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### *Questions unanswered*

Nos 361-363, 826, 839, 955, 1001, 1005, 1034, 1054, 1113, 1119, 1136, 1193, 1194, 1206-1213, 1220, 1221, 1228, 1230, 1232-1237, 1251, 1258, 1295, 1297-1306, 1308-1314, 1316-1325, 1329, 1331-1360.

### QUESTIONS IN WRITING

On the first sitting day of each fortnight, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the sitting are included in the Notice Paper.

*11 May 2011*

- 361 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer—In respect of the investigation being undertaken by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) into the collapse of Trio Capital Ltd and the APP growth fund, did investors act on advice from licensed financial advisors; if so, can he indicate (a) the actions ASIC has taken against such advisors, (b) whether these advisors had professional indemnity insurance (as required under s 912B of the *Corporations Act 2001*), and if they did not, why not, (c) whether ASIC is taking action against advisors with a view to recovery against their professional indemnity insurance, (d) what action can be taken against any advisors who acted without such insurance, but before the legal requirement to have this insurance was imposed, and (e) what proportion of lost assets resulted from advisors or Trio Capital Ltd behaving fraudulently, versus negligently.
- 362 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer—In respect of the investigation being undertaken by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) into the collapse of Trio Capital Ltd and the APP growth fund, specifically in relation to investments by self managed superannuation funds, did Trio Capital Ltd have professional indemnity insurance (as required under s 912B of the *Corporations Act 2001*); if not, why not, and what action can be taken against Trio Capital Ltd for any conduct dated (a) before, and (b) after, the legal requirement to have professional indemnity insurance was imposed; if so, is ASIC taking action against Trio Capital Ltd with a view to recovery against its professional indemnity insurance.
- 363 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer—In respect of the consultation paper *Review of compensation arrangements for consumers of financial services: future of financial advice* (Richard St. John, April 2011), (a) why does the paper provide little discussion or analysis as to why the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority-regulated superannuation funds are subject to a statutory compensation scheme (provided under Part 23 of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*) yet self managed superannuation funds are not, and (b) will he consider seeking advice and publishing a consultation paper on this important and topical issue, particularly in light of the collapse of Trio Capital Ltd resulting in many investors in self managed superannuation funds losing substantial superannuation savings; if not, why not.

*7 February 2012*

- 826 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—What is the estimated (a) number of mobile communication towers that will need to be built as part of the rollout of NBN Co. Limited's wireless network, and (b) the likely building schedule of the towers in part (a).

*16 February 2012*

**MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 839 - 840)—What work has the Government undertaken or commissioned into the financial challenges facing local government in Australia, and can the Minister indicate the extent to which the Government has given consideration to the creation of a municipal bond market in Australia.

- 839 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Treasurer.

*22 March 2012*

955 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—

- (1) In (a) 2011, and (b) 2012 (to date), what was the total quarterly number and average quarterly daily number of departures from Sydney Kingsford Smith airport between 6 and 7 a.m.
- (2) In (a) 2011, and (b) 2012 (to date), what was the quarterly average by percentage of the days that runway modes of operation at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport were employed during the morning curfew shoulder period 5 to 6 a.m.
- (3) In (a) 2011, and (b) 2012 (to date), (a) what runway modes of operation at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport were employed between (i) 6 and 6.15 a.m., and (ii) 6 and 7 a.m. following the curfew shoulder period, (b) what number of movements occurred, and (c) what proportion (as a percentage) of movements occurred per mode.
- (4) By quarter in (a) 2011, and (b) 2012 (to date), on how many occasions have the runway modes of operation at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport changed between the changeover from curfew shoulder period to the commencement of non curfew operations at 6 a.m.
- (5) In (a) 2011, and (b) 2012 (to date), what was the average duration (in hours) of each runway mode of operation at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport at 6 a.m. for the balance of the day, and how long (in minutes) does it take to move operations from one mode to another.
- (6) By quarter in (a) 2011, and (b) 2012 (to date), how many flights departed from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport before 6 a.m., and in what cardinal direction did these flights depart.
- (7) In (a) 2011, and (b) 2012 (to date), by quarterly daily average and quarterly total, what number of departures from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport occurred in 15 minute intervals between 6 and 7 a.m. (ie, 6 to 6.15 a.m., 6.15 to 6.30 a.m., 6.30 to 6.45 a.m., and 6.45 to 7 a.m.) by cardinal direction of take-off and runway used.
- (8) In (a) 2011, and (b) 2012 (to date), by quarterly daily average and quarterly total, what number of arrivals at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport occurred in 15 minute intervals between 5.45 and 6.30 a.m. (ie, 5.45 to 6 a.m., 6 to 6.15 a.m., 6.15 to 6.30 a.m.) by cardinal direction of take-off and runway used.
- (9) By quarter in (a) 2011, and (b) 2012 (to date), what (a) was the usage of each runway mode of operation by (i) empirical number of flights, and (ii) proportion (as a percentage), and (b) number of runway mode changes were executed each day.

*8 May 2012*

- 1001 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—Using appropriate data compiled by Airservices Australia, how have aircraft movements into and out of Sydney Airport, and flying over the electoral division of Bradfield, varied month to month from 1 August 2011 to 30 April 2012 (inclusive).

*9 May 2012*

- 1005 **MR ENTSCH:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation—In respect of my correspondence dated 19 March 2012, to the then Minister Assisting on Deregulation and Public Sector Superannuation, on behalf of two constituents in the electoral division of Leichardt, (a) what are the requirements for early release of superannuation to cover medical expenses incurred as part of a family member's medical treatment, and (b) are there anomalies in the legislation that would prevent early release of superannuation in this circumstance.

*29 May 2012*

- 1034 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—In (a) 2008-09, (b) 2009-10, (c) 2010-11, and (d) 2011-12, how many Australian Customs and Border Protection Service officers have been found to have links to (i) ‘Middle Eastern’ crime gangs, and (b) outlaw motorcycle gangs.

*18 June 2012*

- 1054 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation—In respect of all bills introduced by Ministers within the Treasury portfolio since the election in 2007, can he itemise each provision in the bills that provides for a strict liability offence.

*21 June 2012*

- 1113 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation—What is the Government’s response to the recommendations contained within the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services *Inquiry into the collapse of Trio Capital* (16 May 2012), with particular reference to recommendation 1.

*28 June 2012*

- 1119 **MS O'DWYER:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation—In respect of the decision made by the Australian Taxation Office regarding the Excess Contributions Tax ruling against Mr Neville Kleinert of Ormond, will he review the decision made by the Australian Taxation Office, or instruct the Australian Taxation Office, to review the decision; if not, why not.

*15 August 2012*

- 1136 **MR CHRISTENSEN:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—In respect of the Mackay regional office of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, (a) how many positions are becoming redundant; and (b) since 24 November 2007, what number of seizures have been performed for prohibited, restricted or regulated goods including (a) illicit drugs and precursors, (b) illegal movement of money, (c) goods of consumer safety concern, (d) objectionable material, and (e) firearms.

*10 September 2012*

- 1193 **MR SIMPKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of Australian passports containing the names of Macedonian villages, towns and regions as the ‘place of birth’, that have since become hellenized and are no longer recognised by Greece, (a) what representations has the Australian Government made to the Greek Government to ensure that Australian passports containing such places of birth are honoured by Greece, and (b) what action has the Minister taken on behalf of Australian citizens of Macedonian descent who have been denied access to Greece because their place of birth is no longer recognised as it appears on their Australian passport, and will their passports showing that they have been denied access to Greece affect their ability to enter other European Union member countries; if so, how, and what action is the Minister taking to resolve this problem.
- 1194 **MR SIMPKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Is the Minister aware of allegations that some Australian citizens have been passing information to the Greek Government via Greek consulates and the embassy, about the lawful protest and activist activities of Australian citizens of Macedonian descent, to assist in creating a black list which is then used to decline their entry to Greece on the basis of them being a threat to public policy or internal security, under the provisions of an *I Category Refusal of Entry at the Border* form; if so, what measures is the Minister taking to resolve this problem.
- 1206 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—How many premises of the first release site for the National Broadband Network for the area of Scottsdale were connected (a) overhead, and (b) underground.
- 1207 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—How many premises of the first release site for the National Broadband Network for the area of Midway Point were connected (a) overhead, and (b) underground.
- 1208 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—How many premises of the first release site for the National Broadband Network for the area of Smithton were connected (a) overhead, and (b) underground.
- 1209 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—How many premises of the first release site for the National Broadband Network for the area of Brunswick were connected (a) overhead, and (b) underground.

- 1210 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—How many premises of the first release site for the National Broadband Network for the area of Townsville were connected (a) overhead, and (b) underground.
- 1211 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—How many premises of the first release site for the National Broadband Network for the area of Kiama were connected (a) overhead, and (b) underground.
- 1212 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—How many premises of the first release site for the National Broadband Network for the area of Armidale were connected (a) overhead, and (b) underground.
- 1213 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—How many premises of the first release site for the National Broadband Network for the area of Willunga were connected (a) overhead, and (b) underground.
- 1220 **MR ROBB:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) In respect of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), what is current policy on directors of superannuation entities who hold multiple directorships of superannuation funds.
  - (2) By industry segment, how many superannuation fund directors exist who currently sit on multiple superannuation fund boards.
  - (3) What rules exist to ensure that conflicts of interest are avoided and/or appropriately managed.
  - (4) Has the APRA counselled any superannuation funds against appointing directors who might already have directorships on other superannuation funds.
  - (5) How does the APRA (a) regulate superannuation funds that hold substantial downstream investments directly, as opposed to investing in listed entities, and (b) appoint directors and persons from related party entities to sit on boards and/or become senior managers that manage these downstream entities.
  - (6) Would the APRA consider subjecting boards of non-listed downstream investments to full disclosure of remuneration, related party transactions and conflicts of interest as per the provisions which are applicable to listed companies, and has it conducted any discussions with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and/or Government on this matter; if so, can he reveal the outcome.
  - (7) What actions does the APRA take when it observes unresolved conflicts of interest.
  - (8) What test does the APRA use in making a decision on the efficacy of related party investments by superannuation funds.
  - (9) Since 24 November 2007, on how many occasions has the APRA made recommendations and/or issued directives that funds either sell downstream direct investments and/or appoint independent directors to sit on the board for these entities.
- 1221 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation—In respect of his announcement in 2011 to award compensation under Part 23 of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* to some investors who lost money in the collapse of Trio Capital Limited, (a) why did he award compensation of 100 cents in the dollar, and (b) between 24 November 2007 and his announcement, how many other decisions were made to award compensation under this provision, and what proportion of the loss was paid each time.

*17 September 2012*

- 1228 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of Mr Ramil Safarov, an Azeri soldier serving a life sentence in Hungary for murdering his Armenian counterpart during a NATO Partnership for Peace program in Budapest in 2004, is the Minister aware that despite assurances by Azerbaijan authorities, President Ilham Aliyev pardoned Mr Safarov upon his extradition (under the Strasbourg Convention) to Baku, and glorified his crime; if so, has the Australian Government publicly added its voice to the international condemnation; if not, why not.

18 September 2012

1230 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—

- (1) In (a) 2008-09, (b) 2009-10, (c) 2010-11, (d) 2011-12, and (e) 2012-13 (to date), how many (a) freight forwarders, and (b) customs brokers, working at or associated with Port Botany have been (i) charged, (ii) prosecuted and (iii) convicted, for assisting criminal syndicates, and of those convicted, what sentences were handed down.
- (2) What measures has he announced to specifically prevent criminality in (a) freight forwarders, and (b) customs brokers.
- (3) Since 1 July 2008, have any (a) freight forwarders, or (b) customs brokers, been implicated or charged with any offence involving members of Commonwealth law enforcement or regulatory bodies, including the Australian Federal Police and Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.
- (4) What new powers is he implementing to address potential vulnerabilities in (a) freight forwarders, and (b) customs brokers, exploiting the maritime and airport freight terminal environments for criminal means.

1232 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—

- (1) Is it a fact that Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) investigators have to sign-in to access facilities at Port Botany; if so, (a) what is the exact sign-in process, (b) who has access to the sign-in logs, and (c) do workers who are members of the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) have access to these logs.
- (2) Is it a fact that ACBPS investigators, upon visiting the facilities at Port Botany, are required to be escorted onsite; if so, (a) who provides the escorts, (b) are they members of the MUA, and (c) have escorts ever been provided by persons other than members of the MUA, if so, on what date did this last occur.

1233 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—

- (1) Has he or the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) moved to reform policies on family members working on the same shifts inside Port Botany or the Sydney Airport cargo terminal.
- (2) How many times has the ACBPS (a) raised concerns, or (b) proposed reforms, to him or his office, concerning the introduction of a licensing scheme for freight forwarders.

1234 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—Has he introduced new security regulations for depots and warehouses falling under Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) regulation, and have fit and proper person requirements been extended to cover ACBPS regulated depots and warehouses.

1235 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—

- (1) In (a) 2008-09, (b) 2009-10, (c) 2010-11, (d) 2011-12, and (e) 2012-13 (to date), how many (i) instances of bribes have been recorded by Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) personnel, and (ii) ACBPS staff have been charged for accepting bribes.
- (2) What legislative or regulatory changes did he or the ACBPS implement to address vulnerabilities raised in the Australia Crime Commission's three year intelligence investigation: *Crime in the Transport Sector*.
- (3) In (a) 2008-09, (b) 2009-10, (c) 2010-11, (d) 2011-12, and (e) 2012-13 (to date), how many instances of container re-birthing were identified by the ACBPS, and how many of these instances have resulted in (a) prosecutions, and (b) convictions.
- (4) Is his office, the Australian Federal Police, or the ACBPS aware that members of the 'Bra Boys' criminal gang are alleged to be working at both Port Botany and Sydney Airport's freight terminal; if so, (a) on what date was he, or the ACBPS made aware, and (b) how many workers at Port Botany and Sydney Airport (i) are known or suspected of being members or associates of the 'Bra Boys' criminal gang, and (ii) who have been charged of criminal offences related to their work, have been identified as or are suspected affiliates of the 'Bra Boys'.

1236 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—

- (1) On what date did the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) first become aware that the Integrated Cargo System (ICS) was being used to provide information for criminal purposes or for criminal groups.
- (2) On what date were concerns about the potential vulnerabilities in the ICS, which could lead to criminal exploitation of the maritime environment, first raised inside the ACBPS, and when was he first made aware of these vulnerabilities.
- (3) On what date was the ACBPS first made aware that visual monitoring of the Container Examination Facility at Port Botany was a potential risk to the integrity of the law enforcement process at Port Botany, and what action was taken to address this risk.
- (4) How many CCTV cameras at Port Botany are operated and/or monitored by ACBPS personnel, are these cameras sufficient to identify and prevent criminal activity at the Port, and have any concerns been raised by the ACBPS about these cameras being inadequate.
- (5) How many more CCTV cameras will be operated by ACBPS personnel at Port Botany in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, and (d) 2015-16.

1237 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—

- (1) What number of staff were employed by the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service's (ACBPS's) Waterfront Operations Unit during (a) 2006-07, (b) 2007-08, (c) 2008-09, (d) 2009-10, (e) 2010-11, and (f) 2011-12.
- (2) How many patrol hours were conducted by ACBPS staff, including the Waterfront Investigations Unit and the Investigations Unit, in (a) 2008-09, (b) 2009-10, (c) 2010-11, and (d) 2011-12.
- (3) How many hours per day do ACBPS's Waterfront Operations Unit members operate, and do these members currently conduct patrols strictly within the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; if so, when was this range of patrol hours instituted.
- (4) Has he raised any concerns or formal proposals with his ministerial colleagues, or with the ACBPS, to address Operation Polaris' intelligence update of 20 February 2012 that reported that many employees on Port Botany are family or have long term links to other employees.

**MR BRIGGS:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1238 - 1268)—

- (1) For (a) 2008-09, (b) 2009-10, (c) 2010-11, and (d) 2011-12, how many Commonwealth grants were approved by the Minister's department, and at what total cost.
- (2) For 2012-13 (to date), how many Commonwealth grants were approved by the Minister's department and at what total cost, and of these, how many have (a) signed funding agreements, and at what total cost, and (b) been paid to the approved recipients, and at what total cost.

1251 **MR BRIGGS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1258 **MR BRIGGS:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Competitiveness.

### *26 November 2012*

1295 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—What action is the Government taking to facilitate the development of an SMS text based 000 emergency service for the benefit of the deaf, hearing and/or speech impaired community in Australia.

1297 **MR HARTSUYKER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In respect of the Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme, (a) how many handsets were subsidised under the scheme in the (i) 2009-10 financial year, (ii) 2010-11 financial year, (iii) 2011-12 financial year, and (iv) period 1 July 2012 to 19 November 2012; and (b) what sum of money was spent to deliver the scheme in the financial years (i) 2009-10, (ii) 2010-11, and (iii) 2011-12.

1298 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors (UHMs) in the UHM Program, would the Minister provide (a) the total number of UHMs in the program, and (b) the number of UHMs in the program broken down by state and territory, for the financial years (i) 2007-08, (ii) 2008-09, (iii) 2009-10, (iv) 2010-11, (v) 2011-12, and (vi) 2012-13 (to date).

- 1299 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—By way of monthly breakdown, in (a) 2007-08, (b) 2008-09, (c) 2009-10, (d) 2010-11, (e) 2011-12, and (f) 2012-13 (to date), how many Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors (UHMs) in the UHM Program arrived in Australia as (i) Irregular Maritime Arrivals, (ii) Irregular Maritime Arrivals that have been granted a Protection (subclass 866) Visa, and (iii) on an offshore humanitarian visa (i.e. Class XB visa - subclass 200, 201, 202, 203 or 204).
- 1300 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of changes to custodianship arrangements, by way of monthly breakdown since July 2012, how many persons by (a) age, and (b) state and territory, have been appointed as custodians.
- 1301 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of the arrangement where Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors are in the care of a service provider, since the beginning of this custodian arrangement would the Minister provide the (a) name of each service provider that have been appointed custodians, (b) total number of Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors for which each service provider has been appointed custodian (i) by year, and (ii) month, and (c) details of how frequently the department will review and audit these custodian arrangements.

*27 November 2012*

- 1302 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors being cared for by *Life Without Barriers*, (a) by way of monthly breakdown since 1 July 2011 through to 26 November 2012, how many Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors are being cared for in (i) Queensland, and (ii) Western Australia, and (b) what has been the contracted cost to the department of having *Life Without Barriers* provide these services during this timeframe.
- 1303 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) In respect of Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors (UHMs) carers, since 1 December 2007, by way of monthly breakdown, (a) what is the total number of carers, (b) how many have been required to undergo police checks, and (c) how many carer applications have been refused as a result of the police checks.
  - (2) In respect of UHMs carers' assessment applications, (a) what is the timeframe for an application to be completed, and (b) what is the current backlog of outstanding carer assessment applications.
- 1304 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In the financial years (a) 2011-12, and (b) 2012-13 (to date), what has been the contracted cost to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship of having the (i) *Refugee Minor Program* delivered by the Victorian State Government Department of Human Services, (ii) New South Wales State Government Department of Families and Community Services provide services to Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors (UHMs) wards, (iii) ward and non-ward UHMs living with a carer in Queensland, as provided by the Queensland State Government's sub-contracted agency, Mercy Family Services, (iv) South Australian State Government Department of Communities and Social Inclusion, deliver services to both wards and non-ward UHMs under its MOU with the department, (v) Western Australian State Government Department of Child Protection, provide services to UHMs living with a carer under its costs sharing arrangement with DIAC, and (vi) relevant government in the Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania provide services to UHMs under case specific arrangements negotiated with the department.
- 1305 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of the eligibility requirements that need to be met in order for Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors to receive Settlement Services, (a) what are the details of the requirements, and (b) how frequently are they reviewed and updated by the department.
- 1306 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—What processes does the department have in place to advise and inform permanent residents before leaving Australia of the requirement to have a valid permanent visa should they want to re-enter Australia.
- 1308 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of tertiary scholarships awarded by AusAID, in (a) 2011-12, and (b) 2012-13 (to date), (i) how many scholarships were awarded per country of origin of student, (ii) what was the total dollar value of scholarships per country, (iii) what were the areas of study of the scholarships for each country, and (iv) how was each scholarship relevant to the development priorities for the respective country.

- 1309 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of advisers and consultants that formed part of AusAID’s Overseas Development Assistance to Vietnam for the period between 1 December 2007 to date, (a) what was the total sum of money spent on AusAID advisers and consultants for the delivery of in-country programs, (b) would the Minister provide the details on (i) the sum of money spent for each individual adviser and consultant, and (ii) the list of services provided by the individual adviser and consultant, (c) how many were paid under the Adviser Remuneration Framework (ARF), including details as to individual grades or classifications, and (d) how many still have contracts or service agreements that pre-date the ARF.

*28 November 2012*

- 1310 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Since 1 December 2007, in the financial years (a) 2007-2008, (b) 2008-09, (c) 2009-2010, (d) 2010-11, (e) 2011-12, and (f) 2012-13 (to date), (i) how many Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors that have arrived in Australia by boat have been granted a permanent protection visa through Australia’s on-shore refugee humanitarian program.
- 1311 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—By way of monthly breakdown, since 1 December 2007 to date, (a) how many Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors (UHMs) arriving through Australia’s off-shore refugee and humanitarian program have not had access to pre-arrival orientation, and (b) what difficulties have service providers reported to the department in terms of increased ‘transition time’ required to understand the needs of UHMs.
- 1312 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Would the Minister provide the details of all analysis or assessments undertaken by the department from 1 December 2007 to date, to determine the capacity of the existing care and support framework for Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors (UHMs), including the capacity of service providers to adequately provide for the needs of UHMs.
- 1313 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors (UHMs) who have received a protection visa, by way of breakdown by month, since 1 December 2007 (a) how many have been required to relocate to a different state in order for guardianship requirements to be met, and of these UHMs, (i) how many move back to their original state/territory where they have connections or employment opportunities, and (ii) how many undertake interstate relocations without having any formal guardianship/care arrangements place.
- 1314 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) Is it a fact that the Minister is the ‘guardian’ of Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors (UHMs) who have received a protection visa; and if so, (a) please detail how (i) the delegation of the Minister’s guardianship responsibilities are transferred to another jurisdiction, (ii) how UHMs are able to obtain services without an effective guardian, and (iii) the department keeps track of such delegation transfers; and if not, (b) please detail (i) who is responsible for the provision of settlement services to UHMs, and (ii) what eligibility criteria are applied in coordinating the transfer of care arrangements.
  - (2) What coordinated support arrangements are in place for UHMs transferring between different state/territory jurisdictions.
  - (3) Since 1 December 2007, and by way of monthly breakdown, in (a) 2007-2008, (b) 2008-09, (c) 2009-2010, (d) 2010-11, (e) 2011-12, and (f) 2012-13 (to date), how many delegated guardianship transfers for UHMs were undertaken.
- 1316 **MR HARTSUYKER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Did the Minister, the office of the Minister, or the department have any involvement in the process of negotiating Football Federation Australia’s recently announced television rights deal; and if so, what was the extent and nature of the involvement.

*29 November 2012*

- 1317 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors (UHMs) who have obtained a protection visa, (a) how many arrange their own carer to avoid relocation to a different state, (b) how many reports has the department received, and/or is aware of, where UHMs have sourced new carers through Facebook and other social networking sites, and (c) how many of these UHMs are still in contact with, or monitored by, the department.

- 1318 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors (UHMs) turning 18 years of age, (a) what targeted support/transitional care arrangements are available, (b) what guidelines does the department issue to service providers to support UHMs in transition, (c) what analysis and assessments has the department undertaken to determine levels of homelessness amongst this group, and (d) by way of monthly breakdown, in (i) 2007-08, (ii) 2008-09, (iii) 2009-10, (iv) 2010-11, (v) 2011-12, and (vi) 2012-13 (to date), would the Minister provide the details on the levels of homelessness amongst this group.
- 1319 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—What transitional care arrangements are in place for Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors exiting community detention.
- 1320 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of the the budgetary allocation for the department’s Community Programs and Children’s Division for 2012-13, (a) what is the total sum of the budgetary allocation, (b) what is the breakdown of allocation between community detention and Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors.
- 1321 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Are there processes utilised by the department in determining discrepancies in relation to the age of young people arriving in Australia from refugee backgrounds; and if so, what are the processes.
- 1322 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Is the department aware of the concerns of service providers that there are inadequacies in the department’s age assessment processes; and if so, how are these inadequacies affecting (a) care and support arrangements, (b) physical and mental health assessments, (c) appropriate education or training support, and (d) access to youth services.
- 1323 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of the Refugee Youth Support Pilot, (a) what was the total cost, (b) what were the outcomes, and (c) is there any committed funding to allow for the further rollout of the pilot; and if not, what will happen to the 100 Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors who were part of the pilot.
- 1324 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of the evaluation of the Refugee Support Pilot, (a) when will the evaluation be completed, (b) what are the assessment criteria for the evaluation, (c) is it being compared to other service providers, including the *Life Without Barriers* model, and (d) who is undertaking the evaluation.
- 1325 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Would the Government consider releasing to market the tender (previously published on the AusTender website as ‘*Accommodation, Care, Welfare and other services for unaccompanied humanitarian minors. APP DIAC 12/54. Category 8313159 – Refugee Program*’) for the support of Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors in community detention and under humanitarian visas; and if so, when.
- 1329 **MR ALEXANDER:** To ask the Minister for Health—In respect of new medicine to prevent stroke in atrial fibrillation patients, (a) is it a fact that new medicine has been reimbursed in New Zealand for over 12 months while Australian patients only have aspirin and warfarin available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, and (b) can the Minister provide any other examples of medicines that have been reimbursed in New Zealand prior to being listed for reimbursement in Australia.
- 1331 **MRS MARKUS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What steps will the Government take to assist Australian families of children abducted to previously non-Hague Convention states, prior to the ratification by these states of the Convention, where the terms of the Convention are not to be applied to historical abductions.
  - (2) In respect of Australian children abducted to Japan in international child custody disputes, (a) since 2009, how many Australian children have been abducted, and (b) what steps have been taken or processes initiated towards the development of a bilateral agreement with Japan.

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- 1332 **MR COBB:** To ask the Minister for Health—In respect of the drug Pradaxa (Dabigatran), (a) why is it not listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), and (b) is the Government considering listing it on the PBS; if not, why not; if so, can she indicate by what date it will be listed.
- 1333 **MR COBB:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—
- (1) What is the status of plans to erect a National Broadband Network (NBN) communications tower at Rock Forest, NSW.
  - (2) What community consultation was conducted prior to selecting Rock Forest as the site for an NBN communications tower.

- (3) Why is the NBN Co. erecting three communications towers in the centre of Bathurst, when towns of more than 1000 people are to be connected by fibre.
- (4) How many community NBN communications towers are expected to be erected in the Bathurst Local Government Area.
- (5) Under the NBN Co. scheme, which areas in Bathurst will be connected by (a) fibre, and (b) satellite.
- 1334 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In respect of a fire in a Telstra telephone exchange in Warrnambool, Victoria, in late November 2012, what investigations has the Government and/or its agencies undertaken, and what were the outcomes.
- 1335 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—What business continuity plans exist to enable the NBN Co. to effectively respond to unforeseen events disrupting services.
- 1336 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Has Telstra provided to the Government or the Australian Communications and Media Authority, an explanation of its plans to cease providing its Telecard Calling Card service (under which a person can call Australia from overseas at Australian call rates) from September 2013; if so, what explanation has Telstra provided; if not, will the Government seek an explanation from Telstra.
- 1337 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of AusAID's Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) program, (a) what protocols exist to ensure that all ODA funding is expended to support ODA-eligible activities in accordance with the OECD ODA guidelines, (b) how long have these protocols been in place, (c) how frequently have these protocols been reviewed since 1 December 2007, and (d) how do these protocols operate, including the processes AusAID follows to ensure that the ODA figures submitted by agencies relate to activities properly categorised as being ODA-eligible.
- 1338 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Since 1 December 2007, by (a) year, (b) agency, and project (c) name, (d) scope, and (e) dollar value, (i) how many corrections has AusAID received from agencies that have wrongly categorised expenditure as being ODA-eligible, (ii) how was the OECD notified of each correction, and (iii) what remedial action was taken by AusAID with the relevant agencies to address each incorrect categorisation of expenditure.
- 1339 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—In respect of the closure of Progressive Employment Personnel Inc. in Hornsby, a member of the Government's Disability Employment Services, (a) why did its funding cease, and (b) what employment services will now operate in that area to fulfil the employment service needs of people with disability.
- 1340 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency—In respect of the Government's carbon price assistance package insert in utility bills sent from late 2012, (a) which utility companies/billers provided the inserts, (b) in how many bills were inserts provided, (c) what sum did the inserts cost to print, and (d) what sum did the Government pay to have the inserts provided (i) in total, and (ii) per biller.
- 1341 **MR CHRISTENSEN:** To ask the Treasurer—What was the total sum of outstanding income tax and GST payments as at 31 December 2012.
- 1342 **MS GAMBARO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Multicultural Affairs—In respect of the information booklet *The Settlement Journey: Strengthening Australia through migration*, (a) can he provide the names of (i) all intended stakeholders, and (ii) the stakeholders who were consulted during its initial development, and the respective dates, (b) in what other languages is it published, (c) how many copies have been printed and distributed since its launch in August 2012, (d) can he indicate which stakeholders it has been distributed to since its launch, (e) how many times has it been updated since first published, and what content was updated each time, and (f) have any stakeholder surveys been undertaken to identify its utility and effectiveness; if so, when, and can he (i) indicate which stakeholders participated, and (ii) provide their feedback.
- 1343 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for the Arts—Why has the Literature Board of the Australian Council for the Arts cut its annual grant to the magazine *Quadrant* by 50 per cent.
- 1344 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of the Government response (November 2009) to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs report *Older people and the law* (September 2007), what is the status of the Government's progress on recommendations 16, 17 and 19.

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- 1345 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel—In respect of the closure in 2012 of the pharmacy at the Health Centre HMAS *Penguin*, (a) why was it closed, (b) what evidence was gathered to support the closure, (c) it is a fact that it was the only Defence pharmacy to close in NSW; if so, why, if not, what other such pharmacies have closed, (d) why was notification of the closure given to the Officer in Charge of the Health Centre and affected staff only days before the closure, and (e) what savings (i) were expected to be achieved, and (ii) have been achieved.
- 1346 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) What indicators or factors are considered in setting deeming rates for the financial investments of pensioners.
  - (2) Are any weightings applied to the indicators or factors in part (1); if so, what are they.
  - (3) Is a formula, standard process, or procedure used to set deeming rates; if so, what is it.
- 1347 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—How often does she consider the need to review, out of sequence, deeming rates for financial investments of pensioners, what is the schedule for such reviews, and what indicators or factors are considered in determining whether to undertake such reviews.
- 1348 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—When selecting financial products for comparison to assist in setting deeming rates for the financial investments of pensioners, (a) what factors other than rate of return are considered, including but not limited to length of investment, risk and access to funds, (b) if any factors other than rate of return are considered, do any weightings apply to those factors, if so, what are they, (c) how is the range of financial products to be considered selected, and (d) how many financial products are used as a comparison in the setting of deeming rates.
- 1349 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Does the Government have a policy to amend the schedule, methodology or application of deeming rates; if so, will she provide the policy.
- 1350 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Prime Minister—What measures is her Government implementing to increase female labour participation.

*7 February 2013*

- 1351 **MR ROBERT:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of a speech she made on national security on 23 January 2013 where she indicated that \$1.46 billion out to 2020 has been committed to strengthen cyber capabilities, (a) what portfolios will this funding be spread across, (b) what proportion (in dollar terms) of this sum will be allocated to each portfolio, (c) which specific areas or programs within each portfolio will receive funding, (d) for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, (iv) 2015-16, (v) 2016-17, (vi) 2017-18, (vii) 2018-19, (viii) 2019-20, and (ix) 2020-21, what proportion (in dollar terms) will be allocated to each area or program, and (e) when did the Government first commit to each component of the \$1.46 billion.

*12 February 2013*

- 1352 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Attorney-General—Can he indicate whether the former Attorney-General (or his department) received a request prior to 18 January 2013 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (or his department) for advice on the legal status of Israeli settlement on the West Bank; if so, did the then Attorney-General advise that all settlements are illegal under international law, as stated in the *AUKMIN2013* Communique.
- 1353 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Prior to 18 January 2013, did the Minister seek advice from the International Law Office within the Attorney-General's Department on the legal status of Israeli settlements on the West Bank.
  - (2) What legal advice is the basis for the statement made in the *AUKMIN2013* Communique, that 'All settlements are illegal under international law...'
  - (3) Did the Minister give the United States prior notification of the intention to include in the Communique, a call on its government to take a more active role in the Israeli/Palestinian peace process; if so, how much notice was provided.

- 1354 **MR CIOBO:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—Further to his answer to question in writing No. 834 (House *Hansard*, 20 March 2012, page 3684), (a) how many flights into the Gold Coast in 2012 were diverted to other airports because of weather conditions affecting visibility, (b) has the installation of an Instrument Landing System (ILS) at the Gold Coast Airport progressed since March 2012; if so, which stakeholders has Airservices Australia consulted in respect of this installation, and (c) can he indicate when an ILS will be installed at the Gold Coast Airport.

*13 February 2013*

- 1355 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Special Minister of State—In respect of shooting victim Mr Luke Quintano, who is appealing for Government assistance because the overseas based insurance company owing him money collapsed, (a) what progress is the Government making to remedy failures in the regulatory environment for overseas insurers in the Australian market, (b) what is the status of the Government's progress in assisting Mr Quintano find justice, and is the Minister pursuing all available options, including an 'act of grace', and (c) is a report publicly available on Mr Quintano's case; if so, from where is it available.
- 1356 **MR RAMSEY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What is the cost saving to the Government over the forward estimates resulting from the 1 January 2013 closure of the Native Title Respondent Funding program.
  - (2) By State and Territory, what sum was expended by the Government to support program applicants in (a) 2007-08, (b) 2008-09, (c) 2009-10, (d) 2010-11, (e) 2011-2012, and (f) 2012-13 (to 1 January).
  - (3) For the same period, what was the breakdown of funding given to individual landholders and community bodies (such as local government) under the program.
  - (4) Did the Government consult with the affected parties before closing the program.
- 1357 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—
- (1) Are the State-based firearms registries integrated into the Computerised Operational Police System (COPS); if not, why not.
  - (2) Is it a fact that the State-based firearms registries have recently been compromised.
  - (3) Do Commonwealth agencies have access to the State-based firearms registries in the COPS; if so, which agencies.
- 1358 **MR CHRISTENSEN:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of the \$5.6 billion of the \$6 billion Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) that will draw on the proceeds of the Mineral Resources Rent Tax (MRRT), how will the shortfall in proceeds of the MRRT be made up for projects funded in Stream 1 of the RIF projects (including the \$120 million Peak Downs Highway upgrade).
- 1359 **MS MARINO:** To ask the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research—In respect of the Bunbury Regional Trades Training Centre, (a) what is the current (i) planning status, and (ii) sum of funding that the Government will provide, and by when; (b) when will student courses begin; (c) what schools are currently linked to the Centre; and (d) where will it be located.

*14 February 2013*

- 1360 **MR CROOK:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Does he know of any magnetite projects in Australia over the next five years that will be liable for the Minerals Resource Rent Tax (MRRT); if so, can he indicate the number.
  - (2) Does the statement made by the Minister for Resources and Energy on 2 November 2011 on ABC Radio: 'When...you go through the detail of this tax, you'll see that in terms of the small miners we've gone out of our way, for example, in magnetite to effectively provide them the opportunity to pay little or no tax, because at the taxing point magnetite the dirt is of very little value. The value is the downstream processing that occurs.' reflect the Government's policy position.
  - (3) What is the policy rationale for making magnetite subject to the MRRT.
  - (4) Did the Treasury use data from any magnetite companies when forecasting tax liabilities.

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