	Barbara Yeoh	Member	30 December 2008	29 December 2012	5 male (50%)
	Nicoletta Ciffolilli	Member	30 December 2008	29 December 2012	5 female (50%)
	Christopher Doogan	Chairperson	25 May 2009	24 May 2013	
	Mary Lack	Member	2 November 2009	1 November 2013	
	Robert Lister	Member	3 September 2005	1 November 2013	
	Sandra Welsman	Member	2 November 2009	1 November 2013	
	William Edeson	Member	3 September 2005	1 November 2013	
	Gabrielle Cogan	Member	18 March 2008	No end date	
	Gordon Neil	Other	10 May 2011	No end date	
Anthony Cuthbert	Other	10 May 2011	No end date		
Sugar Research and Development Corporation	Ian Causley	Chairperson	1 October 2010	30 September 2013	5 male (71.4%)
	Julian Venning	Director	27 May 2011	30 April 2014	2 female (28.6%)
	Kleanthes Yannakou	Director	27 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Lindy Hyam	Director	27 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Paul Donnelly	Director	27 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Steven Guazzo	Deputy Chairperson	26 April 2006	30 April 2014	
	Tracy Henderson	Director	27 May 2011	30 April 2014	
Sugar Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	Christine Hawkins	Presiding member	2 December 2010	30 June 2013	1 female (100%)

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Body name	Person	Position	Start date	End date	Gender ratio
Water, Soil and Food Working Group Expert Reference Panel	Ian Chubb	Member	5 April 2012	End of review	5 male (62.5%) 3 female (37.5%)
	John Crawford	Member	23 April 2012	End of review	
	Craig Knowles	Member	12 April 2012	End of review	
	Molly Harriss-Olsen	Member	6 April 2012	End of review	
	Alastair Robertson	Member	18 May 2012	End of review	
	Daniel Williams	Member	18 April 2012	End of review	
	Gillian Kirkup	Member	9 May 2012	End of review	
	Katrina Wilson	Member	21 June 2012	End of review	
Wheat Exports Australia	Edward (Ted) Woodley	Chairperson	1 July 2008	31 December 2012	3 male (75%) 1 female (25%)
	Alexander (Sandy) Murdoch	Member	1 July 2008	31 December 2012	
	Kim Halbert	Member	1 July 2008	31 December 2012	
	Nicole Birrell	Member	1 July 2008	31 December 2012	
Wine Australia Corporation	Anthony (Tony) Jordan	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	5 male (62.5%) 3 female (37.5%)
	Bill Moularadellis	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Brian Walsh	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Catherine (Kate) Thompson	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Josephine Rozman	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Kevin McLintock	Deputy Chairperson	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	Susan Handerson	Member	11 May 2011	30 April 2014	
	James Dominguez	Chairperson	1 July 2009	30 June 2012	
Wine Australia Corporation Selection Committee	Robert Granger	Presiding member	16 July 2010	15 July 2013	4 male (100%)
	Stephen Couche	Member	9 November 2010	8 November 2013	
	Stephen Shelmerdine	Member	9 November 2010	8 November 2013	
	Robert Hill Smith	Member	9 November 2010	8 November 2013	

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Question: 88

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Freedom of Information

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Senator COLBECK asked:

1. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
2. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for 2011-12?
3. 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?
4. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
5. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?

Answer:

1. Yes.
2. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) estimates that total direct and indirect cost of processing FOI requests in 2011–12 was approximately \$464 000.
3. DAFF received 74 FOI requests in 2011–12 of which:
 - 4 were granted access to the requested documents in full
 - 20 were granted access to the requested documents in part
 - 10 were denied access to the requested documents:
 - 40 were either withdrawn by the applicants and/or information was provided outside the FOI Act.

DAFF has fully complied with statutory timelines.

4. As at 30 September 2012, DAFF estimates that total direct and indirect cost of processing FOI requests in 2012–13 is approximately \$130 000.

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5. As at 30 September 2012, the department has received 28 FOI requests in 2012–13 of which:
- 1 has been granted access to the requested documents in full
 - 3 were granted access to the requested documents in part
 - 7 were denied access to the requested documents
 - 8 have either been withdrawn by the applicants and/or information has been provided outside the FOI Act
 - 9 are still open.

DAFF has fully complied with statutory timelines.

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Question: 89

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

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Senator COLBECK asked:

How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.

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.

What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

The Minister attended two Community Cabinet meetings in this financial year to date (1 July 2012–30 September 2012). These meetings were held in Ipswich (Queensland) on 10 July 2012 and Orelia (Western Australia) on 5 September 2012.

One Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) officer accompanied the Minister to the Ipswich Community Cabinet meeting (Queensland) on 10 July 2012. One DAFF officer accompanied the Minister to the Orelia Community Cabinet meeting (Western Australia) on 5 September 2012. The total cost to DAFF for the departmental officers' attendance at the meetings was \$5249.12.

Community Cabinet travel costs for the minister and ministerial staff are met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD), with the exception of car costs for the minister, which are met by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).

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Question: 90

Division/Agency: Governance Division
Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings
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Senator COLBECK asked:

How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location.

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.

What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12?

Answer:

Please refer to Question on Notice 159 (Governance Division) from the Additional Estimates hearing in February 2012. The Minister did not attend any additional Community Cabinet meetings in 2011-12.

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Question: 91

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Reviews

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Senator COLBECK asked:

For this financial year to date:

1. How many Reviews are being undertaken?
2. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
3. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
5. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
6. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
7. What reviews are planned?
8. When will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer:

For this financial year to date (1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012):

1. Please refer to Table 1 for details on the reviews currently being undertaken.
2. Please refer to Table 2 for details on reviews that have concluded. Please refer to Table 1 for details on the anticipated end date for on-going reviews.
3. Please refer to Table 2 for details on reviews that have been provided to government.
4. The timing of responses for reviews concluded in this financial year to date will be considered on a case by case basis by the government.
5. None of the reviews undertaken required responses within the statutory time frame.
6. Please refer to Table 1 and 2 for details on the estimated costs of each review.
7. There are no planned reviews for 2012–13.
8. Please see tables below:

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Table 1 – Reviews currently being undertaken in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio in the financial year to date (1 July 2011 to 30 September 2012), by nearest anticipated end date

Review title	Anticipated end date	Estimated cost
Review of Horticulture Australia Limited export regulation powers	5 October 2012	\$100 000
National Rural Advisory Council - An assessment into the Effectiveness of the farm management deposits scheme in Australia.	October 2012	Yet to be determined.
Review Mark IV restraining Boxes.	November 2012	\$420
Review of Commonwealth Fisheries Management ('Borthwick Review').	December 2012	\$324 400
Review of the Inspection Regimes Prior to Export of Livestock from Fremantle Port.	December 2012	\$11 200
Review of the Australian Standards for the Export Livestock and the Livestock Export Standards Advisory Committee	February 2013	\$36 000
Review of the Commonwealth fisheries harvest strategy policy and guidelines.	March 2013	\$284 000 ¹
Review of the Commonwealth policy on fisheries bycatch.	March 2013	\$225 000 ¹
National Rural Advisory Council - An assessment of agricultural employers' workforce planning capabilities.	May 2013	Yet to be determined

¹ The estimated costs for these reviews have increased since the costs reported in the May Budget Estimates because the department has identified that further scientific and technical work was required. Additional funds are to engage CSIRO and ABARES to undertake this work

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Table 2 – Reviews completed in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio in the financial year to date (1 July 2011 to 30 September 2012), by end date

Review title	End date	Provided to Government	Estimated cost
Review of the European Union high quality beef quota arrangements 2011	17 September 2012	Yes	\$39 963
National Rural Advisory Council - An assessment of agricultural insurance products, including multi-peril crop insurance and its feasibility in Australia.	28 September 2012	Yes	\$113 094 (includes cost for \$80 000 ABARES report)

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Question: 92

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Reviews

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

For 2011-12:

1. How many Reviews were undertaken?
2. Where all reviews have, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
3. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
4. Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
5. What was the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
6. For any ongoing reviews, when will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer:

For 2011–12:

1. Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice 91 Table 1 and 2 for details on reviews undertaken in 2011–12 which are still underway or were completed in 2012–13.
2. Please refer to Table 1 for details on the reviews that concluded in 2011–12.
3. Please refer to Table 1 for details on reviews that have been provided to government.
4. The timing of responses for reviews is considered on a case by case basis by the government. None of the reviews undertaken required responses within the statutory time frame.
5. Please refer to Table 1 for details on the estimated costs for each review.
6. Please refer to Table 1 for details on the end date for each review.

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Table 1 – Reviews completed in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio in 2011–12, by end date

Review title	End date	Provided to Government	Estimated cost
Review of industry training associated with AQIS co-regulatory arrangements	Review terminated	No	\$91 060.42 ¹
Review of mark I and IV restraining boxes in Indonesia	24 August 2011	Yes	\$38 815
Independent review into Australia's livestock export trade	31 August 2011	Yes	\$669 639
Review of drought pilot in Western Australia	2 September 2011	Yes	\$817 328
Review of the European Union high quality beef quota arrangements 2011	17 September 2011	Yes	\$39 963
An independent evaluation and audit of the Tasmanian community forest agreement industry development program	October 2011	Yes	\$81 107
Internal government review of the live trade animal welfare program	November 2011	Yes	Internal review—costs met within the department's budget
Stocktake and assessment of current (2010–11) investment and capability in soils research, development and extension nationally	December 2011	Yes	\$63 011
Review of the national BioSIRT program	March 2012	No	\$77 000

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Review and assessment of assistance provided to primary producers through the provision of tax concessions	March 2012	No	\$76 988
Review and revision of the 2004 national plan of action for the conservation and management of sharks	Review report was finalised and publically released on 13 May 2011. The revised plan was released in July 2012.	Yes	\$141 938 (costs met by DAFF, DSEWPaC, and the states and Northern Territory fisheries agencies)

¹ Amended cost (from that tabled in May 2012) resulting from negotiations concerning payment for work undertaken on the review.

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Question: 95

Division/Agency: Governance Division
Topic: Media Monitoring year to date
Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. 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?
 - a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
 - c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

2. 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?
 - a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
 - c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

Answer:

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry maintains one media monitoring account for the Department and the Minister's office.

- a. The agency that provided these services was Media Monitors Pty Ltd.
- b. The estimated budget to provide these media services in 2012-13 is approximately \$240 000.
- c. This financial year to date, as of 31 September 2012, \$60 453.82 has been spent on media monitoring.

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Question: 96

Division/Agency: Governance Division
Topic: Media Monitoring last financial year
Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. 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?
 - a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b. What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12?

2. What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2011-12?
 - a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b. What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12?

Answer:

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry maintains one media monitoring account for the Department and the Minister's office. The total cost of media monitoring services in 2011-12 was \$207 622.90.

- a. The agency that provided these services was Media Monitors Pty Ltd.
- b. The estimated budget to provide these media services in 2011-12 was approximately \$240 000.

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Question: 97

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Social media

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.
2. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?
If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks) If no, will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?
3. 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)

Answer:

1. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) opened access to all staff to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Tumblr, Google+, Wordpress and Blogger on 26 September 2012. DAFF's social media policy was revised to incorporate this change. All other sites remain blocked unless a clear business purpose is demonstrated and approved by the Assistant Secretary, Communication Branch.
2. Currently there is a manual process only to develop a breakdown of individual usage from the department's internet logs. This is only done upon request. DAFF has an active project in train to add automated reporting functionality to its Internet monitoring tools. This is due for completion by end November 2012.
3. No impacts have been reported at this time as a result of the change to social media access.

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Question: 105

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

For 2011-12:

1. 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.
 - How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
 - What is the current status of each report? Did the Government report within the required timeframe? If not, when is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

1. Three reports were commissioned by the government in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio in 2011–12. Please refer to Table 1 for details. None of the reports required responses within the statutory time frame. The timing of any responses will be considered on a case by case basis by the government.

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Table 1 – Reports commissioned by the government in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio during the 2011–12 by date of commission.

Name of report	Industry Government Working Group on Live Sheep and Goats
Date of commission	13 July 2011
Date report handed to government	26 August 2011
Date of public release	21 October 2011
Terms of Reference	<p>Provide an interim report to the Australian Government Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the Minister) by the end of July 2011 and a final report to the Minister by 26 August 2011 on:</p> <p>any areas of concern regarding animal welfare for live sheep and goat exports and any immediate action that might be taken to address these areas of concern</p> <p>a proposed supply chain assurance scheme for live sheep and goat exports that meets the following four principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. meets OIE standards for animal welfare b. enables animals to be effectively traced or accounted for by exporters within a supply chain through to slaughter c. has appropriate reporting and accountability d. is independently verified and audited <p>a process for implementation of the supply chain assurance scheme for live sheep and goat exports, and</p> <p>any impacts and adjustment responses for Australia’s sheep and goat industry, including access to international markets, arising from the application of a new supply chain assurance scheme.</p> <p>Provide advice and information to governments and industry, as appropriate, on issues relating to the export of live sheep and goats from Australia.</p>
Committee members	<p>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Industry Queensland, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, Department of Primary Industries and Resources South Australia, ACT Department of Territory and Municipal Services, Victorian Department of Primary Industries, Australian Livestock Exporters Council, LiveCorp, Sheepmeat Council, Goat Industry Council of Australia, Meat and Livestock Australia, WA Live Exporters Association, GRM International, Stockair, Wellards, P & D Exports and Emanuel Exports Pty Ltd.</p>
Cost of report	No external costs were incurred. Departmental resources provided secretariat and administrative support to the working group.

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Number/level of departmental staff involved with	Approximately: one SES Band 3, one SES Band 1, one EL2, one EL1 and an APS 4.
Status of report	Report handed to government 26 August 2011. The government has accepted the recommendations of the Industry Working Group on Live Cattle Exports report.

Name of report	Horticulture: Review of the export efficiency powers
Date of commission	29 September 2011
Date report handed to government	5 October 2012
Date of public release	Draft report released on 4 July 2012. The final report is yet to be released.
Link to Terms of Reference	www.daff.gov.au/hortexportreview
Committee Members	Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (Agricultural Productivity, ABARES, Trade and Market Access, Plant Biosecurity) Department of Finance and Deregulation; Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Department of Industry, Investment, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.
Cost of report	\$100 000
Number/level of departmental staff involved with report	Approximately: two SES Band 1, three EL2 and four EL1 officers.
Status of report	The government is considering the report.

Name of report	Foreign Investment and Australian Agriculture
Date of commission	1 March 2011
Date report handed to government	The Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics and Science, within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, was commissioned to produce the report. The department received an embargoed copy of the final report on 18 November 2011.
Date of public release	18 January 2012
Link to Terms of Reference	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/11-173
Committee Members	N/A
Cost of report	\$131 000
Number/level of departmental staff involved with report	Approximately: one SES Band 2, two SES Band 1, one EL2, one EL1, and one APS6 officer.
Status of report	Complete

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Question: 106

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. 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.
 - How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
2. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

1. Two reports were commissioned by the government in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio during the financial year to date (1 July 2011 to 30 September 2012). Please refer to Table 1 for details.
2. Please refer to Table 1 for details on the status of each report. The timing of any responses will be considered as appropriate on a case by case basis by the government. None of the reports commissioned required responses within statutory time frames.

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Table 1 – Reports commissioned by the government in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio during the financial year to date (1 July 2011 to 30 September 2012)

Name of report	National Rural Advisory Council - An assessment of agricultural insurance products, including multi-peril crop insurance and its feasibility in Australia.
Date of commission	1 July 2012
Date report handed to government	28 September 2012
Date of public release	11 October 2012
Link to Terms of Reference	http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/nrac/work-program/insurance
Committee Members	National Rural Advisory Council
Cost of report	\$113 094 (includes cost for \$80 000 ABARES report)
Number/level of departmental staff involved with report	Approximately: one SES Band 2, one Acting SES Band 1, one EL2, one EL1, one APS6 and one APS5.
Status of report	Report made publicly available on 11 October 2012
Name of report	Review of Commonwealth Fisheries Management ('Borthwick Review').
Date of commission	Review announced on 11 September terms of reference released on 13 September 2012
Date report handed to government	Expected on 17 December 2012
Date of public release	
Link to Terms of Reference	http://daff.gov.au/fisheries/review-of-fisheries-management-act-1991-and-fisheries-administration-act-1991#tor
Committee Members	Mr David Borthwick AO PSM
Cost of report	\$324 400
Number/level of departmental staff involved with report	Approximately: one SES Band 1, two EL2s, one APS 6 and one part time APS4.
Status of report	Ongoing

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Question: 109

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Stationery requirements

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. 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?
2. What were the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12?

Answer:

1. The cost for the Minister's and Parliamentary Secretary's stationery requirements for 2011-12 was \$5 855.58.
2. The department's stationery costs for 2011-12 was \$1 836 769.00.

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Question: 110

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Stationery requirements

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. 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?
2. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?

Answer:

1. \$762.50 for the financial year to date to 30 September 2012.
2. The department's stationery costs for the financial year to date is \$394 680.00.

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Question: 120

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Media Training

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:

1. Total spending on these services
2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
4. The names of all service providers engaged
 - a. The name and nature of the service purchased
 - b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
5. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
6. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - a. The total amount spent on the service
 - b. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
7. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - a. The location used
 - b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
8. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

Answer:

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has not undertaken media training in 2012–13.

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Question: 121

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Media Training

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12:

1. Total spending on these services
2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
4. The names of all service providers engaged
 - a. The name and nature of the service purchased
 - b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
5. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
6. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - a. The total amount spent on the service
 - b. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
7. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - a. The location used
 - b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
8. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

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Answer:

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry spent \$28 488.00 on media training in 2011–12. All training was conducted on premises and no study leave was provided.

The following table represents the services provided:

DATE	PROVIDER	PARTICIPANTS	NATURE	COST
29 February 2012 Full day group session (7 hours)	Professional Public Relations	6 x EL 2 1 x EL 1	Media skills training	\$5800
28 March 2012 Full day group session (7 hours)	Professional Public Relations	2 x SES Band 1 1 x SES Band 2	Media skills training	\$3784
19 April 2012 Half day individual session including filming and review (4 hours)	Centre for Leadership Pty Ltd. and Coordinate Canberra (filming)	1 x SES Band 2 1 x SES Band 1	Intensive media skills training	\$5704 (complete package) Plus \$1166 for filming (4 hrs)
25 June 2012 Full day group session (7 hours)	Professional Public Relations	1 x SES Band 2 2 x SES Band 1 2 x EL 2	Media skills training	\$3284
27 June 2012 Full day group session (7 hours)	Centre for Leadership Pty Ltd. and Coordinate Canberra (filming)	1x Deputy Secretary 1 x SES Band 2 3 x SES Band 1 3 x EL 2 3 x EL1 1 x APS 6 1 x APS 4	Intensive media skills training	\$7584 (complete package) Plus \$1166 for filming (4 hrs)
		TOTAL		\$28 488
		TOTAL Hours		32

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Question: 124

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretary

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.
2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.
3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.

Answer:

1. There has been no expenditure for training for the minister and parliamentary secretary for the financial year to date as at 31 October 2012.
2. There has been no expenditure for training for the minister's and parliamentary secretary's staff for the financial year to date as at 31 October 2012.
3. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry provides an in-house training course on ministerial writing designed to help departmental and portfolio agency staff tailor their approach to better suit the needs of the minister and parliamentary secretary.

In this financial year to 31 October 2012, three of these courses were run. The estimated total cost of organising and delivering these courses was \$7254, based on 0.13 FTE of an EL1 and APS5 combined.

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The table below provides the breakdown of departmental participants by APS classification. No records of classifications of agency participants are kept.

Number of departmental staff who attended training	Classification							
	APS1	APS2	APS3	APS4	APS5	APS6	EL1	EL2
27	1	0	4	2	6	11	2	1

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Question: 125

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretary

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. For 2011-12, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.
2. For 2011-12, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.
3. For 2011-12, 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.

Answer:

1. For 2011–12 there was no expenditure incurred for training for the minister and parliamentary secretary.
2. The cost of training for the minister’s staff for 2011–12 was \$1656.05. See details below:

Training Course	Office of the minister/parliamentary secretary	Cost
Financial management: Advanced – an Australian Public Service Commission Program	minister’s office	\$ 577.27
Telephone techniques	minister’s office	\$ 545.45
Freedom of Information training	minister’s office	\$ 533.33
	Total	\$1656.05

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No expenditure was incurred for training for the parliamentary secretary's staff for 2011–12.

3. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry provides an in-house training course on ministerial writing designed to help departmental and portfolio agency staff tailor their approach to better suit the needs of the minister and parliamentary secretary.

In the financial year 2011–12, 14 of these courses were run. The estimated total cost of organising and delivering these courses was \$21 982, based on 0.13 FTE of an EL1 and APS5 combined.

The table below provides the breakdown of departmental participants by APS classification. No records of classifications of agency participants are kept.

Number of departmental staff who attended training	Classification							
	APS1	APS2	APS3	APS4	APS5	APS6	EL1	EL2
132	2	0	21	17	39	30	20	3

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Question: 135

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

Have any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:

- How are briefings requests commissioned?
- What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.
- How often and how much time is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Have any briefings been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:

- How are briefings requests commissioned?
- What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.

How often and how much time is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens?
How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Answer:

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has provided information to the minister's office for their use in briefing a broad range of parliamentarians (including the Australian Greens, Independents and members of the Liberal-National Coalition).

In addition, DAFF, at the minister's office's request, has provided verbal briefing to a range of parliamentarians on matters such as legislation.

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Question: 136

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

Were any briefings provided to the Australian Greens in 2011-12? If yes, please include:

- How are briefings requests commissioned?
- What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing (dates and with which Green MP/Senator).
- Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.
- How often and how much time is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Have any briefings been provided to Independents in 2011-12? If yes, please include:

- How are briefings requests commissioned?
- What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.

How often and how much time is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens?

How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Answer:

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has provided information to the minister's office for their use in briefing a broad range of parliamentarians (including the Australian Greens, Independents and members of the Liberal-National Coalition).

In addition, DAFF, at the minister's office's request, has provided verbal briefing to a range of parliamentarians on matters such as legislation.

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Question: 138

Division/Agency: Governance Division
Topic: Protective Security Policy Framework
Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

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.

Answer:

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) is on track to comply with the requirements of the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) by August 2013. DAFF is currently compliant against 16, and partially compliant against 17 of the 33 minimum mandatory requirements of the PSPF.

DAFF has a scheduled program of works to implement those requirements not fully compliant with the PSPF by August 2013.

DAFF's Security Committee, which is chaired by the DAFF's Security Executive, has governance oversight of the scheduled program of works.

The key security policies which guide the department's protective security framework include DAFF's Protective Security Policy and the Protective Security Plan as well as DAFF's ICT Security Policy and ICT Security Policy Handbook.

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Question: 140

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Public Relations, Communications and Media Staff

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. For DAFF and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
 - a. By Department or agency:
 - i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
 - ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
 - iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location

Answer:

As at 30 September 2012

1.
 - a. **Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**
 - i. There were 43.2 full time equivalent (FTE) ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
 - ii. There were six non-ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
 - iii. There were no contractors.

APS classification	Position/role in the branch	Location	Ongoing, non-ongoing or contract
Executive			
SES Band 1	Assistant Secretary Communication Branch.	ACT	Ongoing
APS 4	Executive assistant to Assistant Secretary Communication Branch	ACT	Ongoing

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Media			
The role of staff is to provide media support for departmental communication activities.			
EL2	One staff	ACT	Non-ongoing
EL1	Two staff	ACT	Ongoing
APS6	Three staff	ACT	Ongoing
APS 5	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
Public Relations			
The role of staff is to support departmental communication activities.			
Agriculture, climate change and sustainability			
EL2	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
EL1	Four staff and one staff part-time (0.8)	ACT	Ongoing
APS6	One staff + two part-time (1.2)	ACT	Ongoing
Biosecurity imports, compliance and reform			
The role of staff is to support departmental communication activities.			
EL2	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
EL1	Three staff	ACT	One ongoing, two non-ongoing
APS6	One staff	ACT	Non-ongoing
	One staff	WA	Ongoing
	One staff	VIC	Ongoing
	One staff	NSW	Ongoing
	Two staff	QLD	Ongoing
APS 5	One staff	VIC	Ongoing
Biosecurity safeguarding, exports and trade			
The role of staff is to support departmental communication activities.			
EL2	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
EL1	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
APS6	Two staff	ACT	One ongoing, one non-ongoing
ABARES, brand and change			
The role of staff is to support departmental communication activities.			
EL2	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
EL1	One staff + one part-time (0.8)	ACT	Ongoing

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Production, online and design			
The role of staff is to support departmental communication activities.			
EL2	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
EL1	Two staff	ACT	Ongoing
APS6	Five staff	ACT	Ongoing
APS5	One part-time (0.6)	ACT	Ongoing
APS 4	One staff	ACT	Non-ongoing
Internal Communication			
The role of staff is to support departmental communications.			
EL2	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
EL1	Two staff	ACT	Ongoing
APS 6	One staff and one staff part-time (0.8)	ACT	Ongoing

- a. Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation**
- i. There were no ongoing staff.
 - ii. There was one non- ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
 - iii. There were no contractors.

APS classification	Position/role in the branch	Location	Ongoing, non-ongoing or contract
Communication			
Provides communication support for Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation			
APS 6	One staff	SA	Non-ongoing

- a. Cotton Research and Development Corporation**
- i. There was one ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
 - ii. There were no non-ongoing staff.
 - iii. There were no contractors.

APS classification	Position/role in the branch	Location	Ongoing, non-ongoing or contract
Media			
Provides Media support for Cotton Research and Development Corporation			
EL1	One staff	NSW	Ongoing

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a. Wine Australia Corporation

- i. There was one ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
- ii. There were no non-ongoing staff.
- iii. There were no contractors.

APS classification	Position/role in the branch	Location	Ongoing, non-ongoing or contract
Communication			
Provides communication support for Wine Australia Corporation			
EL2	One staff	NSW	Ongoing

a. Sugar Research and Development Corporation

- i. There was one ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
- ii. There were no non-ongoing staff.
- iii. There were no contractors.

APS classification	Position/role in the branch	Location	Ongoing, non-ongoing or contract
Communication			
Provides communication and media support for Sugar Research and Development Corporation			
EL1	One staff	QLD	Ongoing
APS 3	One staff part-time (0.5)	QLD	Ongoing

a. Australian Fisheries Management Authority

- i. There was one ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
- ii. There were no non-ongoing staff.
- iii. There were no contractors.

APS classification	Position/role in the branch	Location	Ongoing, non-ongoing or contract
Communication			
Provides communication support for Australian Fisheries Management Authority			
EL1	One staff	ACT	Ongoing

a. Wheat Exports Australia

- i. There were no ongoing staff.
- ii. There was one non-ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
- iii. There were no contractors.

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APS classification	Position/role in the branch	Location	Ongoing, non-ongoing or contract
Communication			
Provides communication support for Wheat Exports Australia			
APS 6	One staff part-time (0.4)	ACT	Ongoing

a. Fisheries Research and Development Corporation

- i. There were two ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
- ii. There were no non-ongoing staff.
- iii. There were two contractors. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.

APS classification	Position/role in the branch	Location	Ongoing, non-ongoing or contract
Communication			
Provides communication support for Fisheries Research and Development Corporation			
Note –this Agency does not have APS classifications			
Communication Manager	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
Communications Officer	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
Writer	Two staff	ACT	Contract

a. Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority

- i. There were eight ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
- ii. There were no non-ongoing staff.
- iii. There were two contractors. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.

APS classification	Position/role in the branch	Location	Ongoing, non-ongoing or contract
Communication			
Provides communication support for Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority			
EL2	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
EL2	One staff	ACT	Non-ongoing
EL1	Four staff	ACT	Two ongoing and two non-ongoing
APS 6	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
APS 5	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
Contractors	Two staff	ACT	Contract

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a. Grains Research and Development Corporation

- i. There was one ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
- ii. There were no non-ongoing staff.
- iii. There were no contractors.

APS classification	Position/role in the branch	Location	Ongoing, non-ongoing or contract
Communication			
Provides communication support for Grains Research and Development Corporation			
Note –this Agency does not have APS classifications			
Communication manager	One staff	ACT	Ongoing

a. Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

- i. There were two ongoing staff. Below is a table listing their classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
- ii. There were no non-ongoing staff.
- iii. There were no contractors.

APS classification	Position/role in the branch	Location	Ongoing, non-ongoing or contract
Communication			
Provides communication support for Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation			
EL2	One staff	ACT	Ongoing
APS 6	One staff	ACT	Ongoing

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Question: 150

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Travel

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

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.

Answer:

Please refer to table 1 below for portfolio related travel for Parliamentary Secretary Sidebottom from 1 May 2012 to 30 September 2012.

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Table 1: Travel undertaken by Parliamentary Secretary Sidebottom from 1 May 2012-30 September 2012.

Parliamentary Secretary				
Dates	Cities/Towns	State/Territory	DAFF paid costs*	Purpose
1 May 2012-30 September 2012 – Parliamentary Secretary Sidebottom				
24 August 2012	Melbourne	Victoria	-	Portfolio related travel
7-8 August 2012	Portland, Myamyn, Hamilton, Allansford, Warrnambool, Woolsthorpe	Victoria	\$346.59	Portfolio related travel
31 July-2 August 2012	Warragul, Darnum, Morwell, Maryvale, Heyfield, Leongatha, Korumburra	Victoria	-	Portfolio related travel
17 July 2012	Sydney	New South Wales	-	Portfolio related travel
12 July 2012	Sydney	New South Wales	\$143.29	Portfolio related travel
11 July 2012	Launceston	Tasmania	-	Portfolio related travel
12-13 June 2012	Brisbane, Rocklea, Corinda, Beaudesert, Veresdale	Queensland	\$369.92	Portfolio related travel
25 May 2012	Cradle Mountain	Tasmania	-	Portfolio related travel
12 May 2012	Hobart	Tasmania	-	Portfolio related travel
3 May 2012	Carrick	Tasmania	-	Portfolio related travel

* Costs of official travel by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are largely paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance). Details of expenditure on entitlements (including domestic travel, car costs, overseas travel, Travelling Allowance, office facilities costs, office administrative costs and family travel) for all Senators and Members is compiled every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation*. The reports and supporting information are published on the Finance website www.finance.gov.au/publications/parliamentarians-reporting/index.html.

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Question: 159

Division/Agency: Governance division

Topic: Publication costs

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. 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?
2. What was the final spend on publications for the 2011-12 financial year?
3. Which DAFF publications have been printed in hardcopy, the cost and where were they delivered to since 1 July 2012?

Answer:

1. The Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) Handbook was produced by the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. All copies of the carbon farming handbook were delivered to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) Canberra office for storage and distribution to appropriate channels. The handbook was provided to any persons or organisation upon request. Copies were not sent to DAFF regional offices as they mainly serve a biosecurity function. However, approximately 6720 handbooks have been distributed to Regional Landcare Facilitators, Rural Financial Counselling Service Program service providers, agricultural advisors, industry bodies, Landcare Groups and individual farmers and land managers.
2. The final spend on publications for the 2011–12 financial year was \$215 064.30.

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3.

Project title	Job description	Quantity printed	Total fees (including GST)	Delivery address
Biosecurity system	48 page report	2000	\$5866.30	Canberra
National Food Plan report	300 page report	500	\$18 030.00	Sydney/Canberra
National Food Plan summary report	20 page report	500	\$1706.10	Sydney/Canberra
National Food Plan summary report	20 page report	500	\$1454.20	Canberra
ABARES Australian Beef report	44 page report	500	\$2988.70	Canberra
DAFF R&D report	56 page policy statement	300	\$2642.20	Canberra
ABARES Australian Lamb report	52 page report	500	\$3452.90	Canberra
ABARES Australian Grains report	56 page report	500	\$4151.40	Canberra
National Food Plan green paper report (reprint)	300 page report	500	\$16 265.70	Canberra
National Food Plan summary report	20 page report	1000	\$3203.20	Sydney/Canberra
DAFF R&D report	56 page policy statement	250	\$2536.60	Canberra
ABARES Agricultural Commodities report	188 page report	607	\$8781.30	Canberra
ABARES forests at a glance	92 page pocket book	2000	\$4642.00	Canberra
Biosecurity: Topend book	24 page book	10000	\$2983.20	Darwin
DAFF National Rural Advisory Council annual report	16 page annual report	250	\$911.90	Canberra
Australian Landcare Council annual report	16 page annual report	360	\$803.00	Canberra

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3.

DAFF Foreign language guide	180 page guide	50	\$1196.69	Canberra
TOTAL		20 317	\$81 615.39	

Please note: Publications are redistributed from Canberra to DAFF regional offices, stakeholders, subscribers, and posted on request.

For example:

- The *ABARES Agricultural Commodity Report* is posted to over 170 subscribers across Australia and internationally, as well as over 20 Australian federal politicians.
- The *Biosecurity System Report* was distributed through public consultations in Sydney, Newcastle, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Hobart.
- The *National Food Plan Report* was distributed through public consultations in all capital cities as well as in 21 regional locations. It was also posted on demand as follows: ACT (55 copies), NSW (53 copies), QLD (20 copies), VIC (25 copies), TAS (1 copy), SA (12 copies) and WA (12 copies). The *National Food Plan Summary Report* was distributed at the same public consultation sessions as the full report, and was also distributed through conferences such as the ABARES Outlook conference in Burnie, Tasmania, and as a satchel insert for all delegates at the National Landcare Conference 2012 (approximately 600).
- The *Biosecurity: Top End book* is distributed by DAFF biosecurity officers across its target area in northern Australia.
- The *DAFF Foreign language guide* is distributed to Australian International Airports as required.

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Question: 189

Division/Agency: Governance Division

Topic: Animal Welfare

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

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?

Is the claim being managed through this department and what types of information if any has the department provided on this issue?

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.

What are the potential implications to the \$1.5bn surplus promised by Minister Swan, or has some contingency already been made in the budget?

Answer:

Minter Ellison first advised the Commonwealth that they act for a number of clients who allegedly suffered losses as a result of the temporary suspension of live-stock exports to Indonesia on 8 December 2011. However, to date no class action has been filed in any court.

It is standard practice that when an agency receives notice of a potential claim of litigation, the agency notifies Comcover, the Commonwealth's insurer, who therefore controls the defence. Under the *Legal Services Directions 2005*, agencies must also report all significant issues that arise in the provision of legal services to the Office of Legal Services Coordination (OLSC) within the Attorney General's Department. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has complied with these obligations.

As this is a matter which may potentially come before the courts, it is a long standing government practice not to comment further until the matter is resolved.