

Community Affairs Committee
Examination of Budget Estimates 2006-2007
Additional Information Received
VOLUME 2
HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO
Outcomes: whole of portfolio and Outcomes 1, 2, 3

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Note: Where published reports, etc. have been provided in response to questions, they have not been included in the Additional Information volume in order to conserve resources.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF BUDGET EXPENDITURE FOR 2006-2007

Included in this volume are answers to written and oral questions taken on notice and tabled papers relating to the budget estimates hearings on 31 May and 1 June 2006

* Please note that the tabling date of 19 October 2006 is the proposed tabling date

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Mason	9	Sick leave	5	17.08.06
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McLucas	197	12.5% reduction policy on generic drugs	178-202	17.08.06
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McLucas	202	Special patient contributions	209	17.08.06
McLucas	255	List of those drugs that fell below the general payment level on 1 January 2005	210-218	17.08.06
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McLucas	112	Psychiatric services	231-232	17.08.06
McLucas	122	Costs of Positron emission Tomography (PET)	233	17.08.06
Crossin	168	Radiotherapy facilities	234	17.08.06
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Stott Despoja	26	MBS item to provide Medicare-funded pregnancy counselling	244	14.09.06
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Department of Health and Ageing		
Address	Organisation Unit	Lease Expiry
Albermarle Building, Furzer Street Woden ACT	Central Office	30/06/2009
Alexander Building, Furzer Street Woden ACT	Central Office	30/06/2009
Fishburn House, Furzer Street Woden ACT	Central Office	30/06/2009
Penrhyn House, Bowes Street Woden ACT	Central Office	5/06/2009
Scarborough House, Woden ACT	Central Office	31/07/2015
8-10 Hobart Place Civic ACT	Departmental Call Centre	30/11/2008
Borrowdale House Furzer Street Woden	ACT Office & Office of Chemical Safety	31/08/2008
1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst Sydney NSW	New South Wales State Office	7/09/2008
Casselden Place, 2 Lonsdale Street Melbourne VIC	Victoria State Office	28/02/2007
340 Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD	Queensland State Office	14/06/2010
155 Hugh Street, Townsville, QLD	Queensland State Local Office	14/06/2007
Commonwealth Centre, 55 Currie Street Adelaide SA	South Australia State Office	31/03/2007
Central Park, 152-158 St Georges Terrace Perth WA	Western Australia State Office	30/11/2011
Montpelier Building 21 Kirksway Place Hobart, TAS	Tasmania State Office	31/03/2010
The Met Building, 17 Scaturchio Street Casuarina Darwin NT	Northern Territory Office	30/11/2009
Anangu House, 44 Bath Street Alice Springs NT	Northern Territory Local Office	30/09/2008
Allara House, 20 Allara Street Civic ACT	National Health & Medical Research Council	31/03/2009
136 Narrabundah Lane Symonston ACT	Therapeutics Goods Administration	30/06/2017
Casselden Place, 2 Lonsdale Street Melbourne VIC	Therapeutics Goods Administration	30/11/2009
Pharmacy Guild House Barton ACT	Office Gene Technology Regulation	31/01/2009
Geoscience Building, Hindmarsh Drive Symonston ACT	Therapeutics Goods Administration	18/09/2008
St Vincents Hospital, Sydney NSW	Therapeutics Goods Administration	31/08/2006
334-336 Illawarra Road Marrickville NSW	National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme	20/02/2008

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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-055

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: ROCK EISTEDDFOD

Written Question on Notice

Senator Crossin asked:

1. Has the Department of Health and Ageing ever provided funding for the Rock Eisteddfod before?
2. If so, can you please supply the final and budget estimates for
 - a) 04-05;
 - b) 05-06; and
 - c) 06-07.

Answer:

1. Yes. The Department has previously provided funding for the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge through sponsorship of their Television Specials.
2. The Department's final budget for Rock Eisteddfod funding is as follows:
 - \$550,000 (GST inclusive) for the 2004-05 financial year;
 - \$550,000 (GST inclusive) for the 2005-06 financial year; and
 - Funding for the 2006-07 financial year is being considered based on a proposal received by the Department on 26 June 2006.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-118

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: SKIN CANCER NATIONAL AWARENESS

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

The answer to QoN 1299 said that Eureka Strategic Research had received \$56,000 to conduct development research to inform the campaign.

- a) Has this work been completed?
- b) Or when will this work be completed?
- c) How will the work of the States and the Cancer Councils be incorporated?
- d) What is the mechanism for ensuring that this happens?
- e) Why is the Department starting from scratch when the States and the Cancer Councils already run effective campaigns that could be built on?

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) *The Department held a stakeholder consultation workshop in February 2006 and continues to work closely with state and territory Cancer Councils and other relevant stakeholders to utilise the considerable knowledge and expertise which already exists in this area.*
- d) *A Campaign Reference Group has been established to work with state and territory Cancer Councils and other relevant stakeholders.*
- e) Previous campaigns from other states and Cancer Councils have been relatively effective and this campaign will build upon the strengths already established. However, this campaign will deliver targeted new information to a specific audience on a national level.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-249

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: RESPONSE TIME TO QUESTIONS FROM PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY

Hansard Page: CA16

Senator McLucas asked:

Could we get an indication of the average time that it takes for the department to respond to requests from the Parliamentary Library.

Answer:

On 19 April 2006, the Department of Health and Ageing entered into arrangements with the Parliamentary Library for the Portfolio Statistics and Standards section of the department to coordinate all responses to Parliamentary Library requests.

From 19 April 2006 until 31 May 2006 inclusive the department received nine requests from the Parliamentary Library. The responding Divisions were advised of the timeframe for each request to ensure a timely response. The response time ranged from one day to 14 working days. The average response time was six working days.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-009

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: SICK LEAVE

Written Question on Notice

Senator Mason asked:

To the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing:

- a) With respect to the Department of Health and Ageing (the Department) in the last calendar year or financial year you have records for what is the total number of days of sick leave taken by the Department's employees? Over the same period, what was the average number of days of sick leave taken per Full Time Equivalent employee of the Department?
- b) What is the sick leave entitlement allowable to the employees of the Department as part of the terms of their employment (under the Certified Agreement or individual contracts)?
- c) Does the Department monitor and review the employees' use of sick leave entitlement? Has this procedure changed in the past 12 months?

Answer:

- a) The total number of sick leave days taken by the Department's employees in the 2005 calendar year was 39,564 days. The average number of days of sick leave taken per Full Time Equivalent employee in the same calendar year was 11 days.
- b) The Department's Certified Agreement and individual contracts (AWA) provide for an ongoing staff member to be credited with 18 days of personal leave on engagement. On completion of each 12 month period of service a further 18 days of personal leave will accrue. Personal leave is defined as and includes all leave taken for injury/illness, to care for family/household members and other compelling personal reasons.
- c) The Department reports on sick leave usage as part of regular strategic reporting and analyses its workplace absence rates with the assistance of an external benchmarking provider (InfoHRM).

All managers have access to reporting tools which allow them to assess and monitor employee absences. This procedure has not changed in the past 12 months.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-145

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: PBS AND THE 2007 INTERGENERATIONAL REPORT

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

- a) Given that health costs are raised as the number one issue in terms of our ageing population, can I ask about the PBS projections in the 2002 Intergeneration Report?
- b) Do you agree with the analysis of the PBS contained in the 2002 Intergenerational Report?
- c) Do you agree that the PBS will grow to 3.4% of GDP by 2041 as it projects?
- d) Does the Department still agree with the 2002 Report that the PBS will be one of the fastest growing areas of government expenditure in the long term and needs to be cut to manage it?
- e) What implications do current levels of PBS growth have on the next Intergenerational Report being prepared for next year (2007)?
- f) Will the Department be developing the PBS projections for the 2007 Intergenerational Report?
- g) If not, will the Department have any role in preparing the projections for the PBS in the 2007 Report?
- h) Will the Department have any role at all in preparing the 2007 IGR? If not, why not?
- i) When is work on this likely to commence, what is the timeline?
- j) Does this mean that Treasury and Finance will manage and direct long term PBS and health policy?

Answer:

a) Yes.

b) The Australian Government's 2002 Intergenerational Report was produced by the Treasury to provide a basis for considering the Commonwealth's fiscal outlook over the 40 years following the release of the report, and to identify issues arising from the ageing of the population.

The report cautions that the projections cannot be considered to be forecasts of the future. The factors underlying the estimates are reasonable assumptions rather than forecasts, and the interaction between these factors could vary over time. The methodology assumes that there will be no change in the rate of policy change during the 40 year period, with results reflecting an extension of existing trends not specific policy changes.

c) See (b) above.

d) The 2002 Intergenerational Report did not recommend 'cutting' the PBS.

The second Intergenerational Report is currently being prepared by Treasury, as required by the *Charter of Budget Honesty*. Data gathered subsequent to the original report is included in this process. The purpose of repeating the exercise is to update the projections presented in the original report and it would not be appropriate to comment at this stage.

The Department is not involved in the development of projections for programs outside its portfolio responsibility and cannot comment on the growth in Health programs relative to growth in other programs.

e) The current level of PBS growth will be taken into account in calculations of the future PBS growth rate.

f) The 2007 Intergenerational Report will be prepared by Treasury.

g) The Department of Health and Ageing is being consulted by Treasury concerning the preparation of the next Intergenerational Report.

h) See (g) above.

i) Work has been underway for several months. The 2007 Intergenerational Report is due by May 2007.

j) The Intergenerational Report addresses all areas of Australian Government expenditure. The role of the Treasury and the Department of Finance and Administration in relation to the development, approval and implementation of government policy in any area, is unchanged by the preparation or publication of the second Intergenerational Report.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-001

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: EXPENDITURE ON LEGAL SERVICES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Ludwig asked:

Questions to each Department and the Agencies constituted underneath it:

- a) What sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-2006 on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).
- b) What sum did the department or agency spend on internal legal services.
- c) What is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.

Answer:

- a) The Department and Portfolio Agencies total expenditure on external legal services for 2005-06 was \$7,907,182 (GST inclusive). This figure was calculated based on the following:

Department / Portfolio Agency	Total External Legal Services Expenditure (GST inclusive)
Department of Health and Ageing	5,570,808
Aged Care Standards & Accreditation Agency (ACSAA)	111,973
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)	3,821
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA)	29,665
Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)	9,609
General Practice Education and Training (GPET)	53,978
Therapeutic Goods Agency (TGA)	334,548
National Blood Authority (NBA)	151,862
National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS)	14,344
Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC)	283,523
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman (PHIO)	0
Professional Services Review (PSR)	1,343,051
Total	\$7,907,182

b) The Department and Portfolio Agencies total expenditure on internal legal services for 2005-06 was \$7,684,553 (GST Exclusive). GST is not applied to services provided internally. This figure was calculated based on the following:

Department / Portfolio Agency	Total Internal Legal Services Expenditure (GST Exclusive)
Department of Health and Ageing	4,652,582
Aged Care Standards & Accreditation Agency Ltd (ACSAA)	0
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)	0
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA)	220,000
Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)	549,777
General Practice Education and Training (GPET)	0
Therapeutic Goods Agency (TGA)	1,938,438
National Blood Authority (NBA)	323,756
National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS)	0
Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC)	0
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman (PHIO)	0
Professional Services Review	0
Total	\$7,684,553

c) The Department and Portfolio Agencies projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-07 is \$17,774,294. This amount was calculated by adding the Department's total internal and external expenditure for 2005-06, then adding the projected legal expenditure provided by Portfolio Agencies as outlined in the following table:

Department / Portfolio Agency	Total Projected Legal Expenditure for 2006-2007
Department Health and Ageing	10,223,390
Aged Care Standards & Accreditation Agency Ltd (ACSAA)	216,000
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)	10,000
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA)	387,581
Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)	693,220
General Practice Education and Training (GPET)	35,300
Therapeutic Goods Agency (TGA)	2,984,704
National Blood Authority (NBA)	536,899
National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS)	15,700
Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC)	1,171,500
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman (PHIO)	0
Professional Services Review (PSR)	1,500,000
Total	\$17,774,294

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Question: E06-090

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: SECRETARY'S OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Written Question on Notice

Senator Jan McLucas asked:

Please supply a list of all overseas trips taken by the Secretary of the Department, the reason for each trip and the cost of each trip – travel, accommodation, dining and other expenses.

Answer:

The Secretary undertook the following official overseas travel in the previous year.

The Secretary accompanied the Minister at an International Conference on Global Pandemic Readiness in Ottawa and accompanied the Parliamentary Secretary to New Zealand for a meeting of the Interim Ministerial Council on Trans Tasman Therapeutic Regulatory Agency. Total cost for this travel was \$19,850.96.

The Secretary, who is the Australian Government representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organisation, attended two meetings of the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly following an Executive Board meeting. In addition the Secretary Chaired a meeting of the Management Group for the OECD health project during one of these visits.

The Secretary travelled to New Zealand for meetings with the NZ Minister and the Director-General of the New Zealand Ministry of Health regarding the establishment of the Trans Tasman Therapeutic Products Agency.

The Secretary lead a delegation to the Western Pacific Region for a World Health Organisation Regional Committee meeting.

The Secretary lead a delegation to the United States for Medicines Working Group discussions under the US Free Trade Agreement.

Total cost of this travel was \$59,054.60.

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Question: E06-002

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: EXECUTIVE COACHING AND/OR OTHER LEADERSHIP

Written Question on Notice

Senator Joe Ludwig asked:

The following questions relate to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services by the department/agency, broken down for each of the last four financial years.

Where available, please provide:

1. Total spending on these services.
2. The number of employees offered these services and their salary level.
3. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their salary level.
4. The names of all service providers engaged.
5. For each service purchased from a provider listed in the answer to the previous question, please provide:
 - a. The name and nature of the service purchased.
 - b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based.
 - c. The number of employees who received the service.
 - d. The total number of hours involved for all employees.
 - e. The total amount spent on the service.
 - f. A description of the fees charged (e.g. per hour, complete package).
 - g. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - i. The location used
 - ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part.

Answer:

2002-03 Financial Year:

1. \$20,895.00.
2. Unknown.
3. Unknown.
4. VT Coach Pty Ltd.
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 - a) Executive coaching.
 - b) One-on-one.
 - c) Unknown.
 - d) Unknown.
 - e) \$20,895.00.
 - f) \$275.00 per hour.
 - g)
 - i. Unknown.
 - ii. Unknown.
 - iii. Unknown.

2003-04 Financial Year:

1. \$39,810.00.
2. Unknown.
3. Unknown. However, the following have been identified:
 - SES Band 1: Two
 - SES Band 2: One.
4. VT Coach Pty Ltd; Australian and New Zealand School of Government; Australian Public Service Commission.
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	VT Coach Pty Ltd	VT Coach Pty Ltd	Australian and New Zealand School of Government	Australian Public Service Commission.
a)	Executive coaching	Executive Coaching	Executive Fellows Program – development program	Executive Development Leadership Program – development program
b)	One-on-one	One-on-one	Group based	Group based
c)	One	Unknown	One	One
d)	Two hours	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
e)	\$550.00	\$16,325.00	\$22,550.00	\$385.00
f)	\$275.00 per hour	Unknown	Complete package	Complete package
g)				
i.	Service provider's premises	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
ii.	One	Unknown	One	One
iii.	Two hours	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

2004-05 Financial Year:

1. \$15,819.60.
2. Unknown.
3. Unknown. However, the following have been identified:
 - SES Band 2: One
 - SES Band 1: Two.
4. VT Coach Pty Ltd; Susan Wylie; Public Administration Australia; Pivotal.
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	VT Coach Pty Ltd	Susan Wylie	Public Administration Australia	Pivotal
a)	Executive Coaching	Executive Coaching	New Challenges, new capabilities – development program	Executive coaching
b)	One-on-one	One-on-one	Group based	One-on-one
c)	Unknown	One	One	One
d)	Unknown	22 hours	16 hours	Approximately four hours
e)	\$6,462.00	\$6,250.00	\$720.00	\$2,387.60
f)	Unknown	\$375.00 for first hour and \$275.00 per hour for subsequent sessions	Complete package	Per hour
g)				
i.	Unknown	Unknown	National Convention Centre	Unknown
ii.	Unknown	One	One	One
iii.	Unknown	22 hours	16 hours	Approximately four hours

2005-06 Financial Year:

1. \$24,002.75.
2. Unknown.
3. SES Band 3: Two
SES Band 2: Five
SES Band 1: Four.
4. VT Coach Pty Ltd; Warren Lee; Directions for Change – Dianne Van Meegan; Australian Public Service Commission; Palm Consulting Group.
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	VT Coach Pty Ltd	VT Coach Pty Ltd and Warren Lee	Directions for Change – Dianne Van Meegan	Australian Public Service Commission	Palm Consulting Group
a)	Executive coaching	Executive coaching	Executive coaching	SES Band 3 Residential Leadership Mastery – development program	Executive Coaching
b)	One-on-one	One-on-one	One-on-one	Group based	One-on-one
c)	Seven	Two	One	One	One
d)	Unknown	10 hours	4 hours	24 hours	One
e)	\$6,930.00	\$3,529.00	\$1,540.00	\$11,550.00	\$453.75
f)	\$330.00 per hour	Complete package. One service at \$3,169.00 and one service at \$360.00	\$385.00 per hour	Complete package	\$453.75 per hour
g)					
i.	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	The Briars, Bowral, NSW	Unknown
ii.	Seven	Two	One	One	One
iii.	Unknown	10 hours	4 hours	24 hours	One

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Budget 2006-2007, 31 May and 1 June 2006

Question: E06-192

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY USED TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN
NOTIONAL ALLOCATIONS OF DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS

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Senator Moore asked:

So could we get a divisional breakdown?.....
.....Of internal expenditure.

Answer:

Please refer to E06-250.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-250

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY USED TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN NOTIONAL ALLOCATIONS OF DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS

Hansard Page: CA 49

Senator McLucas asked:

It would be useful if you could provide us with an algorithm so that we could get some sort of understanding of -

Answer:

The actual allocation per outcome, as published in the department's Annual Report, is the sum of the costs which can be directly attributable to each outcome plus a corporate allocation. The corporate allocation for each outcome is apportioned according to its share of the total of employee costs which can be directly attributed to an outcome. For instance, if outcome *x* accounts for *y* percent of the department's total employee costs *which can be* directly attributed to outcomes, outcome *x* is allocated *y* percent of the costs *which cannot be* directly attributed to an outcome (corporate costs).

In the annual Portfolio Budget Statements, departmental costs are notionally attributed to outcomes based on the current year to date actual allocation per outcome plus/minus the impacts of new and existing measures.

The table attached shows the breakup assigned to each Outcome and indicates the division primarily responsible for achieving that outcome. Departmental funding allocations are not static, and change to respond to emerging issues.

Allocation of Appropriation by Outcome	2006/07 \$'000	Division primarily responsible for achieving outcome
Outcome 1	61,327	PHD
Outcome 2	45,040	MPSD
Outcome 3	26,577	MPSD
Outcome 4	142,838	AACD
Outcome 5	42,975	PCD
Outcome 6	9,935	HSID
Outcome 7	7,930	MPSD
Outcome 8	47,505	OATSIH
Outcome 9	13,559	ACD
Outcome 10	27,051	HSID
Outcome 11	15,197	HSID
Outcome 12	9,820	HSID
Outcome 13	19,452	ACD
Outcome 14	21,775	NHMRC
Outcome 15	20,918	OHP
Total Appropriation	511,900	

Note: Corporate costs are included in these amounts and are allocated proportionally to each outcome.

This includes the following areas which perform corporate roles in the department:

Audit & Fraud

Executive

Business Group

PSD

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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-251

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING STRUCTURE

Hansard Page: CA 6

Senator McLucas asked:

Does the new structure mean we will have more branch and division heads and managers?

When that has happened, I wonder if we could get an indication of the number of new positions that have been identified.

We need to understand how many branch heads and managers we had prior to the change and how many afterwards.

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing implemented a new divisional structure on 1 August 2006. The divisional and branch structures pre- and post-1 August are at Attachments A and B respectively.

The new structure increases the number of divisions (and division heads) from 10 to 13.

The number of branches has increased from 48 to 56 (excluding taskforces). There is some further refinement to be made to the branch structure within some divisions. Accordingly, the total number of branch head positions is yet to be finalised.

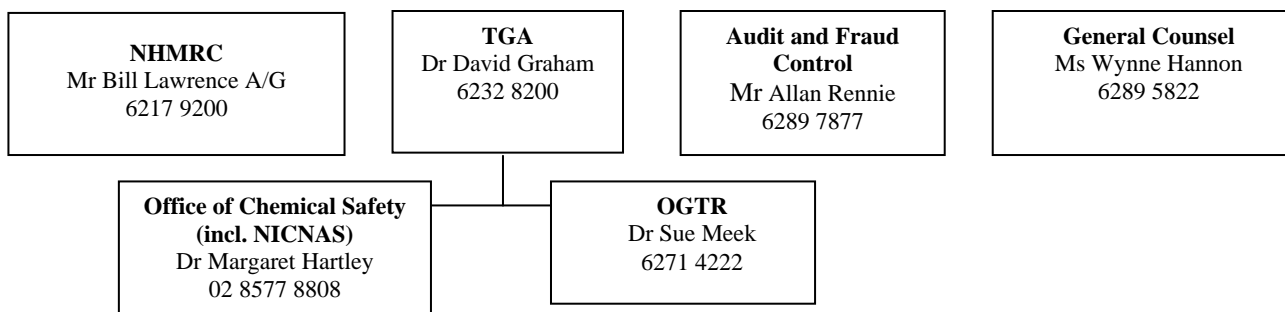
The new structure is designed to respond to the Department's greater scope of responsibility in recent years, the increase in resources and responsibilities allocated in the 2006-07 Budget, and to ensure that the Department has the capacity to effectively deliver on Government's forward reform agenda. The changes balance responsibilities across the divisions and better align related functions.

Division and Branch Structure May 2006

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Population Health Andrew Stuart 6289 4522 MDP 3	Office of Health Protection Cath Halbert A/G 6289 7011 MDP14	Primary Care Richard Eccles 6289 9310 MDP 59	Acute Care Charles Maskell-Knight A/G (until 30/5/06) David Learmonth 6289 3151 MDP 89	Ageing & Aged Care Stephen Dellar 6289 5480 MDP 73	Medical & Pharmaceutical Services Rosemary Huxtable 6289 6987 MDP 61	Portfolio Strategies David Kalisch 6289 7931 MDP 51	Office for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Lesley Podesta 6289 5314 MDP 17	Health Services Improvement Division Margaret Lyons 6289 5599 MDP 37	Business Group Alan Law 6289 5801 MDP 9	Audit & Fraud Control Branch Allan Rennie 6289 7877 MDP 90	NHMRC Bill Lawrence A/G 6217 9200 MDP 100	TGA Group of Regulators Dr David Graham 6232 8200 MDP 122		
Drug Strategy Allison Rosevear A/G 6289 8771 MDP 27	Health Protection Policy Branch Simon Cotterell 6289 7442 MDP 14	National Health Call Centre Network Taskforce Leo Kennedy 6289 9330 MDP 95	Private Health Insurance Linda Addison 6289 9490 MDP 86	Quality Outcomes Carolyn Scheetz A/G 6289 1500 MDP 68	Pharmaceutical Access & Quality Sarah Major 6289 8264 MDP 38	Budget Jamie Clout 6289 8040 MDP 51	Program Planning & Development Mark Thomann 6289 5359 MDP 17	Health Workforce Alison Larkins 6289 7404 MDP 50	Finance Stephen Sheehan 6289 8440 MDP 69	Centre for Health Advice, Policy & Ethics Cathy Clutton A/G 6217 9030 MDP 100	Centre for Research Management & Policy Suzanne Northcott 6217 9040 MDP 100	Principal Medical Adviser Dr Rohan Hammett 6232 8210	Legal Services Group Terry Lee 6232 8230	
Strategic Planning Peter Morris 6289 7035 MDP 16	Surveillance Branch Megan Morris 6289 4515 MDP 137	General Practice Programs Lou Andreaatta 6289 8364 MDP 71	Acute Care Strategies Gail Yapp 6289 7601 MDP 126	Policy & Evaluation Peter Broadhead 6289 5475 MDP 76	Pharmaceutical Benefits Joan Corbett 6289 7085 MDP 83	Parliamentary & Portfolio Agencies Shirley Browne 6289 5115 MDP 41	Health Strategies Rachel Balmanno 6289 5311 MDP 17	Chronic Disease & Palliative Care Linda Powell 6289 7822 MDP 23	Corporate Support Mike Siers 6289 5244 MDP 98			Drug Safety & Evaluation Dr Leonie Hunt 62328100	Financial & Property Group Michel Lok 6232 8216	
Food & Healthy Living Jennifer McDonald 6289 7107 MDP 15	Health Emergency Planning & Response Branch Leslee Roberts 6289 4656 MDP 14	Primary Care Programs Jennie Roe A/G 6289 7110 MDP 59	Acute Care Development Yael Cass 6289 8706 MDP 47	Residential Program Management Stephen Dellar 6289 5500 MDP 75	Pharmaceutical Policy Taskforce Principal Adviser Dr Ruth Lopert 6289 4111 MDP 133	International Strategies Branch Jenny Helford 6289 8019 MDP 85	Policy & Analysis Joy McLaughlin 6289 5284 MDP 17	Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Nathan Smyth 6289 7343 MDP 37	Strategic Management Branch Taliana Utkin 6289 8183 MDP 35			Centre for Corporate Operations Clive Morris 6217 9020 MDP 100	MO5 Dr J Ferla A/G Dr P Chipman Dr J McGinness Dr N. Mitchell Dr G Dickson 6232 8114	Business Management Group (BMG) Ngaire Bryan 6232 8240
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		Primary Care Policy Judy Daniel 6289 8207 MDP 94	Diagnostics & Technology Peter Woodley A/G 6289 7163 MDP 107	Office for an Ageing Australia Fiona Lynch-Magor 6289 5246 MDP 10	Office of Hearing Services Tony Kingdon 6289 5360 MDP 113	Economic & Statistical Analysis Julie Roediger 6289 5430 MDP 132		Rural Health Sharon Appleyard A/G 6289 9263 MDP 91	Technology Group IT Strategy & Service Delivery Branch John Trabinger 6289 5198 MDP 81				Office of Complementary Medicines Dr David Briggs 6232 8439	Trans Tasman Group - Principal Scientific Advisor Dr Fiona Cumming 6232 8474
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HEALTH AND AGEING ORGANISATIONAL CHART
May 2006

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Division and Branch Structure August 2006

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August 2006

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NHMRC
 Prof Warwick Anderson
 (Independent statutory agency
 from 1 July 2006)
 6217 9200 MDP 100

TGA
 Dr David Graham
 6232 8200
 MDP 122

Audit & Fraud Control
 Mr Allan Rennie
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 MDP 90

General Counsel
 Ms Wynne Hannon
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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-252

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: ORGANISATIONAL CHART FOR MINISTERIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY
SUPPORT BRANCH

Hansard Page: CA15

Senator Moore asked:

Can we get an org chart showing how many people?

Answer:

A chart showing the functional responsibilities of the Ministerial and Parliamentary Support Branch is attached.

During 2005-06, the Branch included between 32 and 38 staff who worked flexibly across the range of functions to respond to work priorities and peaks of activity. The coordination and management of these parliamentary and ministerial activities also involves staff in divisional business management units, divisional executives, and the Department's executive.

Ministerial & Parliamentary Support Branch

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Cabinet, Parliamentary Support and CSSS Section	Ministerial Liaison and Support Section	Health Ministers' Coordination Unit	
Cabinet Senate Estimates Parliamentary Questions On Notice Question Time; and Systems and Training	Ministerial Correspondence and Support Minutes and Briefings	Support for portfolio involvement in the Health and Community Services Ministerial Council and its associated bodies.	

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-089

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: DELAYS IN PQON RESPONSES

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

On 10 October last year I submitted two sets of Questions on Notice in the Senate (nos 1299 and 1300).

These required quite straightforward answers about (1) progress with the implementation of the Government's election commitments on cancer and (2) a departmental review of possible SV40 contamination of polio vaccine.

Those answers were due 9 November.

The answers to Question 1299 were finally received in April. I have yet to receive the answers to Question 1300.

- a) What has been the delay in responding to these questions?
- b) Given that the response to Question 1299 arrived only after the passage of the Cancer Australia Bill (a fact which was included in the answer), does this mean that the answers to Q1299 were not done until just before I got them?
- c) When will the answers to Question 1300 be forthcoming?

Answer:

- a) Every effort is made to respond to Parliamentary questions on notice in a timely manner. However, from time to time answers may be delayed for various reasons, including delays while seeking input from other agencies or organisations, waiting for data to become available or as a result of peaks of activity across the Department such as during the lead-up to the Federal Budget. With regard to question 1299, considerable activity was occurring with many of the Strengthening Cancer Care measures. Consequently there were a number of iterations required, as relevant events occurred while the answer was in preparation and clearance processes, before the final answer was provided.
- b) No. The answer was updated.
- c) This answer to Parliamentary Question 1300 has been tabled.

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-260

OUTCOME: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: 10 LARGEST OVERSPENDING PROGRAMS/10 LARGEST UNDERSPENDING PROGRAMS

Hansard Page: CA 12, CA 23, CA 42

Senator McLucas asked:

Which are the 10 largest underspending programs and the 10 largest overspending programs for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years? Commentary with budget compared to actual.

Answer:

The ten largest underspending programs for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years for the Department of Health and Ageing are detailed below. Only three programs overspent in 2004-05, and nine programs overspent in 2005-06. The increase in overspends in 2005-06 was due to changes in the reporting of estimated expenditure following discussions with the Department of Finance and Administration. This approach involved reducing 2005-06 estimates based on year to date expenditure (to March). For a few programs expenditure post March was higher than expected.

Programs that underspent in 2004-05

Item	Program	Revised Budget Estimates \$'000	Actual Expense \$'000	Variance \$'000	Explanation of Variation
1	Primary Care Strategies	497,586	416,789	-80,797	Lower than expected take up on several measures including More Graduate Doctors in Outer Metro areas, Procedural GPs and Co-ordinated Care Trials.
2	Pharmaceutical Services	6,121,099	6,054,401	-66,698	The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme is a demand driven program. Demand was lower than expected in some drug groups (eg: cholesterol lowering, arthritis and anti-depressant medications).
3	Pharmaceutical Restructuring	131,702	75,611	-56,091	The underspend was primarily due to delays in the implementation and take-up of programs under the Community Pharmacy Agreement.
4	Alternative funding for GP Services	349,533	294,467	-55,066	Lower than expected uptake on several initiatives under the Practice Incentives Program including electronic decision support, GP IT development, practice nurses and Broadband access for Health.
5	Medical Research	439,671	393,768	-45,903	Delays in expenditure due to extended policy and implementation consideration of the Independent Research Institutes Infrastructure Support Scheme.
6	National Public Health	376,656	332,781	-43,875	Delays in negotiations relating to the National Illicit Drugs Strategy impacted on expenditure. These funds were rephased into future years.
7	Medical Indemnity	100,525	59,624	-40,901	This is a demand driven program. Fewer doctors than expected applied for the Premium Support Scheme, and fewer claims were lodged against the High Cost Claims Scheme, and the Run-off Cover Scheme.
8	Access to Public Hospitals	7,977,229	7,954,416	-22,813	The majority of program expenditure relates to the Australian Health Care Agreements (AHCAs). This underspend is primarily due to a number of minor underspends in various demand driven sub-programs also included in this program structure.
9	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	287,096	265,629	-21,467	The variance is a result of slippage of capital works projects in remote areas where climatic condition, transport problems and lack of workforce have combined to cause project completion dates to fall behind. All funds were rephased into future years to meet ongoing capital work commitments for Indigenous health services.
10	Mental Health Strategies	136,699	116,516	-20,183	Funding for the Mental Health components of the AHCAs is made available over a five year period. The funding proposals are developed and submitted by stakeholders and State and Territory governments over this period and typically the majority of funding flows in the last two years of the agreements. The unspent component of the annual allocations are carried forward to the following year by ministerial approval. It is anticipated that all Mental Health and Palliative Care funds will be expended by 30 June 2008.

Programs that overspent in 2004-05

Item	Program	Revised Budget Estimates \$'000	Actual Expense \$'000	Variance \$'000	Explanation of Variation
1	Medicare Services	9,850,853	10,130,187	279,334	The MBS is a demand driven program. Demand was higher than expected primarily in GP, Pathology and Operations services.
2	Affordability and Choice of Health Care	2,598,290	2,702,882	104,592	The Private Health Insurance 30% rebate is a demand driven program. Demand was higher than expected due to changes in the way members are renewing PHI policies.
3	Residential Care	4,384,592	4,482,093	97,501	This variation from estimate was primarily driven by the Government's decision to provide a one-off payment of \$1,000 per resident to Aged care providers. This decision was taken after Budget 2005-06.

Programs that underspent in 2005-06

Item	Program	Revised Budget Estimate \$'000	Actual Expense \$'000	Variance \$'000	Explanation of Variation
1	Medical Indemnity	116,669	32,214	-84,455	This is a demand driven program. Fewer doctors than expected applied for the Premium Support Scheme, and fewer claims were lodged against the High Cost Claims Scheme, and the Run-off Cover Scheme.
2	Blood and Organ Donation Services	376,490	349,765	-26,725	The majority of this underspend relates to payments made by the Department to the National Blood Authority (NBA) under the national blood arrangements. Due to delays in negotiations with suppliers, payment by the NBA has been delayed and these funds are held by them as unearned revenue in 2005-06.
3	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	322,138	297,928	-24,210	<p>The variance is a result of slippage of capital works projects in remote areas where climatic condition, transport problems, lack of workforce and other issues have combined to cause project completion dates to fall behind.</p> <p>Expenditure on the Petrol Sniffing initiative did not meet the budgeted expectations in 2005-06 as a result of the inability to provide <i>Opal</i> fuel to some communities until June 2006 due to the extended wet season.</p> <p>Rephasing of all funds is being sought to ensure that all funds remain for use on Indigenous health issues.</p>
4	Primary Care Financing, Quality and Access	186,128	172,681	-13,447	The variance related to a small number of initiatives with slightly lower take up than anticipated, these include Training for Rural and Remote Procedural GPs, After Hours Primary Medical Care and Round the Clock After Hours Programs.
5	Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Services	6,170,829	6,163,130	-7,699	The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme is a demand driven program. Demand was lower than expected in some drug groups (eg: cholesterol lowering, arthritis and anti-depressant medications) partly offset by new listings.
6	Hearing Services	242,950	235,325	-7,625	The variance is due to the Hearing Services Voucher program which is demand driven. Take up of voucher services by new clients was less than estimated.
7	Chronic Disease - Radiation Oncology	62,134	54,674	-7,460	The variance was due to the demand-driven Radiation Oncology Services initiative under which utilisation was not as high as expected; and the Radiation Oncology Patient Access initiative where negotiation of some elements with States and Territories caused delays in commencement of capital programs.

8	Health Emergency Planning and Response	40,594	35,980	-4,614	The establishment of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza under a new host and the acquisition of a safe and effective pre-pandemic vaccine against the H5N1 virus were delayed. Rephasing of funds to 2006-07 is being sought.
9	Ageing Information and Support	35,235	31,249	-3,986	This program was underspent due to delays in finalising contracts, delays in the receipt of progress reports against which payments are made, and as some planned items of expenditure were met from a different estimate.
10	e-Health Implementation	49,041	46,466	-2,575	There were delays in assessing the Managed Health Network Grants.

Programs that overspent in 2005-06

Item	Program	Revised Budget Estimate \$'000	Actual Expenses \$'000	Variance \$'000	Explanation of Variation
1	Medicare Services	10,705,677	10,825,241	119,564	The MBS is a demand driven program. Demand was higher than expected primarily driven by Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging services.
2	Immunisation	185,041	217,690	32,649	The Vaccines program is demand driven. Increased expenditure is due to greater than anticipated uptake in both the newborn and time-limited catch-up cohorts under the Childhood Pneumococcal Vaccination Program
3	Private Health Insurance	3,017,604	3,049,900	32,296	The Private Health Insurance 30% rebate is a demand driven program. Demand was higher than expected due to an increase in people taking out Private Health Insurance Coverage.
4	Medical Research (Health)	419,644	437,370	17,726	Based on year to date expenditure at March, 2005-06 estimates were reduced. Subsequently expenditure between March and June was higher than the revised estimate.
5	Rural Health Services	93,672	104,369	10,697	Based on year to date expenditure at March, 2005-06 estimates were reduced. Subsequently expenditure between March and June was higher than the revised estimate.
6	Rural Workforce	90,887	101,538	10,651	Based on year to date expenditure at March, 2005-06 estimates were reduced. Subsequently expenditure between March and June was higher than the revised estimate.
7	Dementia	21,650	22,862	1,212	A number of initiatives have progressed ahead of schedule.
8	Drug Strategy	105,162	111,349	6,187	Based on year to date expenditure at March, 2005-06 estimates were reduced. Subsequently expenditure between March and June was higher than the revised estimate.
9	Aged Care Workforce	32,764	32,610	154	Based on year to date expenditure at March, 2005-06 estimates were reduced. Subsequently expenditure between March and June was higher than the revised estimate.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-035

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

When I asked the above question on notice in February, the Department responded that it was “committed to ensuring the AFPSS meets the requirement of its funding agreement which is to provide independent non-directive pregnancy counselling”.

- a) How is the Department’s commitment ensuring Pregnancy Help Australia does meet these requirements?
- b) Has the question of whether or not it is meeting these requirements been independently verified?

Answer:

- a) The Department monitors the six monthly progress reports that the organisation is required to prepare as part of its funding agreement and to date, the organisation has achieved its performance requirements.
- b) At the November 2005 Senate Estimates hearings, the Secretary of the Department offered to investigate any complaints made to the Department by clients of the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services (AFPSS) affiliated counselling services, regarding the quality of counselling and advice offered on the Helpline. To date, the Department has not received any complaints from clients and we have no evidence to suggest that the AFPSS is not meeting the terms of our funding agreement.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-036

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY HELP AUSTRALIA

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

In light of the evidence above (see E06-034), will the Department reconsider its decision to allocate public funding to Pregnancy Help Australia, which claim to – but do not – provide information on all three pregnancy options?

Answer:

The decision to allocate funds to the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services (AFPSS) is a decision of Government, going back as far as 1999. The Department is satisfied that the AFPSS is fulfilling the terms of its funding agreement.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO
Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-037

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

What penalties, if any, are in place for organisations in receipt of Government funding which breach the criteria referred to by the Health Minister?

Answer:

Please refer to the response to the 16 February 2006 Additional Estimates Question E06-002.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO
Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-208

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Webber asked:

Could you take on notice how the material that Senator Stott-Despoja has read out (refer CA68-69) complies with the definition (non-directive pregnancy counselling services).

Answer:

The above quote is historical and refers to a period of time prior to the Australian Government entering into an agreement with the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services (AFPSS). The AFPSS's current service charter, which states they are providing 'non-directive counselling', forms the basis for our agreement.

Also refer to Senate Estimates Question E06-031, which addresses this question.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO
Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-209

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Could you provide us with now or take on notice to provide us with a copy of the most recent six-monthly progress report?

Answer:

Yes. A copy of the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services Inc. progress report for the period 1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005 is attached.

**AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES
PROGRESS REPORT, 1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005**

Output	Strategies and Timelines 1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005	Progress against strategies (in accordance with evaluation plan) 1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005
<p>Output 1: Project plan and forecasted expenditure funds plan.</p> <p><u>Key activity:</u> Revise the project plan and forecasted expenditure of funds plan according to the schedule of the funding agreement and incorporate suggestions made by the Department into the plans.</p> <p><u>Key activity:</u> Provide support from the staffed National Office in implementing the outputs as described in this project plan.</p>	<p>Ensure that Project Plan and forecasted expenditure of funds (budget) remain in accordance with the funding agreement throughout the funding period.</p> <p>Incorporate suggestions made by the Department into the plans.</p> <p>Incorporate amendments deemed appropriate by the Council of the Federation into the plans, with the approval of the Department</p> <p>Co-ordinate and manage the National Office efficiently and effectively, to provide an administrative and support base for the projects of the Federation and a source of advice and resources for affiliated agencies through:</p> <p>* Liaison with the Department of Health and Ageing re all aspects of funding and funding administration and accountability.</p>	<p>Progress Report for period 1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005, together with associated documentation, presented to the Department on 6 September 2005.</p> <p>Progress Report for period 1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005, together with associated documentation, presented to the Department on 7 March 2006.</p> <p>Revised Project Plan and Budget, 2005-06 and 2006-07 presented to the Department on 26 August 2005, incorporating suggestions made by the Department.</p> <p>In order to co-ordinate and manage the National Office efficiently and effectively, thereby providing an administrative and support base for the projects of the Federation and a source of advice and resources for affiliated agencies the following activities have occurred during the period 1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been ongoing liaison with the Department of Health and Ageing, the Federation's funding body, re all aspects of the Federation's service provision and of funding requirements.

* Ensuring ongoing and sufficient financial support for:

- a) the National Office
 - b) staff employed by the Federation
 - c) projects of the Federation
- and assist with accurate financial management of the Federation and its projects.

* Being aware of the needs of affiliated agencies (eg resources; information; professional development; support) through ongoing communication, evaluation and assessment and assisting affiliated agencies with resources as required.

* Providing administrative assistance for Federation projects (eg National Conference, 1300 Pregnancy Help Line; Training) as required.

The Executive Officer continues to work cooperatively with the Treasurer of the Federation and with the department to ensure efficient and accurate financial management (including budget development and monitoring, and financial reporting to the Department of Health and Ageing as required). Sufficient funding has been available for the ongoing operation of the Federation and for the satisfactory progress of its projects and operations.

The Executive Officer is available to affiliated agencies for the provision of support, resources, information and professional development as required. Her availability is made known regularly to agencies through various forms of communication, including the Federation's newsletter and the annual National Conference. The National Office continues to be a central point for information, advice and support for affiliated agencies. This role continues to grow as more agencies become aware of the ways in which we can offer support and assistance.

The Executive Officer provided ongoing administrative assistance to a variety of Federation projects by:

- a) Having a significant role in the planning and administration of the annual Conference of the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services, Inc. which was held in Sydney 6-9 October, 2005.
- b) Coordinating regular (quarterly) teleconferences between members of the Federation's Council.
- c) Ensuring ongoing availability of a quality brochure, posters and pocket cards advertising the 1300 National Pregnancy Help Line to all affiliated agencies through eg organising reprints of advertising material as required.
- d) Ongoing distribution of a quality brochure, posters and pocket cards advertising the 1300 National Pregnancy Help Line to all affiliated agencies.
- e) Coordinating the 1300 listings in all directories in Australia (White and Yellow pages).

- f) Continuing to contribute to the development of a new constitution which will reflect the real and projected growth of the Federation.
- g) Assisting the Training Sub-committee and the Director of Counsellor Services as required.
- h) Assisting the 1300 line Sub-committee and the 1300 line coordinator as required.
- The Executive Officer administers the affairs of the Federation in an ongoing and efficient manner. This includes management of current and ongoing funding requirements, office leasing arrangements, all insurance matters (Business Insurance, Workers' Compensation Insurance and a Professional Indemnity Insurance policy which covers the needs of the Federation and of its agencies).
- The Executive Officer produces a regular (quarterly) Pregnancy Support Newsletter, *Life Issues*, for distribution to pregnancy support agencies, pregnancy support counsellors and other workers, and other interested parties including community groups, Government Departments and politicians. The distribution list for this newsletter continues to grow, with additional organizations and individuals (international and within Australia) included each time we prepare a mailout. There is currently a distribution of about 650 newsletters. Several agencies have sent us a list of counsellors and other workers for individual distribution. We continue to investigate ways of broadening the networking opportunities of this publication. Affiliated agencies and individuals who are workers within the Federation also receive a newsletter insert, *Inside Issues*. This insert targets these affiliated agencies, their counsellors and other workers and comprises information, reports, and articles of particular interest to pregnancy help and support workers. This insert is an extremely effective way of disseminating information between agencies and from the Federation to agencies. During this funding period two newsletters were produced and distributed (July 2005 and November 2005).

* Administering the affairs of the Federation including various insurance policies.

* Producing a quarterly newsletter for distribution to agencies and other relevant organisations and individuals.

* Networking and liaising with other organisations locally, nationally and internationally. (Includes attending conferences and meetings as required)

- a) The Federation is affiliated with Heartbeat International (USA), a large international umbrella organisation of pregnancy resource providers. We regularly exchange newsletters and other information with Heartbeat, and we are part of their broadcast email network. Through contact with this organisation we are able to keep in touch with global issues in the field and with the work that is being done in agencies both in the USA and in other countries around the world. Heartbeat International has a staff member whose role it is to liaise with international affiliates. As a result of the international networks that have been established through this affiliation, the Executive Officer is now in contact through email and mutual newsletter exchange with agencies and peak bodies involved in pregnancy support in several overseas countries and has attended two Heartbeat conferences in the USA (in 2003 and 2004). The President of Heartbeat International, Dr Peggy Hartshorn, attended the Federation's national conference in October 2005 as keynote speaker and contributed significantly to the success of this event.
- b) The Federation is a member of an email media information distribution list which keeps participants informed of current advances, issues etc related to the many fields of research and to the controversial discussion surrounding developments in pregnancy related issues.
- c) The Federation continues to be a full member of the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS)
- d) The Federation regularly exchanges information / newsletters etc by email with related organizations in Australia and overseas.
- e) The Federation continues to relate to organisations providing services relevant to our clients, eg St John of God Hospital (post natal depression), Elliot Institute in the USA which specialises in investigating the impact of abortion, various Australian post abortion agencies, counselling services (eg Pregnancy Counselling Australia

in Melbourne, Pregnancy Counselling Link in Brisbane and Hopeline), and other service providers such as Centacare, St Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, various family support centres, youth services, adoption services, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the Australian Red Cross, Mission Australia and Relationships Australia.

- f) The Federation has recently joined an organisation called the Associations Forum, an organisation established to bring not-for-profit organisations together to boost performance through provision of low cost/no cost professional development and networking opportunities. www.associations.net.au
- g) Several links with relevant organisations have been established on our web page.
- h) We are active members of Helpline Australia (Formerly known as TISCA - Telephone Information Support and Counselling Association), a support network for organisations that operate telephone counselling / HelpLine services. We receive regular communication from them. The Coordinator of the 1300 Pregnancy Helpline attends their meetings in Sydney.
- i) The Director of Counselling services (Debbie Garratt) will present a workshop entitled *Challenges of Counselling Education in Lay Volunteer Settings* at *Connecting Creating Celebrating*, an International Conference on Counselling, in July 2006. (see Attachment 3 , Workshop 3c, Friday 7 July 2006)

Output 2: Sexual and reproductive health counselling services.

Objective: Provide throughout the Project Period, national sexual and reproductive health counselling services for women requiring support for an unplanned pregnancy including 1300 telephone line and the local services provided by affiliated agencies.

Key activity: Collate data, identify and report on trends in types and volume of inquiries of counselling services provided. Identify what evidence-based guidelines or needs based assessments are used to identify client needs

Continue to develop and refine an efficient IT system for collecting and analysing information and data about:

- a) clients
- b) potential clients
- c) perceived needs of clients and potential clients.

(Information collected will pertain to both the 1300 National Pregnancy Helpline and to each agency's counselling service).

Continue to involve participating agencies in the collection and collation of data from the counselling services they provide over the period July 2005 – June 2007.

Key activity: Provide operational guidelines including days and hours of service available, expertise and standard of qualifications of counsellors.

1300 Pregnancy Helpline is a 24 hour/7 day a week service

Collect information annually (July) from all agencies re their hours of service and specific details of services provided.

Ensure that this information is publicly available (eg on the website).

Ensure that all counsellors have been accredited by the Federation in order to maintain a consistent minimum standard of counselling qualifications and expertise.

We continue to analyse the large amounts of information coming in on the 1300 line calls. (see Attachment 4)

The system has been operating in Sydney for some time and we are now expanding the system by involving agencies in other locations in the project. The coordinators of the system have identified two appropriate agencies and will liaise with the IT consultant re the most efficient and cost effective way of implementing this next phase of the project.

The 1300 Pregnancy Helpline continues to operate as a 24-hour / 7 days a week service.

Information re each agency's operational details and services provided is collected during July/August each year.

Information collected is collated and circulated annually throughout the organisation. This information is available on request and is posted on the Federations' website.

It is routine procedure that counsellors on the 1300 Pregnancy Helpline must have completed the Federation's counsellor

<p>Key activity: Once accredited as a Registered Training Organisation, identify and implement methods of accrediting all Federation Counsellors.</p> <p>Key activity: Continue to maintain the 1300 number throughout the Project Period</p>	<p>Identify and implement methods of accrediting all Federation Counsellors, once the Federation achieves accreditation as a Registered Training Organisation.</p> <p>Maintain ongoing liaison with Telstra and with participating agencies re efficient functioning of the system</p> <p>Maintain adequate staffing of the 1300 line.</p>	<p>training course and subsequently been accredited or in the process of accreditation. A national review of accreditation status of all counsellors is currently being undertaken. Newly developed accreditation standards and procedures are being phased in across all agencies. (see Attachment 5)</p> <p>Initial steps towards accreditation as a Registered Training Organisation have been taken. Developing and implementing accreditation as an RTO is currently a priority task of the Counselling Services Director, with assistance as required from the Executive Officer.</p> <p>The 1300 Coordinator routinely maintains ongoing liaison with Telstra and with participating agencies re efficient functioning of the system</p> <p>The 1300 Coordinator and the Director of Counselling Services maintain ongoing communication with participating agencies in order to be aware of the agencies' counsellor staffing situations and needs.</p> <p>Our latest statistics re calls to the 1300 line again show a slight decrease in the number of calls during this reporting period. (see Attachment 7). This has been a time of significant review of our counsellor training course and its implementation. Subsequently there has been unavoidable disruption to the continuity of training new counsellors.</p> <p>However, a new regionalised training system will shortly be implemented and this should result in a significant increase in the number of newly trained counsellors available for the line. Once the line is adequately staffed again we will promote the line strongly eg through a complete upgrade of our website.</p> <p>We are also trialling, for a three month period, accessibility of the line to callers from mobile phones.</p> <p>We believe that the fact that the line has, up to now, been unavailable to mobile callers may have had a significant impact on the numbers of calls received.</p> <p>We are also concerned that ongoing (often inaccurate) press coverage of our service in recent months may have had a negative impact on our call rate.</p>
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Recruit and train new counsellors.

During this reporting period Counsellor Training courses were presented as follows:

Canberra: 1 block of training over 3 days, which completed basic training for participants. 3 trainees elected to continue through the initial accreditation process.

Hobart: 2 blocks of training (3 days each) were presented.

Brisbane: 2 new counsellors have received initial accreditation

Newcastle: 1 new counsellor has received initial accreditation; 2 trainees are completing initial accreditation

The Director of Counselling Services prepared several

presentations for the conference in October, detailing new vision for training and supervision. In-service opportunities were also provided at this event.

The Director of Counselling Services continues to revise and rewrite the training course with an estimated completion of June 2006.

Plans are underway for a train - the trainer course, drawing experienced personnel from all over Australia to equip them for a training role in their regions.

Retain trained personnel through good staff/volunteer management practices

The Federation is actively investigating strategies that will improve the retention rate of trained personnel. This is part of our ongoing review of training. As part of this process we are already implementing more effective systems of counsellor accreditation and counsellor support (including supervision).

For further information see Attachment 6, *Counsellor Training Activities*

Ensure adequate insurance protection for counsellors.

The Federation administers a Professional Indemnity Insurance Policy on behalf of its accredited counsellors.

<p><u>Key activity:</u> Continue to promote the 1300 telephone line. Identify and list areas where telephone line is promoted and how it is promoted</p>	<p>Ensure all currently published telephone directories in Australia (regional and metro, White and Yellow pages) carry details of the service.</p> <p>July 2005 July 2006</p> <p>Maintain and continue to update the Federation's website.</p> <p>Continue to promote the 1300 line through ongoing distribution of advertising material using agencies and other regional sources as distribution points.</p>	<p>Advertising in all currently published telephone directories in Australia (regional and metro, White and Yellow pages) was renewed for the 2005/2006 directories. However, we have been unable to upgrade the quality of the advertisement in any directories due to financial constraints.</p> <p>The website continues to provide information about the Federation and its services. Inquiry to the National Office from the web-site continues at the rate of 2-3 emails per week. Changes to contact details etc of agencies are updated as information is received.</p> <p>The website is to be reviewed and upgraded as a priority role of the Executive Officer.</p> <p>Brochures and pocket cards advertising the services of agencies affiliated with the Federation and the 1300 Pregnancy Helpline continue to be distributed regularly (on request) to affiliated agencies, non-affiliated agencies, individuals and related services (eg health and community services) who are interested in disseminating the information. There is consistent demand from agencies for additional brochures and pocket cards.</p>
<p>Output 3: Counsellor training</p> <p>Develop, implement and monitor appropriate counsellor training to support 1300 telephone line and the local services provided by affiliated agencies</p> <p>Key activity: Report on outcome of subcommittee formed to assess current status of the training program</p>	<p>Monitor progress of subcommittees (Training Sub-committee and Training Liaison Committee) formed to assess current status of counsellor training program.</p> <p>Report on progress of these subcommittees, Progress Report No 2, February 2005 and Progress Report No 3, August 2006. By this time we expect that the review will be completed and a new phase of training will be established.</p>	<p>The Training Liaison Sub-committee has been disbanded by the Council of the Federation as its role has been superseded by the appointment of a Director of Counselling Services. The training Sub-committee continues to work with the Director of Counselling services and the Council of the Federation in seeking to develop a professional training program for counsellors and implement the training effectively.</p> <p>Debbie Garratt RN, M.Ed, B.Ed, B.N. Cert Couns MACA, is the Director of Counselling Services</p> <p>Please see Attachment 6 for a detailed report on her activities during this reporting period, together with supporting documentation.</p>

<p>Throughout this time the Director of Counselling services has been conducting training courses, working on the development of appropriate systems of accreditation of counsellors, developing an up-dated training Manual and planning a Train the trainer course which will be implemented in March 2006. Together with the Executive Officer she has commenced working on accreditation of the Federation as a Registered Training Organisation.</p>		
<p>The Director of Counselling Services and the Executive Officer have taken initial steps in the process of gaining accreditation of the Federation as a Registered Training Organisation. This is currently a priority task for implementation as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Gain and maintain accreditation as an Australian National Training Authority recognised Registered Training Organisation for training health educators, health professionals and other workers. No later than 30 June 2007.</p> <p>Provide documentation that verifies the credentials of the organisation that accredits the Federation's training programs. No later than 30 June 2007.</p>	<p>Output 4: Accreditation</p> <p>Gain and maintain accreditation as an Australian National Training Authority recognised Registered Training Organisation for training health educators, health professionals and other workers no later than the end of the Project Period.</p> <p>Key activity: Gain and maintain accreditation of counsellor training</p>
<p>The Annual Conference of the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services, Inc. was held in Sydney 6 - 9 October 2005 (for detailed information see Attachment 8) Counsellors, schools program presenters, agency staff and volunteers and committee members from centres all over Australia were provided with a challenging experience of professional development through a varied program of talks, workshops and discussion sessions. Through all this input, conference participants were equipped to return to their agencies with fresh information and enthusiasm. In addition to the formal program, there were many informal opportunities for networking and sharing of information and ideas and for developing new contacts among fellow workers.</p>	<p>Coordinate a quality annual conference that will extend the training and networking opportunities of counsellors and other workers from all affiliated agencies.</p>	<p>Output 5: National Training Conference</p> <p>Plan and coordinate the annual National Training Conference</p> <p>Key activity: Report on the process undertaken to develop and implement the National Training Conference</p>

At the conference, employees and office bearers of the Federation presented reports on their work and the progress of the Federation, and they were available to delegates for questions and further information. Staff members who administer our funding within the Department of Health and Ageing were also able to attend to make a presentation re government funding and respond to questions re our responsibilities as a government funded organisation.

Dr Peggy Hartshorn, President of Heartbeat International, USA, was an inspirational keynote speaker. We were very pleased that the National Director of Pregnancy Counselling Services, New Zealand, was also able to attend and share information about services available in that country. Delegates from several significant pregnancy support services not affiliated with the federation attended the conference and one of these agencies has subsequently become an affiliated member.

Substantial registration and travel subsidies were available to delegates from affiliated agencies to ensure that attendance at the conference was available to workers from all our members regardless of the size or location of the agency.

Planning is now in progress for the 2006 conference which will be held at Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter, Canberra from 6th to 8th October 2006. This will be a smaller conference, restricted to representatives of member agencies only, and will have a full focus on in-service training for staff and volunteers working for agencies in a variety of capacities eg counsellors, schools' education program presenters and support staff. Once again, substantial subsidies will be available to ensure equity of opportunity for attendance.

Subsidise attendance at this conference to ensure equal opportunity for attendance, regardless of the size or location of any agency.

The National Conference will alternate between a full conference one year and a smaller conference, with a more specific training or in-service focus, the other year.

Thus, over a two year period, members of all agencies will be provided with the opportunity for full conference participation, for their professional development and they will be offered a smaller conference with more specific in-service training opportunities as well.

Training conference - Sydney 24-26 September 2004

Full conference - Sydney 6-9 October 2005

Training conference - Canberra, 6-8 October 2006

<p>Output 6: Agreed reporting narrative and statistical data proforma</p> <p>The participant must develop in consultation with the Department an agreed reporting narrative and statistical data proforma. Timing and reporting period to be negotiated with the Department.</p>	<p>Develop a mutually satisfactory proforma for reporting narrative and statistical data.</p> <p>Timing and reporting period to be negotiated with the Department.</p>	<p>This is still to be discussed, negotiated and developed.</p>
<p>Output 7: Develop collaborative national partnerships with other agencies that provide fertility awareness and other related activities.</p> <p>Key activity: Develop collaborative national partnerships with other agencies that provide related services in fertility awareness and other related activities, such as the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church (Natural Family Planning), to ensure that campaigns, activities and projects are complementary.</p>	<p>Develop collaborative national partnerships with other agencies that provide related services in fertility awareness and other related activities, such as the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church (Natural Family Planning), to ensure that campaigns, activities and projects are complementary.</p>	<p>Limited discussion has taken place with some agencies. Contact with the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church (Natural Family Planning) was not made during this reporting period.</p>
<p>Output 8: Fertility awareness education program.</p> <p>Develop and implement fertility awareness education program for presentation in primary and secondary schools.</p>	<p>Implement the presentation of a previously developed fertility awareness education program in secondary schools /colleges nationally.</p> <p>Continue to train presenters of the program from within affiliated agencies.</p> <p><i>Choices, Decisions, Outcomes</i> is an innovative value based education program for adolescents, encouraging responsible decision making regarding sexuality. The course, which was</p>	<p>Jane Power conducted no training courses during this reporting period.</p> <p>Jane Power provided an introduction to one of her programs, <i>Flirting With Danger</i>, to all delegates at the Federation's</p>

<p>developed by Jane Power, Pregnancy Help Geelong, is already being presented successfully by some of our affiliated agencies in regions including Geelong, Perth, Brisbane and South Coast NSW.</p> <p>February 2005, training of presenters in Canberra ACT.</p> <p>Report to the Department re process undertaken to develop and implement Fertility Awareness Program, as required.</p>	<p>conference in October 2005. She also presented an in-service workshop for current course presenters and was available for consultation.</p> <p>The schools' program is being presented by affiliated agencies in schools in Perth and Albany (WA); Hobart (Tas); Brisbane (Qld); various locations in Northern NSW; various locations in South Coast NSW and Newcastle NSW; Geelong (Vic); and Adelaide (SA).</p>
<p>Output 9: Common service standards.</p> <p>Key activity: Reply to any communications from the Project Officer (telephone call, fax, email, or posted written communication) within two working days of receipt. If this time frame is not suitable contact the Department and indicate a revised time frame.</p>	<p>At all times representatives of the Federation attempt to maintain working communication with the Project Officer in the Department by replying to any communications from the Project Officer (telephone call, fax, email, or posted written communication) within two working days of receipt</p>
	<p>Maintain working communication with the Project Officer in the Department by replying to any communications from the Project Officer (telephone call, fax, email, or posted written communication) within two working days of receipt.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO
Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-043

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: NATIONAL PREGNANCY SUPPORT TELEPHONE HELPLINE

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

The Government has allocated \$15.5 million over four years to this Helpline. Can you provide details of what has been spent so far, a breakdown of what it has been spent on, and a breakdown of how the remaining amount has been allocated?

Answer:

The funds allocated for this measure are for the 2006-07 financial year. There have been no funds spent to date.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-044

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: NATIONAL PREGNANCY SUPPORT TELEPHONE HELPLINE

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

- a) The Department has also stated, in response to my questions on notice, that the committee overseeing the tender process will comprise officers from the Department of Health and Ageing, who will assess and rate the tenders against specified criteria. Can you please detail this criteria?
- b) Can you confirm that abortion providers have been ruled out from tendering for the Helpline? If no, can you confirm such tenders will be considered?
- c) Have organisations with a religious or philosophical opposition to abortion been ruled out from tendering? If not, what is the reason behind this double standard?
- d) Is Pregnancy Help Australia eligible to tender?
- e) To avoid anti-choice organisations such as Pregnancy Help Australia being eligible to tender, would it be possible to change the criteria for the tender from “non-directive” counselling, which is clearly able to be disputed and does not necessarily encompass all three pregnancy options, to “all options” counselling?

Answer:

- a) The selection criteria have not been agreed and finalised. As advised by the Department at the Senate Estimates Hearings in May 2006, this information will not be available until the tender has been advertised, in order to preserve an equal playing field for all possible tenderers.
- b) Given that this will be a tender process, it is not appropriate to rule particular organisations in or out at this stage.
- c) It will be up to organisations to assess the tender criteria and determine whether they believe they can meet them.
- d) See the response to a) above.
- e) See the response to a) above.

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Question: E06-045

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: NATIONAL PREGNANCY SUPPORT TELEPHONE HELPLINE

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

- a) What is the timeline for the tender process? Where is this up to at the moment?
- b) How and when will the tender be advertised?

Answer:

(a & b)

The request for tender for the Helpline will be made available to all providers at the same time to ensure a level playing field for all possible tenderers. The request for tender will be advertised on the Department of Health and Ageing web site and through national newspapers. It is anticipated that the tender will be advertised mid year.

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Question: E06-211

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Could you provide us with, either now or on notice, a complete list of the AFPSS's affiliate organisations? Ms Halton undertook to take on notice whether the Department can provide this information.

Answer:

The Department previously read out at the last (Senate Estimates) hearing and then provided a list of the AFPSS's member organisations.

The list of organisations is attached.

Pregnancy Support Service ACT Inc.
Karinya House for Mothers and Babies (ACT)
Centrecare Young Women's Pregnancy and Parenting Program, Bankstown (Sydney)
Pregnancy Support Line, Beacon Hill (Sydney)
Pregnancy Coffs Harbour – St Vincent De Paul (North NSW)
Doonside/ Mt Druitt Pregnancy Help
Pregnancy Help Sydney Inc (Sydney, Campbelltown and Central Coast)
St Vincent De Paul Pregnancy Care, Macksville (North NSW)
Pregnancy Help Manly/ Warringah (Sydney)
Manning Pregnancy Support Inc, Taree
Milton/ Ulladulla Pregnancy Support Service (South Coast)
Newcastle Pregnancy Support Service
Pregnancy Support Parramatta
Pregnancy Help Midcoast, Port Macquarie
House of Shalom (Crossroads Ministries) Woodenbong (North NSW)
Pregnancy Support Albury Wodonga
The Gianna Centre Ltd, Pregnancy Support and Counselling Service Albury Wodonga
Pregnancy Help Geelong
Pregnancy and Family Support, Burleigh Heads (Gold Coast)
Pregnancy Help Mackay
Pregnancy Problem Centre Inc, Mt Gravatt (Brisbane)
Pregnancy Support Adelaide Inc. Adelaide
Pregnancy Counselling and Support Tas Inc, Canning Bridge
Pregnancy Help Geraldton
Pregnancy Support and Post Abortion Helpline, Gosnells (Perth)
Pregnancy Problem House, Northlands (Perth and Albany)
Pregnancy Crossroads, Spearwood

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Question: E06-207

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: BOWEL CANCER SCREENING

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Senator Forshaw asked:

Can we get a copy of these guidelines [NHMRC approved revised guidelines on the management of people with colorectal cancer]?

Answer:

A copy of the *Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention, Early Detection and Management of Colorectal Cancer* is attached. Copies of the guidelines can be downloaded from the National Health and Medical Research Council website:
www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/cp106syn.htm.

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Budget Estimates 2006-07, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-030

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: MBS ITEM TO PROVIDE MEDICARE-FUNDED PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

The Department's Q&A states that the two training modules which are due to be developed (following a tender process) will "be focussed on skills in non-directive pregnancy counselling and will ensure providers are able to deliver authoritative, evidence-based information to clients".

- a) Please explain what you mean by evidence based ie on what sort of evidence will the information be based – will this be WHO or NHMRC information?
- b) Have the tender processes for the two training modules been finalised? If so, please provide details.

Answer:

- a) Specific details in relation to the tenders, including requirements about the source of evidence based information, will be released to all parties at the same time, as part of the tender documents.
- b) No. The tender process for both training modules has not been finalised. The development of appropriate documentation is currently underway and will be informed by relevant experts in the field. The request for tender and the associated documentation will be made available to all providers at the same time on the Department of Health and Ageing's web-site and will be advertised through national newspapers.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-033

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY HELP AUSTRALIA

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

AFPSS states in its “about us” section on its website (www.pregnancysupport.com.au) that it offers “decision making counselling”. In its service charter it states that it offers to “counsel[ing] those considering abortion”. Is it consistent with Pregnancy Help Australia’s funding agreement that counselling practices should “steer” clients in a particular direction or specifically exclude referral to a particular legal, federally funded clinical option?

Answer:

Counselling, whether it is directive or non-directive, is about supporting decision making – it does not necessarily involve continued support or referral after a decision has been made. In directive counselling, the counsellor actively participates in the decision making process; non-directive counselling leaves the responsibility for the decision with the client.

The Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services (AFPSS) is funded to provide non-directive counseling. The Department does not require the AFPSS to provide referral to particular services.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-034

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

There have been quotes in the media that members of the AFPSS make statements to women about the clinical risks of abortion. On 24th February 2006 the SMH reported as follows:

“When we left [the counselling] we were both anxious, angry and upset, with the counsellor and each other,” said one who attended, with her partner, the Birthline Pregnancy Support Service. “We were told I would be at high risk of getting breast cancer if I had an abortion, that I could become infertile, and that I would be psychologically traumatised.”

Does the Department consider this type of information, in particular that relating to breast cancer, to be acceptable under the service agreement?

Answer:

At the November 2005 Senate Estimates Hearings, the Secretary of the Department offered to investigate any complaints made to the Department by clients of AFPSS affiliated counselling services, regarding the quality of counselling and advice offered on the Helpline. To date, the Department has not received any complaints from clients and we have no evidence to believe that AFPSS is not meeting the terms of our funding agreement.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-040

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY HELP AUSTRALIA

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Who is the Pregnancy Help Australia signatory to the agreement with the Commonwealth for their funding agreement? Is this one person or a number of people?

Answer:

The (then) President of the AFPSS signed the funding agreement. This is one person.

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Question: E06-041

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott-Despoja asked:

- a) Can you confirm the address at which Pregnancy Help Australia – formerly the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services – is based?
- b) Can you confirm that address is 4 Middletons Lane, Murrumbateman?
- c) Who is the title holder of this property?
- d) Pregnancy Help Australia's services charter states that this is their address yet a quick internet search reveals this is a residential property, which incidentally is currently for sale. From the information, including photos (attached fyi), available on the internet, it certainly does not look like a professional setting for an organisation receiving more than \$300,000 per year in Federal Government funding. Does the Department have any guidelines that must be met by organisations in receipt of Government funding? If so, what are they? If not, why not?

Answer:

- a)-(c) The Registered Office of the AFPSS is PO Box 307, HALL, ACT, 2618.
- d) The Department does not prescribe where organisations establish their offices.

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Question: E06-042

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY HELPLINES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott-Despoja asked:

In response to February estimates question on notice E06-005, the Department stated that the Telephone Information Support and Counselling Association (now Helpline Australia) “is not a regulatory body and does not have the capacity to conduct regular assessment of hotlines”.

In light of the evidence outlined above, does the Department believe a new regulatory body is needed to monitor the activities of pregnancy helplines?

Answer:

The regulation of helplines (including pregnancy helplines) does not fall within the Health Portfolio and therefore it is not appropriate for the Department to comment.

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Question: E06-096

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: OBESITY

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

- a) Could we have estimates vs actual spending for the Health component of Building a Healthy, Active Australia and an explanation of any underspends?
- b) How many schools have applied for grants?
- c) How many schools received grants?
- d) Ask for a list of the successful schools.
- e) How much money has been distributed?
- f) If the funding is budgeted to provide a grant to all Primary schools, why was the funding not directly allocated to the schools instead of being provided as a grant?
- g) Could we have a list of all obesity initiatives in Department of Health and funding levels for the next four years?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health and Ageing has the following components of the Building a Healthy, Active Australia:
 - i. Healthy School Communities Grants Program
 - ii. Information for Australian Families
- i. *Healthy School Communities Grants Program*

The Department has paid over \$8.7 million in 6207 grants out of the \$14.2 million allocated to the Healthy School Communities Program, with a further \$740,000 (approximately) worth of grants currently under consideration.

Over and above this, in May 2006, an additional 1524 schools and campuses were invited to apply for the grant (these schools are new on the Department of Education, Science and Training Schools List). If the current uptake rate continues throughout 2006-07, the Department is expecting close to full expenditure of the program funds.

ii. *Information for Australian Families*

Campaign	Total Allocation	2004/2005 Expenditure*	2005/2006 Expenditure*	Total Expenditure *
'Get Moving' Physical Activity Campaign	\$5,762,000	\$93,000	\$5,669,000	5,762,000
'Go for 2&5' Fruit and Vegetable Campaign	\$4,762,000	\$3,623,000	\$1,139,000	\$4,762,000

*figures rounded to the nearest \$1,000

The total funds allocated to the Information for Families program ('Go for 2&5' fruit and vegetable campaign and 'Get Moving' physical activity campaign) have been fully expended.

- b) As of 20 June 2006, 6,700 schools have applied for the Healthy School Communities grant.
- c) As of 20 June 2006, 6,207 schools have received Healthy School Communities grants. A further 493 grant applications are currently under consideration.
- d) A list is at Attachment A.
- e) As of 20 June 2006, a total of \$8,781,721 has been distributed under the Healthy School Communities Program. As indicated above, a further \$740,000 (approximately) worth of grants are under consideration.
- f) The funding was not provided directly to schools because the Department needed to have documentation to support the funding being used for the intended purposes of the grant. This information was provided through the application form and is an important part of the accountability process.
- g) The following initiatives will help address overweight and obesity over the next few years
Australian Better Health Initiative. \$500 million will be provided over the next four years for:
 - promoting healthy lifestyles through nationally consistent messages on healthy lifestyles through a national social marketing campaign, implementing nationally consistent school canteen guidelines and school based and local programs to facilitate and support lifestyle changes;
 - supporting early detection of lifestyles and chronic disease through a new Well Person's Health Check which will be available nationally to people around 45 years old with one or more identifiable risks that lead to chronic disease;
 - supporting lifestyle and risk modification through referral to services that assist people wanting to make changes to their lifestyle. Assistance could include nutritional advice, advice on weight management, support to give up smoking and counseling;
 - encouraging active self-management of chronic disease with services ranging from group based courses to different forms of counselling; and

- improving integration and coordination of care so that people with chronic conditions can receive more flexible and innovative support.

Healthy School Communities (refer to answer (a) above)

Measuring Australia's eating habits and physical activity. \$1 million per annum (ongoing) for a national nutrition and physical activity survey program. The Department of Health and Ageing; Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Australian Food and Grocery Council have each committed \$1 million this financial year to provide a total of \$3 million to the first phase of the survey program which will focus on children and adolescents.

Remote Indigenous Stores and Takeaways (RIST) Project. \$150,000 this financial year from the Department of Health and Ageing, together with funding from Queensland, New South Wales, Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australian governments, for a three year project to improve access to healthy foods in remote communities.

Physical Activity Recommendations for Older People. \$99,938 this financial year for the development of guidelines for older people that complement recommendations for children and adults.

Consumer Resources on Overweight and Obesity. \$52,850 in 2005-06 and approximately \$70,000 in 2006-07 to develop and distribute resources for consumers to accompany the NHMRC Clinical Guidelines on Overweight and Obesity for General Practitioners.

Whole-of-Community obesity prevention site. \$141,423 in 2005-2006 to Deakin University for the Barwon-West Sentinel Site for Obesity Prevention.

Australian Breastfeeding Association. \$300,000 (2005-2008) to develop and disseminate resources to support breastfeeding mothers by training breastfeeding counsellors, updating breastfeeding training manuals, and establishing a breastfeeding case history database.

Lifescrpts. \$2.7 million over the next four years to maximise take-up of the initiative and further refine tools and training, taking total funding to \$5.5 million.

2004 Rural Health Strategy. \$24.4 million (\$8.2 million in 2005-06, \$8.1 in 2006-07 and \$8.1 in 2007-08) for the Primary Health Projects program which provides funding for national and community based preventive activities against risk factors for the high chronic disease and preventable disease rates in rural areas. The particular areas of focus for prevention are: injury prevention; smoking; physical activity; obesity; and alcohol.

Walk Safely to School and Walk to Work Days. \$500,000 each year (2004 – 2007) to support national promotion of both these events.

Australian Physical Activity Network (AusPanet). \$20,000 contribution in 2005-06 to the National Heart Foundation to help establish this web based initiative.

Healthy Weight Website. \$4,000 in 2005-2006 to develop a new website on healthy weight www.healthyactive.gov.au/healthyweight

Melbourne Walk21 International Conference, October 2006. \$20,000 in 2005-06 to Kinect Australia to sponsor the conference.

National Ride to Work Day 2007. \$26,900 contribution to Bicycle Victoria in 2005-06 to develop resource materials to support establishment of Ride to Work Day nationally.

Abbotsfield Primary School	Alice Springs School of the Air	Antonio Park Primary School
Abbotsford Primary School	All Hallows Primary School	Anula Primary School
Abbotsford Public School	All Hallows School	Anzac Hill High School
Aberfoyle Hub Primary School	All Hallows School	Anzac Terrace Primary School
Aberfoyle Park Heysen Primary School	All Saints Catholic Boys College	Apollo Bay P-12 College
Aberfoyle Park High School	All Saints Catholic Primary School	Apollo Parkways Primary School
Abergowrie State School	All Sts' Catholic Prim Sch (Liverpool)	Appin Park Primary School
Abermain Public School	All Saints College	Appin Public School
Aboriginal Community College	All Saints College	Applecross Primary School
Acacia Hill School	All Saints Primary School	Apungalindum Homeland Learning Centre
Academy of Mary Immaculate	All Saints School	Aquinas College
Acton School	All Souls St Gabriel's School	Araluen Christian School
Adam Road Primary School	Allambie Heights Public School	Aranda Primary School
Adamstown Public School	Allanson Primary School	Aranmore Catholic Primary School
Adelaide High School	Allenby Gardens Primary School	Ararat North Primary School
Adelaide River Primary School	Allendale East Area School	Ararat Primary School
Adelong Public School	Allenswood Primary School	Ararat West Primary School
Adventist Primary School Toronto	Alligator Creek State School	Aratula State School
Agnes Water State School	Allora State School	Arcadia Public School
Agnew School Maryborough	Aloomba State School	Arcadia Vale Public School
Airdale Primary School	Alpha State School	Ardeer Primary School
Airds High School	Alphington Primary School	Ardeer South Primary School
Airly Primary School	Alstonville High School	Arden Anglican School
Airville State School	Alstonville Public School	Ardlethan Central School
Ajuga School	Altona Green Primary School	Ardmona Primary School
Al Noori Muslim Primary School	Altona North Primary School	Ardross Primary School
Al Zahra College	Altona Primary School	Ardtornish Primary School
Alawa Primary School	Altona Secondary College	Areyonga School
Albany Creek State High School	Altona West Primary School	Argenton Public School
Albany Creek State School	Alyangula Area School	Ariah Park Central School
Albany Rise Primary School	Amamoor State School	Armadale Adventist School
Albany Secondary Education Support Centre	Amanbidji School	Armadale Christian College
Albert Park College	Amaroo Primary School	Armadale Education Support Centre
Albert Park Flexi School	Ambarvale Public School	Armadale Primary School
Albert State School	Amberley State School	Armadale Senior High School
Alberton Primary School	Ambrose State School	Armidale City Public School
Albion North Primary School	Amoonguna School	Armidale High School
Albion Park High School	Amphitheatre Primary School	Arncliffe Public School
Albion Park Rail Public School	Ampilatwatja Hub School	Arranounbai School
Albion Primary School	Anakie State School	Arrkilku School
Albury High School	Ananda Marga River School	Artarmon Public School
Albury West Public School	Andergrove State School	Arthur Support School
Aldavilla Primary School	Andersons Creek Primary School	Arthurs Creek Primary School
Aldercourt Primary School	Angaston Primary School	Arundel State School
Aldgate Primary School	Angle Vale Primary School	Ascham School Ltd
Aldinga Junior Primary School	Anglesea Primary School	Ascot Park Primary School
Aldinga Primary School	Anglican Church Grammar School	Ascot Vale Primary School
Alekerange School	Angurugu CEC	Ascot Vale Special School
Alesco Learning Centre	Aniltsi Homeland Learning Centre	Ashburton Drive Primary School
Alexandra Bay State School	Annandale Christian School	Ashburton Primary School
Alexandra Hills State High School	Annandale North Public School	Ashby Primary School
Alfords Point Public School	Annandale Public School	Ashcroft High School
Alfred Deakin High School	Annandale State School	Ashfield Boys High School
Alfredton Primary School	Annangrove Public School	Ashfield Primary School
Algester State School	Annesley College	Ashfield Public School
Al-Hidayah Islamic School	Annunciation School	Ashmont Public School
Alia College	Antarringinginya Homeland Learning Centre	Ashmore State School
Alice Springs High School	Antonio Catholic School	Ashwood School

Ashwood Secondary College	Balingup Primary School	Baryulgil Public School
Aspendale Gardens Primary School	Ballajura Community College	Basket Range Primary School
Aspley Special School	Ballajura Primary School	Bass Hill Public School
Aspley State High School	Ballam Park Primary School	Bass Valley Primary School
Aspley State School	Ballan Primary School	Bassendean Primary School
Asquith Boys High School	Ballandean State School	Batchelor Area School
Asquith Public School	Ballarat & Clarendon College	Bateau Bay Public School
Athelstone Junior Primary School	Ballt & Queens Anglican Grammar	Bathurst High School
Athelstone Primary School	Ballarat and Clarendon College	Bathurst Public School
Atherton State High School	Ballarat Christian College	Bathurst West Public School
Atherton State School	Ballarat North Primary School	Batlow Technology School
Athlone Primary School	Ballendella Primary School	Baulkham Hills High School
Atnwengerrp Homeland Learning Centre	Balliang East Primary School	Baulkham Hills North Public School
Auburn North Public School	Ballidu Primary School	Bauple State School
Auburn Primary School	Ballimore Public School	Baxter Primary School
Auburn Primary School	Ballina High School	Bayldon Public School
Auburn South Primary School	Ballina Public School	Bayles Regional Primary School
Auburn West Public School	Balmoral Consolidated School	Bayside Christian College
Augathella State School	Balmoral State High School	Bayside Secondary College Paisley Campus
Augusta Park Primary School	Balnarring Primary School	Bayswater North Primary School
Aurora School	Balranald Central School	Bayswater Primary School
Austinmer Public School	Balwyn North Primary School	Bayswater Primary School
Australind Senior High School	Bambara Primary School	Bayswater Secondary College
Avalon Public School	Banana State School	Bayswater South Primary School
Avenel Primary School	Bangor Public School	Bayswater West Primary School
Avoca Beach Public School	Banks Public School	Beachmere State School
Avoca Primary School	Banksia Beach State School	Beachport Primary School
Avondale Primary School	Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School	Beacon Hill Public School
Avondale School	Banksia Park Primary School	Beacon Primary School
Avonvale Education Support Centre	Bankstown Intensive English Centre	Beaconsfield Intensive English Centre
Avonvale Primary School	Bankstown North Public School	Beaconsfield Primary School
Awaba Public School	Bankstown Senior College	Beaconsfield Primary School
Awabakal Vacation Care	Bankstown West Public School	Beaconsfield State School
Ayr State School	Bannockburn Primary School	Beaconsfield Upper Primary School
Babinda State School	Banora Point Public School	Beaconshills Christian College - Village Campus
Bacchus Marsh College	Banyule Primary School	Bealiba Primary School
Bacchus Marsh Grammar	Baradine Central School	Beaudesert State High School
Bacchus Marsh Primary School	Baralaba State School	Beaudesert State School
Back Plains State School	Barambah Envir Education Centre	Beaufort Primary School
Badger Creek Primary School	Baranduda Primary School	Beaufort Secondary College
Badu Island State School	Bardon State School	Beaumaris North Primary School
Bagdad Primary School	Bargara State School	Beaumaris Primary School
Bairnsdale Steiner School	Barham High School	Beaumont Road Public School
Bairnsdale West Primary School	Baringa Special School	Beckenham Primary School
Bajool State School	Baringhup Primary School	Beckom Public School
Bakers Hill Primary School	Barkly Highway State School	Bedgerebong Public School
Bakewell Primary School	Barmedman Public School	Beeac Primary School
Balaclava State School	Barmera Primary School	Beechwood Public School
Balaklava Primary School	Barnier Public School	Beechworth Primary School
Balarang Public School	Barooga Public School	Beechworth Secondary College
Balcatta Primary School	Barraba Central School	Beecroft Public School
Bald Blair Public School	Barrack Heights Public School	Beeliar Primary School
Bald Hills State School	Barrenjoey High School	Beenleigh State School
Balga Primary School	Barrington Support School	Beerburum State School
Balga Senior High School	Bartle Frere State School	Beerwah State High School
Balgowlah Heights Public School	Barunga CEC	Beerwah State School
Balgowlah North Public School	Barwon Heads Primary School	Bees Creek Primary School
Balgownie Public School	Barwon Valley School	Bega High School

Bega Public School	Berala Public School	Birdsville State School
Bega Valley Christian College - Southern Campus	Berengarra School	Birdwood High School
Bega West Public School	Berkeley South Public School	Birkdale South State School
Begonia State School	Berkeley Vale Public School	Birkdale State School
Belair Junior Primary School	Berkeley West Public School	Birmingham Primary School
Belair Primary School	Bermagui Public School	Birregurra Primary School
Belair Public School	Berne Education Centre	Birrong Public School
Beldon Primary School	Berowra Christian Community School	Bishop Druitt College
Belgrave South Primary School	Berowra Public School	Bittern Primary School
Bell Park North Primary School	Berri Primary School	Black Forest Primary School
Bell Primary School	Berrigan Public School	Black Hill Primary School
Bellaire Primary School	Berrima Public School	Black Mountain Public School
Bellambi Public School	Berrinba East State School	Black Rock Primary School
Bellarine Secondary College Ocean Grove Campus	Berry Public School	Blackalls Park Public School
Bellbrae Primary School	Berry Springs Primary School	Blackburn Lake Primary School
Bellbridge Primary School	Berserker Street State School	Blackburn Primary School
Belle Vue Park Primary School	Berwick Primary School	Blackett Public School
Belle Vue Primary School	Bessiebelle Primary School	Blackheath Public School
Bellerive Primary School	Beth Rivkah Ladies College	Blackmans Bay Primary School
Bellevue Heights Primary School	Bethanga Primary School	Blackmore Primary School
Bellevue Hill Public School	Bethania Lutheran Primary School	Blacktown South Public School
Bellevue Park State School	Bethany Christian College	Blackwater State High School
Bellfield Primary School	Bethany Christian School Incorporated	Blackwell Public School
Bellimbopinni Public School	Bethany Primary School	Blackwood Primary School
Bellingen High School	Bethel Christian College	Blair Athol Primary School
Bellingen Public School	Bethesda Christian College	Blakebrook Public School
Belmay Primary School	Bethlehem College	Blakehurst Public School
Belmont Christian College	Beulah Primary School	Blakeview Primary School
Belmont City College	Beverford District Primary School	Blanchetown Primary School
Belmont High School	Beveridge Primary School	Blaxcell Street Public School
Belmont North Public School	Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre	Blaxland East Public School
Belmont Primary School	Beverly Hills North Public School	Blayney High School
Belmont Public School	Bexhill Public School	Blayney Public School
Belmont State School	Biala Special School	Blessed Sacrament Primary School
Belmore North Public School	Bibra Lake Primary School	Bletchington Public School
Belmore School	Bicheno Primary School	Bli Bli State School
Belmore South Public School	Bicton Primary School	Bligh Park Public School
Belvedere Park Primary School	Biddabah Public School	Blighty Public School
Belvoir Wodonga Special Developmental School	Biddeston State School	Bloomfield River State School
Belyuen School	Bidwill Public School	Blue Haven Public School
Bena Primary School	Big Hill Primary School	Blue Hills College
Benalla Christian School	Bigga Public School	Blue Mountains Grammar School Ltd
Benalla East Primary School	Biggenden State School	Blue Mountains Steiner School
Benalla Primary School	Bilambil Public School	Bluewater State School
Benalla West Primary School	Billabong High School	Blyth Primary School
Benaraby State School	Billanook Primary School	Boambee Public School
Benarkin State School	Biloela State High School	Boardwalk College
Bencubbin Primary School	Biloela State School	Boardwalk Primary School
Bendigo North Primary School	Bimbadeen Heights Primary School	Boat Harbour Primary School
Bendigo Primary School	Binalong Public School	Bobs Farm Public School
Bendigo Senior Secondary College	Binda Public School	Bodalla Public School
Bendigo Special Developmental School	Bindoon Primary School	Boggabilla Central School
Bennett Road Public School	Bingara Central School	Boggabri Public School
Benowa State School	Binnaway Central School	Bohlevale State School
Bentleigh West Primary School	Binnu Primary School	Boisdale Consolidated School
Bentley Park College	Biraban Public School	Bold Park Community School
Bentley Primary School	Birchgrove Public School	Bolgart Primary School
Benton Junior College	Birchip P-12 School	Bolinda Primary School

Bolkdjam	Boys' Town School	Broadwater Public School
Bolwarra Primary School	Bracken Ridge State High School	Brocklesby Public School
Bolwarra Public School	Bracken Ridge State School	Broderick Gillawarna School
Bomaderry High School	Bracknell Primary School	Broke Public School
Bona Vista Primary School	Bradbury Public School	Broken Creek Primary School
Bonalbo Central School	Braddock Public School	Broken Hill High School
Bonbeach Primary School	Bradfordville Public School	Broken Hill North Public School
Bondi Beach Public School	Bradshaw Primary School	Broken Hill Public School
Bondi Public School	Braeview Primary School	Bronte Public School
Boneo Primary School	Bramfield Park Primary School	Brooke Avenue Public School
Bongeen State School	Brandon Park Primary School	Brookfield State School
Bongongo Public School	Branxholm Primary School	Brooklyn Primary School
Bonnells Bay Public School	Branxholme & Wallacedale Comm	Brookman Primary School
Bonnet Bay Public School	Branxton Public School	Brookstead State School
Bonnyrigg Heights Public School	Brassall State School	Brookvale Public School
Bonnyrigg High School	Brauer Secondary College	Broome Primary School
Bonville Public School	Bray Park State High School	Broomehill Primary School
Bonython Primary School	Bray Park State School	Brooweena State School
Booborowie Primary School	Braybrook College	Browns Plains State High School
Boolaroo Public School	Braybrook Primary School	Browns Well District Area School
Boolarra Primary School	Bredbo Public School	Bruce Rock District High School
Boolaroo Centre District School	Bremer State High School	Brungle Public School
Boonah State High School	Brent Street Primary School	Brunswick East Primary School
Boondall State School	Brentwood Park Primary School	Brunswick Heads Public School
Booragoon Primary School	Brentwood Primary School	Brunswick North Primary School
Booragul Public School	Brentwood Secondary College	Brunswick North West Primary School
Booral Public School	Briagolong Primary School	Brunswick Secondary College
Boorhaman Primary School	Briar Hill Primary School	Brunswick South Primary School
Boort Secondary College	Briar Road Public School	Brunswick South West Primary School
Bordertown High School	Bribbaree Public School	Bruny Island District School
Bordertown Primary School	Bribie Island State High School	Bruthen Primary School
Boree Creek Public School	Bribie Island State School	Buckley Park College
Borenore Public School	Bridge Road School	Budgewoi Public School
Boronia Heights Primary School	Bridgetown High School	Builyan State School
Boronia Park Public School	Bridgetown Primary School	Bulahdelah Central School
Boronia Primary School	Bridgewater High School	Bulimba State School
Boronia West Primary School	Bridgewater Primary School	Bull Creek Primary School
Boroondara Park Primary School	Bridgewater Primary School	Bulla Camp School
Borroloola CEC	Bridgewater Primary School	Bullarto Primary School
Bossley Park High School	Bright P-12 College	Bulleen Heights School
Bossley Park Public School	Brighton Catholic Primary School	Bullengarook Primary School
Bothwell District High School	Brighton Primary School	Bulli Public School
Bourchier Street Primary School Shepparton	Brighton Primary School	Bulman School
Bourke Public School	Brighton State School	Buln Buln Primary School
Bourke Street Public School	Brighton-Le-Sands Public School	Bunbury Community School
Bowden Brompton Community School	Brigidine College	Bunbury Primary School
Bowen Public School	Brimbank College	Bundaberg Adventist School
Bowen Road Primary School	Bringelly Public School	Bundaberg Central State School
Bowen State High School	Brinkworth Primary School	Bundaberg East State School
Bowen State School	Brisbane Adventist College	Bundaberg North State High School
Bowning Public School	Brisbane Adventist Secondary College	Bundaberg North State School
Bowral High School	Brisbane State High School	Bundaberg South State School
Bowral Public School	Brisb Water Sec College Woy Woy	Bundalaguah Primary School
Bowraville Central School	Broadbeach State School	Bundamba State School
Box Forest College - Glenroy Campus	Broadmeadows Primary School	Bundamba State Secondary College
Boyanup Primary School	Broadmeadows Primary School	Bundanoon Public School
Boyare Primary School	Broadmeadows Special Dev School	Bundarra Central School
Boyne Island State School	Broadmeadows West Primary School	Bundarra Primary School

Bundeena Public School	Caledonian Primary School	Canobolas Rural Technology High School
Bundoora Secondary College	Calen State School	Canowindra High School
Bungaree Primary School	California Gully Primary School	Canowindra Public School
Bungaree Primary School	Calingiri Primary School	Canteen Creek School
Bungendore Public School	Callaghan College Wallsend Campus	Canterbury Primary School
Bungwahl Public School	Callaghan College Waratah Tech	Canterbury Public School
Buninyong Primary School	Callington Primary School	Canterbury South Public School
Bunnaloo Public School	Calliope State School	Canungra State School
Bunyip Primary School	Caloundra Christian College	Capalaba State High School
Buranda State School	Caloundra City School	Cape Barren Island Primary School
Burbank Primary School	Caloundra State School	Cape Clear Primary School
Burbridge School	Calvary Chapel Christian School	Caragabal Public School
Burdekin Catholic High School	Calvary Christian College	Caralee Community School
Burdekin Christian College	Calvary Christian College	Carcoola Primary School
Burgmann Anglican School	Calvary Christian School	Cardiff South Public School
Burleigh Heads State School	Calvary Lutheran School	Cardijn College
Burnett Heads State School	Calwell High School	Cardinia Catholic School
Burnie Primary School	Camberwarra Primary School	Cardinia Primary School
Burnside Public School	Camberwell Primary School	Cardwell State School
Burnside State School	Camberwell South Primary School	Carenne School
Buronga Public School	Camboon Primary School	Carey Baptist Grammar School
Burra Burri State School	Cambooya State School	Carine Primary School
Burrendah Primary School	Cambridge Park Public School	Caringbah High School
Burringbar Public School	Cambridge Primary School	Caringbah North Public School
Burrumbuttock Public School	Cambridge Primary School	Caringbah Public School
Burton Primary School	Camden Haven High School	Carinya Christian School
Burwood East Primary School	Camden Public School	Caritas College
Burwood Heights Primary School	Camden South Public School	Carlingford High School
Burwood Public School	Camelot Rise Primary School	Carlingford West Public School
Busby West Public School	Camira State School	Carlisle Christian College
Busselton Senior High School	Cammeray Public School	Carlisle Primary School
Bute Primary School	Camp Hill Primary School	Carlton Gardens Primary School
Bwgcorman Community School	Camp Hill State Infants School	Carlton North Primary School
Byfield State School	Campania District High School	Carlton Primary School
Byford John Calvin School	Campbell High School	Carlton Public School
Bylong Upper Public School	Campbell House School	Carlton School
Bymount East State School	Campbell Primary School	Carlton South Public School
Byrock Public School	Campbell Primary School	Carmel Adventist College
Byron Bay High School	Campbell Street Primary School	Carmel Adventist College - Primary
Byron Bay Public School	Campbell Town District High School	Carmel School
Byron Community Primary School	Campbellfield Heights Primary School	Carmila State School
Cable Beach Primary School	Campbells Creek Primary School	Carnamah District High School
Caboolture Special School	Campbelltown East Public School	Carnarvon Christian School
Caboolture State School	Campbelltown High School	Carnarvon Senior High School
Cabramatta High School	Campbelltown Primary School	Carnegie Primary School
Cabramatta Public School	Camperdown College	Caroline Chisholm Catholic College
Cabramatta West Public School	Campmeadows Primary School	Caroline Chisholm College
Cabramurra Public School	Campsie Public School	Caroline Springs College
Caddies Creek Public School	Cana Catholic Primary School	Carool Public School
Cadell Primary School	Canadian Lead Primary School	Carrajung South Primary School
Cadoux Primary School	Canberra Christian School	Carramar Primary School
Cairns Rudolf Steiner School	Candelo Public School	Carramar Public School
Cairns Seventh Day Adventist School	Caningeraba State School	Carragarmunjee Primary School
Cairns State High School	Cann River P-12 College	Carrington Primary School
Cairns West State School	Canning Vale College	Carrington Public School
Calamvale Community College	Canning Vale Education Support Centre	Carroll College Broulee
Calder Rise Primary School	Canning Vale Primary School	Carrum Downs Primary School
Caldera School	Cannon Hill State School	Carrum Downs Secondary College

Carrum Primary School	Cessnock Public School	Christ Church Grammar School
Carson Street School	Chaffey Secondary College	Christ Our Holy Redeemer School
Cartwright Public School	Chairo Christian School	Christ the King Primary School
Carwatha College P-12	Chalcot Lodge Primary School	Christ the King Primary School
Casa Mia Montessori Community School	Challa Gardens Primary School	Christ the King Primary School
Cascade Primary School	Chancellor State College	Christ the King School
Casino High School	Chancellor State School	Christian Aboriginal Parent-Directed School
Casino Public School	Chandler Primary School	Christian Brothers Agricultural School
Casino West Public School	Chandler Public School	Christian Brothers High School
Cassia Education Support Centre	Chandler Secondary College	Christian Brothers High School
Cassia Primary School	Chanel College	Christian College Bellarine Ltd
Casterton Primary School	Chapel Hill State School	Christian Outreach College
Casterton Secondary College	Chapman Primary School	Christian Outreach College - Sunshine Coast
Castle Hill Public School	Chapman Valley Primary School	Christie Downs Primary School
Castlemaine North Primary School	Charles Campbell Secondary School	Christie Downs Special School
Castlemaine Secondary College	Charles Conder Primary School	Christies Beach High School
Castlemaine Steiner School	Charlestown East Public School	Christies Beach High School and South Vocational
Castlereagh School	Charlestown Public School	Christies Beach Primary School
Castletown Primary School	Charlestown South Public School	Christmas Hills Primary School
Casuarina Senior College	Charleville School of Distance Education	Christmas Island District High School
Casuarina Street Primary School	Charleville State High School	Chrysalis Montessori School
Casula Public School	Charleville State School	Chullora Public School
Cathedral College	Charlton College	Churchill North Primary School
Catherine McAuley College	Charnwood Primary School	Churchill Primary School
Catherine McAuley Westmead	Charters Towers State High School	Churchlands Senior High School
Catholic Agricultural College	Charthouse Primary School	City Beach High School
Catholic College Sale	Chatham High School	City Beach Primary School
Catholic College Wodonga	Chatham Primary School	Clairvaux Catholic School
Catholic High School	Chatham Public School	Clapham Primary School
Catholic Regional College	Chatswood High School	Clare Primary School
Caulfield Grammar School Wheelers Hill Campus	Chatswood Hills State School	Clare State School
Caulfield Junior College	Chatsworth State School	Claremont College
Caulfield Primary School	Chelona State School	Claremont Primary School
Caulfield South Primary School	Chelsea Heights Primary School	Clarence High School
Cavendish Primary School	Chelsea Primary School	Clarence Town Public School
Cavendish Road State High School	Cheltenham East Primary School	Clarendon Vale Primary School
Caversham Primary School	Cheltenham Girls High School	Clarinda Primary School
Caves Beach Public School	Cheltenham Primary School	Clarke Creek State School
Cecil Andrews Senior High School	Cheltenham Secondary College	Clarkefield Primary School
Cecil Hills Public School	Cherbourg State School	Claymore Public School
Cedar College	Cherrybrook Public School	Clayton North Primary School
Cedar Creek State School	Cherrybrook Technology High School	Clayton South Primary School
Ceduna Area School	Chertsey Primary School	Clayton View Primary School
Centaur Public School	Chester Hill North Public School	Clayton West Primary School
Centenary Heights State High School	Chester Hill Public School	Clemton Park Public School
Centenary State High School	Chevallum State School	Clergate Public School
Central Coast Adventist School	Chewton Primary School	Clermont State High School
Central Coast Grammar School	Chidlow Primary School	Clermont State School
Central Mangrove Public School	Chifley Public School	Cleve Area School
Central Midlands Senior High School	Childers State School	Cleveland District State High School
Central Queensland Christian College	Chillingham Public School	Cleveland State School
Central Tilba Public School	Chiltern Primary School	Clifford Park Special School
Central West Christian Community School	Chinchilla Christian School	Clifton Hill Primary School
Centralian College Sadadeen	Chinchilla State High School	Clifton Hills Primary School
Cerdon College	Chinchilla State School	Clifton Springs Primary School
Ceres Primary School	Chirside Park Primary School	Clifton State High School
Cessnock East Public School	Chisholm Primary School	Clinton State School
Cessnock High School	Chittaway Bay Public School	Cloncurry State School

Clontarf Aboriginal College	Condamine State School	Corio South Primary School
Clontarf Beach State High School	Condobolin High School	Corio West Primary School
Clovelly Park Primary School	Condobolin Public School	Corndale Public School
Clovelly Public School	Condong Public School	Cornerstone Christian Community School
Cloverdale Education Support Centre	Congewai Public School	Coromandel Valley Primary School
Cloverdale Primary School	Congupna Primary School	Corowa High School
Cloverlea Primary School	Coningsby State School	Corowa Public School
Cloyna State School	Coniston Public School	Corowa South Public School
Clunes Primary School	Connells Point Public School	Corpus Christi College
Clunes Public School	Connolly Primary School	Corpus Christi Primary School
Clyde Fenton Primary School	Conondale State School	Corpus Christi Primary School
Coatesville Primary School	Coodanup Community College	Corpus Christi School
Cobains Primary School	Cooee Primary School	Corpus Christi School
Cobar Public School	Cooerwull Public School	Corridors College
Cobden Primary School	Coogee Public School	Corrigin District High School
Cobram Primary School	Cook Primary School	Corrimal East Public School
Cobram Special Developmental School	Cooktown State School	Corrimal High School
Coburg Primary School	Coolabunia State School	Corrimal Public School
Coburg West Primary School	Coolangatta State School	Corryong College
Coburn Primary School	Coolaroo South Primary School	Cottesloe Primary School
Cocos Island District High School	Coolbellup Primary School	Courtenay Gardens Primary School
Coffee Camp Public School	Coolbinia Primary School	Covenant Christian School
Coffs Harbour Bible Church School	Coolongolook Public School	Covenant College
Coffs Harbour Christian Community School	Coolongup Primary School	Cowandilla Primary School
Coffs Harbour High School	Coolum Beach Christian College	Cowes Primary School
Cohuna Consolidated School	Coolum State Primary School	Cowper Public School
Cohuna Secondary College	Cooma North Public School	Cowra High School
Colac High School	Cooma Public School	Cowra Public School
Colac Primary School	Coomandook Area School	Crafers Primary School
Colac South West Primary School	Coombabah State High School	Craigieburn Primary School
Colac Specialist School	Coombabah State School	Craigieburn Secondary College
Colac West Primary School	Coomoora Primary School	Craigieburn South Primary School
Colbinabbin Primary School	Coomoora Secondary College	Craigmore South Junior Primary School
Coldstream Primary School	Coonabarabran High School	Craigmore South Primary School
Coleraine Primary School	Coonabarabran Public School	Craigslea State School
Collaroy Plateau Public School	Coonalpyn Primary School	Cranbourne Park Primary School
Collector Public School	Coonamble High School	Cranbourne South Primary School
Collingullie Public School	Coonara Community School	Cranbourne West Primary School
Collingwood College	Cooperook Public School	Cranbrook Primary School
Collingwood English Language School	Coopers Plains State School	Cranbrook State School
Collingwood Park State School	Coorabell Public School	Crawford Public School
Collinsville State High School	Cooran State School	Creaney Primary School
Colo High School	Coorara Primary School	Creek Street Christian College
Colo Vale Public School	Coorow Primary School	Crescent Head Public School
Colonel Light Gardens Primary School	Cooroy State School	Cressy District High School
Columba Catholic College	Coorparoo State School	Cressy Primary School
Comet Hill Primary School	Cootamundra Public School	Crestwood Public School
Comet State School	Coowonga State School	Creswick North Primary School
Commercial Road Primary School - Morwell	Copacabana Public School	Creswick Primary School
Como Public School	Copperfield College Kings Park Campus	Crib Point Primary School
Como West Public School	Coraki Public School	Cringila Public School
Conargo Public School	Coral Park Primary School	Cronulla High School
Concongella Primary School	Coramba Public School	Crookwell High School
Concord High School	Corinda State High School	Crookwell Public School
Concord Public School	Corinda State School	Crossways Lutheran School Ceduna
Concord School	Corindi Public School	Crowdy Head Public School
Concord West Public School	Corio Bay Senior College	Crown Street Public School
Concordia Primary School	Corio Primary School	Croxton Special School

Croydon High School	Darling Heights State School	Dingley Primary School
Croydon Hills Primary School	Darling Point Special School	Dingo State School
Croydon North Primary School	Darlington Primary School	Dinjerra Primary School
Croydon Public School	Darlington Primary School	Dinmore State School
Croydon South Primary School	Darlington State School	Dixons Creek Primary School
Croydon Special Developmental School	Darnley Island State School	Djarragun College
Croydon State School	Darnum Primary School	Dobroyd Point Public School
Croydon West Primary School	Dartmoor Primary School	Docker River School
Crystal Creek Public School	Darwin Adventist School	Dominican School
Cudgegong Valley Public School	Darwin High	Domremy College
Cue Primary School	Davallia Primary School	Don Valley Primary School
Culburra Public School	Davidson High School	Donald Primary School
Culgoa Primary School	Davoren Park Primary School	Donburn Primary School
Culunga Aboriginal Community School	Dawes Road (Kyabram) Primary	Doncaster Secondary College
Cummins Area School	Dawson Park Primary School	Dongara District High School
Cunderdin District High School	Dawson Public School	Donnybrook District High School
Cundletown Public School	Dayboro State School	Donvale Primary School
Cunnamulla State School	Daylesford Secondary College	Dookie Primary School
Curl Curl North Public School	Deans Marsh Primary School	Doonside High School
Currajong State School	Debney Park Secondary College	Dooralong Public School
Currambena School	Deception Bay North State School	Dora Creek Public School
Currambine Catholic Primary School	Deception Bay State High School	Doreen Primary School
Currambine Primary School	Deception Bay State School	Dorrigo High School
Curramulka Primary School	Dederang Primary School	Dorset Primary School
Curran Public School	Dee Why Public School	Doubleview Primary School
Curran Hill Public School	Deepwater Public School	Dover Gardens Primary School
Currawa Primary School	Deer Park North Primary School	Doveton Heights Primary School
Currimundi Special School	Deer Park Primary School Cairnlea	Doveton North Primary School
Currumbin State School	Deer Park West Primary School	Doveton Secondary College
Curtin Primary School	Delacombe Primary School	Dowerin District High School
Curtin Primary School	Delaneys Creek State School	Drake Public School
Cyril Jackson Senior Campus	Delany College	Drayton State School
Cyril Jackson Senior Campus Education Support	Deniliquin High School	Drillham State School
Dagun State School	Deniliquin North Public School	Dripstone High
Dakabin State High School	Deniliquin South Public School	Driver Primary School
Dakabin State School	Denison State School	Dromana Primary School
Dalby Christian School	Denman Public School	Dromana Secondary College
Dalby South State School	Denmark High School	Drouin Primary School
Dalby State High School	Depot Hill State School	Drouin Secondary College
Dalgety Public School	Derby District High School	Drouin South Primary School
Dalkeith Primary School	Derinya Primary School	Drouin West Primary School
Dallarnil State School	Dernancourt Junior Primary School	Drummartin Primary School
Dallas North Primary School	Derrimut Heath Primary School	Drummond Primary School
Dallas Primary School	Derrinallum P-12 College	Drummoyne Public School
Dalmain Primary School	Devenish Primary School	Dryandra Primary School
Dalyellup Primary School	Devon Meadows Primary School	Drysdale Primary School
Dandaragan Primary School	Devon North Primary School	Duaringa State School
Dandenong Primary School	Devonport High School	Dubbo College Delroy Campus
Dandenong Ranges Steiner School	Devonport Primary School	Dubbo College Senior Campus
Dandenong South Primary School	Dhurringile Primary School	Dubbo College South Campus
Dandenong Valley School	Diamond Creek East Primary School	Dubbo North Public School
Dandenong West Primary School	Diamond Creek Primary School	Dubbo Public School
Dapto High School	Diamond Valley Special Dev School	Dubbo School of Distance Education
Dapto Public School	Dickson College	Dubbo South Public School
Daradgee Environmental Education Centre	Diggers Rest Primary School	Dubbo West Public School
Darcy Road Public School	Dimboola Memorial Secondary College	Dudley Park Primary School
Dargo Primary School	Dimboola Pimpinio Primary School	Dulacca State School
Darley Primary School	Dimbulah State School	Dulwich Hill Public School

Dumbleyung Primary School
Dunalley Primary School
Duncraig Primary School
Dundee Beach Primary School
Dundula State School
Dundurrabin Public School
Dungay Public School
Dungog High School
Dunmore Lang Christian Community School
Dunolly Primary School
Dunoon Public School
Dunsborough Primary School
Dunwich State School
Durack Primary School
Durack State School
Dural Public School
Durham Road School
Durong South State School
Dutton Park State School
Duval High School
Dwellingup Primary School
E A Southee Public School
Eagle Point Primary School
Eaglehawk North Primary School
Eaglehawk Primary School
Earlwood Public School
Earnshaw State College
Earnshaw State College Junior School
East Adelaide Junior Primary School
East Adelaide Primary School
East Bentleigh Primary School
East Devonport Primary School
East Doncaster Secondary College
East Hamersley Primary School
East Hamilton Hill Primary School
East Hills Girls High School
East Launceston Primary School
East Loddon P-12 College
East Manjimup Primary School
East Marden Primary School
East Maylands Primary School
East Murray Area School
East Narrogin Primary School
East Victoria Park Education Support Centre
East Victoria Park Primary School
East Wanneroo Primary School
Eastbourne Primary School
Eastern Creek Public School
Eastern Fleurieu R12 School
Eastern Goldfields Senior High School
Eastern Hills Senior High School
Eastlakes Public School
Eastona Park Primary School
Eastside Christian School
Eastwood Primary School
Eaton Community College
Eatons Hill State School
Ebenezer Public School

Ebor Public School
Echuca East Primary School
Echuca High School
Echuca Primary School
Echuca Secondary College
Echuca South Primary School
Echuca Specialist School
Echuca West Primary School
Eddystone Primary School
Eden Hill Primary School
Eden Hills Primary School
Eden Marine High School
Eden Public School
Edenhope College
Edens Landing State School
Edge Hill State School
Edgewater Primary School
Edgeworth Heights Public School
Edi Upper Primary School
Edinburgh Adventist Primary
Edinburgh Primary School
Edithvale Primary School
Edmund Rice College
Edward John Eyre High School
Edward Public School
Edwardstown Primary School
Eglinton Public School
Eidsvold State School
Eight Mile Plains State School
Eildon Primary School
El Arish State School
Elands Public School
Elanora Heights Public School
Elanora State High School
Elanora State School
Eleebana Public School
Elimbah State School
Elizabeth Downs Primary School
Elizabeth Grove Primary School
Elizabeth North Primary School
Elizabeth Park Primary School
Elizabeth South Primary School
Elizabeth Special School
Ellalong Public School
Ellangowan Public School
Ellenbrook Christian College
Elliminyt Primary School
Elliott CEC
Elliott Heads State School
Ellison Public School
Elliston Area School
Elmore Primary School
Elonera Montessori School
Elphinstone Primary School
Elsternwick Primary School
Eltham College
Eltham East Primary School
Eltham High School

Eltham North Primary School
Eltham Primary School
Eltham Public School
Elwood Primary School
Embleton Primary School
Emerald Educational College
Emerald North State School
Emerald Primary School
Emerald State High School
Emerson School
Emmanuel Christian Community School
Emmanuel College
Emmaus Catholic Primary School
Emmaus Catholic School
Emmaus Christian School
Emmaus College
Emmaus Primary School
Empire Vale Public School
Emu Creek State School
Encounter Lutheran Primary School
Endeavour College
Endeavour Primary School
Enfield High School
Enfield Primary School
Engadine Public School
Enoggera State School
Epenarra School
Eppalock Primary School
Epping Primary School
Epping Secondary College
Epping West Public School
Epsom Primary School
Eraring Public School
Erasmus School
Erina Heights Public School
Erinbank Secondary College
Ermington Public School
Ermington West Public School
Ernabella Anangu School
Eromanga State School
Eschol Park Public School
Esk State School
Eskdale Primary School
Esperance Primary School
Esperance Senior High School
Essendon East Keilor District College
Essendon East Keilor District College
Essendon Keilor College Niddrie Campus
Essendon North Primary School
Essendon Primary School
Essex Heights Primary School
Eton State School
Ettalong Public School
Eudlo State School
Eudunda Area School
Eulo State School
Eumemmerring Primary School
Eumundi State School

Eungella State School	Fitzroy North Primary School	Fremantle Primary School
Eureka Public School	Fitzroy Primary School	Fremont-Elizabeth City High School
Euroa Primary School	Five Dock Public School	Frenchs Forest Public School
Evans High School	Flagstaff Hill Primary School	Fulham Gardens Primary School
Evans River Community School	Flagstone State Community College	Fulham North Primary School
Evanston Primary School	Flaxmill Primary School	Furlong Park School For Deaf Children
Evatt Primary School	Flemington Primary School	Fyans Park Primary School
Everton Park State High School	Flinders Christian Community College	G S Kidd Memorial School
Everton Park State School	Flinders Island District High School	Gagebrook Primary School
Everton Primary School	Flinders Park Primary School	Galen Catholic College
Exeter High School	Flinders Peak Secondary College	Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School
Exeter Primary School	Flinders Public School	Galston High School
Exford Primary School	Flora Hill Primary School	Galvin Park Secondary College
Exmouth District High School	Flora Hill Secondary College	Gamardi
Fahan School	Floraville Public School	Gapuwiyak CEC
Fairfield Primary School	Floreat Park Primary School	Garbutt State School
Fairfield Public School	Florey Primary School	Garden Suburb Public School
Fairhills Primary School	Flynn Primary School	Gardeners Road Public School
Fairholme College	Footscray City College	Gardenvale Primary School
Fairvale High School	Footscray City Primary School	Garfield Primary School
Fairview Heights State School	Footscray North Primary School	Garran Primary School
Fairview Park Primary School	Footscray Primary School	Gateshead Public School
Fairview Primary School	Footscray West Primary School	Gateshead West Public School
Fairview Primary School	Forbes North Public School	Gatton State School
Faith Lutheran College - Redlands	Forbes Primary School	Gawa Christian School
Faith Lutheran Secondary School	Forbes Public School	Gawler East Primary School
Falls Creek Primary School	Forest Hill Public School	Gawler High School
Falls Road Primary School	Forest Hill State School	Geebung Special School
Farleigh State School	Forest Lake State High School	Geelong East Primary School
Farmborough Road Public School	Forest Lake State School	Geelong Grammar School - Bostock House
Farnborough State School	Forest Primary School	Geilston Bay High School
Farrer Primary School	Forest Street Primary School	Gembrook Primary School
Fassifern Public School	Forrest Beach State School	Geographe Education Support Centre
Fawkner Primary School	Forrest Primary School	George Street Primary School - Hamilton
Fawkner Secondary College	Forrestdale Primary School	Georges Hall Public School
Federal State School	Forsayth State School	Georges River College Peakhurst Campus
Fern Bay Public School	Forster Public School	Georgetown Primary School
Ferntree Gully College	Fort Street High School	Georgetown State School
Ferntree Gully North Primary School	Fort Street Public School	Georgiana Molloy Anglican School
Ferny Creek Primary School	Foster Primary School	Gepps Cross Girls High School
Ferny Grove State School	Fountain Gate Primary School	Gepps Cross Primary School
Ferny Hills State School	Frances Primary School	Gepps Cross Senior School
Ferryden Park Primary School	Francis Greenway High School	Geraldton Senior College
Fig Tree Pocket State School	Frank Partridge VC Public School	Geranium Primary School
Figtree High School	Franklin Primary School	Gerringong Public School
Figtree Public School	Franklin Public School	Ghilgai Steiner School
Findon High School	Frankston East Primary School	Ghinni Ghinni Public School
Findon Primary School	Frankston Heights Primary School	Giant Steps Sydney Ltd
Fingal Head Public School	Frankston Primary School	Gibbs Street Primary School
Finke School	Fraser Park Primary School	Gidgegannup Primary School
Finley High School	Fraser Primary School	Gilgandra High School
Finley Public School	Frayne College Baranduda p-9	Gilgandra Public School
Fish Creek and District Primary School	Frederick Irwin Anglican School	Gillen Primary School
Fisher Road Special School	Freeling Primary School	Gilles Plains Primary School
Fisk Street Primary School	Freeman Catholic College	Gilles Street Primary School
Fitzgerald State School	Freemans Reach Public School	Gillieston Public School
Fitzroy Community School	Freestone State School	Gillwinga Public School
Fitzroy Crossing District High School	Fregon Anangu School	Gilmore College For Girls

Gilroy College	Glengarry Primary School	Gordon Primary School
Gilroy Santa Maria College	Glengarry Primary School	Gordon West Public School
Gilston State School	Glenmore Park High School	Gordonvale State High School
Gin Gin State High School	Glenmore Park Public School	Gordonvale State School
Gin Gin State School	Glenmore State High School	Gorokan High School
Gindie State School	Glenmore State School	Gorokan Public School
Ginninderra District High School	Glenmorgan State School	Goroke P-12 College
Giralang Primary School	Glennie Heights State School	Gosford Christian School
Girgarre Primary School	Glenora District High School	Gosford East Public School
Girilambone Public School	Glenorchy Primary School	Gosford High School
Girraween High School	Glenorie Public School	Gosford Public School
Girraween Primary	Glenreagh Public School	Gosnells Senior High School
Girraween Primary School	Glenroy North Primary School	Goulburn East Public School
Girraween Senior High School	Glenroy Primary School	Goulburn Public School
Gisborne Montessori School	Glenroy Specialist School	Goulburn Street Primary School
Gisborne Primary School	Glenroy West Primary School	Goulburn Valley Grammar School
Gisborne Secondary College	Glenvale School - Lilydale Campus	Goulburn West Public School
Givelda State School	Glenvale School Ballarat Centre	Governor Stirling Senior High School
Gladstone Central State School	Glenvale School Bendigo Centre	Gowrie Street Primary School
Gladstone High School	Glenvale School Nathalia Campus	Grace Lutheran College
Gladstone Park Primary School	Glenvale School Swan Hill Campus	Graceville State School
Gladstone Park Secondary College	Glenvale State School	Grafton High School
Gladstone Primary School	Glenview State School	Grahamstown Public School
Gladstone Public School	Glenwood State School	Grahamvale Primary School
Gladstone Views Primary School	Glossodia Public School	Grand Avenue State School
Gladysdale Primary School	Glossop High School	Grange Primary School
Glamorgan Vale State School	Gloucester Public School	Grant High School
Glass House Mountains State School	Gnowangerup District High School	Grantham State School
Glasshouse Country Christian College	Gogango State School	Granville East Public School
Glen Dhu Primary School	Gold Creek School	Granville South Public School
Glen Eira College	Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School	Grasmere Primary School
Glen Forrest Primary School	Golden Grove Primary School	Gravesend Public School
Glen Huntly Primary School	Golden Hill Steiner School	Gray Primary School
Glen Huon Primary School	Golden Square Primary School	Graylands Primary School
Glen Huon Primary School	Golden Square Secondary College	Grays Point Public School
Glen Innes High School	Good News Christian School	Great Lakes College Forster Campus
Glen Innes Public School	Good News Lutheran Primary School	Great Ryrie Primary School
Glen Innes West Infants School	Good Shepherd Catholic Comm Sch	Great Western Primary School
Glen Iris Primary School	Good Shepherd Lutheran College	Green Point Primary School
Glen Katherine Primary School	Good Shepherd Lutheran School	Green Valley Public School
Glen Orden Primary School	Good Shepherd Lutheran School	Greenbank State School
Glen Osmond Primary School	Good Shepherd School	Greenbrook Primary School
Glen Park Primary School	Goodna State School	Greenbushes Primary School
Glen Waverley Primary School	Goodooga Central School	Greenfields Primary School
Glen Waverley Secondary College	Goodwood Primary School	Greenhills Primary School
Glen Waverley South Primary School	Goodwood Primary School	Greenlands State School
Glenala State High School	Goolgowi Public School	Greenmount Primary School
Glenburnie Primary School	Goollelal Primary School	Greenmount State School
Glencoe Central Primary School	Goolma Public School	Greenock Primary School
Glencoe Primary School	Goolmangar Public School	Greensborough Primary School
Glendale East Public School	Goolwa Primary School	Greenslopes Primary School
Glendale High School	Goombungee State School	Greenslopes State School
Glendale Primary School	Goomeri State School	Greenway Park Public School
Gleneagle State School	Goondi State School	Greenwell Point Public School
Glenelg Primary School	Goonellabah Public School	Greenwich Public School
Glenferrie Primary School	Goonengerry Public School	Greenwith Primary School
Glenfield Park School	Gooseberry Hill Primary School	Greenwood Primary School
Glengala/Sunshine West Primary School	Gordon East Public School	Greta Valley Primary School

Grevillea Park Primary School	Haig Street Primary School	Hatton Vale State School
Grey Street Primary School (Traralgon)	Haislea State School	Havenlee School
Greystanes High School	Haileybury College	Hawker Area School
Greystanes Public School	Haileybury Girls College Brighton	Hawker Park Primary School
Greythorn Primary School	Hale School	Hawkesbury Independent School
Griffith East Public School	Halidon Primary School	Hawkesdale P12 College
Griffith High School	Halifax State School	Hawthorn West Primary School
Griffith North Public School	Hall Primary School	Hawthorndene Primary School
Griffith Public School	Hallam Valley Primary School	Hay War Memorial High School
Grose View Public School	Hallett Cove School	Hayes Park Public School
Grovedale College	Hallett Cove South Primary School	Hayman Island State School
Grovedale Primary School	Halls Gap Primary School	Hazelbrook Public School
Grovedale West Primary School	Halls Head Community Centre Educ	Hazelwood North Primary School
Grovelands Primary School	Halls Head Community College	Hazelwood School
Grovely State School	Halls Head Primary School	Healesville Primary School
Groves Christian College	Hambledon Public School	Healy State School
Gruyere Primary School	Hamilton (Gray Street) Primary School	Heany Park Primary School
Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School	Hamilton Island State School	Heathcote East Public School
Guardian Angels' School	Hamilton North Primary School	Heathcote High School
Guildford Grammar School	Hamilton Public School	Heathcote Primary School
Guildford Primary School	Hamilton Senior High School	Heathcote Public School
Guildford Primary School	Hamilton Special Developmental School	Heathdale Christian College
Guildford Public School	Hamley Bridge Primary School	Heatherhill Primary School
Guildford West Public School	Hamlyn Banks Primary School	Heatherhill Secondary College
Guise Public School	Hampden State School	Heatherton Christian College
Gulargambone Central School	Hampstead Primary School	Heathfield Primary School
Gulf Christian College	Hampton Park Primary School	Heathmont East Primary School
Gulfview Heights Primary School	Hampton Park Primary School	Heatley Secondary College
Gulgong High School	Hampton Primary School	Hebel State School
Gulgong Public School	Hampton Senior High School	Hebersham Public School
Gulmarrad Public School	Hannaford State School	Heckenberg Public School
Guluguba State School	Hannans Primary School	Hedland Senior High School
Gum Flat Public School	Happy Valley Primary School	Heidelberg Primary School
Gumburu Environmental Education Centre	Happy Valley State School	Heights College
Gumeracha Primary School	Harbord Public School	Helena College Senior School
Gunbower Primary School	Harcourt Valley Primary School	Helena Valley Primary School
Gundagai High School	Hargraves Public School	Helensburgh Public School
Gundagai Public School	Harkaway Primary School	Helensvale State High School
Gundagai South Public School	Harlin State School	Helensvale State School
Gunnedah Public School	Harrington Park Public School	Helidon State School
Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton	Harrington Public School	Hellyer College
Guyra Central School	Harris Fields State School	Henbury School
Gwabegar Public School	Harrisfield Primary School	Hendon Primary School
Gwynne Park Primary School	Harristown State High School	Hendra Secondary College
Gwynneville Public School	Harristown State School	Hendra State School
GyMEA Bay Public School	Harrisville State School	Henley Beach Primary School
Gympie Central State School	Harston Primary School	Henley High School
Gympie East State School	Harts Range School	Henry Kendall High School
Gympie South State School	Hartwell Primary School	Henschke Primary School
Gympie State High School	Harvest Christian School	Hepburn Primary School
Gympie West State School	Harvey Primary School	Herdsmans Cove Primary School
Haasts Bluff School	Harvey Senior High School	Heritage Christian School
Haberfield Public School	Harwood Island Public School	Heritage College
Hackham East Primary School	Haslem Street (Kyabram) Primary School	Hermit Park State School
Hackham South Primary School	Hassall Grove Public School	Hernani Public School
Hackham West Primary School	Hastings Primary School	Herne Hill Primary School
Haddon Primary School	Hastings Public School	Herrick Presbyterian Covenant School
Hahndorf Primary School	Hastings Westpark Primary School	Hervey Bay Christian Academy

Hervey Bay Special School	Holy Family Primary School	Hunter Valley Grammar School
Hervey Bay State High School	Holy Family Primary School	Hunters Hill High School
Hewett Primary School	Holy Family Primary School	Huntingtower School
Heyfield Primary School	Holy Family School	Huntly Primary School
Heywood District Secondary College	Holy Family School	Huonville High School
Hibiscus Christian School	Holy Family School	Huonville Primary School
High Wycombe Primary School	Holy Innocents Primary School	Hurlstone Agricultural High School
Highbury Primary School	Holy Name Catholic Primary School	Hurstbridge Primary School
Highfields State School	Holy Name Primary School	Hurstville South Public School
Highgate Junior Primary School	Holy Name Primary School	Huskisson Public School
Highgate Primary School	Holy Rosary Primary School	Ilford Public School
Highgate Primary School	Holy Rosary School	Ilim College of Australia
Highlands Primary School	Holy Rosary School	Illabo Public School
Highton Primary School	Holy Rosary School	Illaroo Road Public School
Highvale Primary School	Holy Rosary School	Illawarra Christian School
Hilder Road State School	Holy Saviour Primary School	Illawarra Christian School - Tongarra Campus
Hill Top Public School	Holy Saviour School	Illawarra Primary School
Hillarys Primary School	Holy Spirit College	Illawarra Senior College
Hillcrest Christian College	Holy Spirit Primary School	Illawarra Sports High School
Hillcrest Primary School	Holy Spirit Primary School	Illawong Public School
Hillcrest Secondary College	Holy Spirit Primary School	Iluka Public School
Hilliard State School	Holy Spirit School	Imanpa School
Hills International College	Holy Spirit School	Immanuel College
Hillside Public School	Holy Spirit School	Immanuel Lutheran School
Hillsmeade Primary School	Holy Trinity Lutheran School	Inala Special School
Hillston Central School	Holy Trinity Primary School	Inala State School
Hilltop Road Public School	Holy Trinity Primary School	Indulkana Anangu School
Hillview State School	Homebush State School	Infant Jesus School
Hilton Primary School	Homebush West Public School	Ingham State School
Hincks Avenue Primary School	Homestead State School	Ingle Farm East Primary School
Hobart College	Hopeland State School	Ingleburn High School
Hobsons Bay Primary School	Hopetoun Primary School	Ingleburn North Public School
Hoddles Creek Primary School	Hopetoun Secondary College	Ingleburn Public School
Holbrook Public School	Hopevale State School	Ingleside State School
Holgate Public School	Hoppers Crossing Secondary College	Inglewood Primary School
Holland Park State High School	Horsham 298 Primary School	Inglewood State School
Holland Park State School	Horsham College	Injune State School
Holland Street School	Horsham College - McKenzie Creek	Inner City Montessori Primary School
Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre	Horsham College - Junior Campus	Innisfail East State School
Hollywood Primary School	Horsham Lutheran Primary School	Innisfail State High School
Holmwood Public School	Horsham North Primary School	Inverell Public School
Holroyd School	Horsham Special School	Invergordon Primary School
Holsworthy High School	Horsham West - Haven Primary School	Inverleigh Primary School
Holsworthy Public School	Horsley Park Public School	Inverloch Primary School
Holt Primary School	Houghton Primary School	Investigator College - Victor Harbour
Holy Child Primary School	Howard Springs Primary School	Iona Presentation College
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School	Howard State School	Iona Public School
Holy Cross Primary School	Howlong Public School	Ipolera School
Holy Cross Primary School	Howrah Primary School	Ipswich Central State School
Holy Eucharist School	Hoxton Park High School	Ipswich East State School
Holy Eucharist School	Hughes Primary School	Ipswich North State School
Holy Family Catholic Primary School	Hughesdale Primary School	Ipswich Special School
Holy Family Catholic Primary School	Hume Public School	Ipswich State High School
Holy Family Catholic School	Humpybong State School	Ipswich West Special School
Holy Family Primary	Hunter Christian School	Ipswich West State School
Holy Family Primary School	Hunter River High School	Iramoo Primary School
Holy Family Primary School	Hunter School of Performing Arts	Irene McCormack Catholic College
Holy Family Primary School	Hunter Sports High School	Ironbark Christian School

Ironbark Ridge Public School	John Septimus Roe Anglican Comm	Karcultaby Area School
Irrawang High School	John Warby Public School	Kardinya Primary School
Irrawang Public School	John Wollaston Anglican Community	Karingal Heights Primary School
Irrultja Homeland Learning Centre	John XXIII Catholic Primary School	Karingal Primary School
Irvinebank State School	John XXIII College	Kariong Public School
Irymple Primary School	Johns River Public School	Karkoo Primary School
Irymple Secondary College	Jolimont Primary School	Karlgarin Primary School
Irymple South Primary School	Jondaryan State School	Karoonda Area School
Isabella Plains Primary School	Jones Hill State School	Karratha Education Support Centre
Isis District State High School	Joondalup Primary School	Karratha Primary School
Isisford State School	Julatten State School	Karratha Senior High School
Islamic School of Brisbane	Junction Park State School	Karridale Primary School
Ivanhoe Central School	Junction View State School	Karumba State School
Ivanhoe East Primary School	Junee High School	Katamatite Primary School
Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School	Junee Public School	Katandra School
Ivanhoe Grammar School Mernda Campus	Junngurrie Homeland School	Katandra West Primary School
Ivanhoe Primary School	Kadina High School	Katanning Primary School
Jabiru Area School	Kadina Primary School	Katanning Senior High School
Jacana Primary School	Kahibah Public School	Katherine High
Jackson School	Kakodbabuldi	Katherine South Primary School
Jacobs Well Environmental Education Centre	Kalamunda Primary School	Katoomba High School
Jambin State School	Kalamunda Senior High School	Katoomba North Public School
Jamboree Heights State School	Kalangadoo Primary School	Katunga Primary School
James Cook Boys High School	Kalbar State School	Katunga South Primary School
James Cook Primary School	Kalbarri District High School	Kaurna Plains School
James Fallon High School	Kaleen Primary School	Kawana Waters State High School
James Nash State High School	Kalgoorlie Primary School	Kawungan State School
James Ruse Agricultural High School	Kalianna Special School	Kealba Secondary College
Jamieson Primary School	Kalinda Primary School	Kearnan College
Jamison High School	Kalinda School	Kearsley Public School
Jamisontown Public School	Kalkaringi CEC	Kedron State High School
Jandowae State School	Kallista Primary School	Kedron State School
Jasper Road Public School	Kalori Catholic School	Keebra Park State High School
Jells Park Primary School	Kambah High School	Keilor Downs Primary School
Jeparit Primary School	Kambalda Primary School	Keilor Downs Secondary College
Jerilderie Public School	Kambalda West District High School	Keilor Heights Primary School
Jerrabomberra Public School	Kambora Public School	Keilor Park Primary School
Jerrabung District High School	Kanahooka High School	Keilor Primary School
Jerrys Plains Public School	Kananook Primary School	Keira High School
Jervis Bay Primary School	Kandanga Creek State School	Keiraville Public School
Jervois Primary School	Kandeer School	Keller Road Primary School
Jesmond Public School	Kandos Public School	Kellerberrin District High School
Jewells Primary School	Kangaroo Flat Primary School	Kelmscott Primary School
Jiggi Public School	Kangaroo Flat Secondary College	Kelmscott Senior High School
Jilkmिंगgan School	Kangaroo Ground Primary School	Kelso High School
Jilliby Public School	Kangaroo Inn Area School	Kelso Public School
Ji-Marda	Kangaroo Valley Public School	Kemblawarra Public School
Ji-Malawa	Kaniva College	Kemps Creek Public School
Jindalee State School	Kanwal Public School	Kempsey East Public School
Jindera Public School	Kapinara Primary School	Kempsey High School
Jingili Primary School	Kapooka Public School	Kempsey South Public School
Jinibara State School	Kapunda Primary School	Kempsey West Public School
John Calvin Christian College Kelmscott Campus	Karabar High School	Kempton Primary School
John Forrest Senior High School	Karalee State School	Kenilworth State Community College
John Morphet Primary School	Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre	Kenmore Park Anangu School
John Paul College	Karama Primary School	Kenmore South State School
John Pirie Secondary School	Karangi Public School	Kenmore State School
John Purchase Public School	Karara State School	Kennington Primary School

Kensington Centre	Kingston Community School	Kuraby Special School
Kensington Community School	Kingston Heath Primary School	Kuraby State School
Kensington Primary School	Kingston Primary School	Kuranda District State School
Kensington Public School	Kingston State School	Kuranda State High School
Kensington Secondary School	Kingsville Primary School	Ku-ring-gai High School
Kentlyn Public School	Kingswood College	Kurmond Public School
Kentville State School	Kingswood Park Public School	Kurnai College - Churchill Campus
Kerang Primary School	Kingswood Primary School	Kurnai College - Maryvale Campus
Kerang South Primary School	Kingswood Public School	Kurnai College - Morwell Campus
Kerrimuir Primary School	Kingswood South Public School	Kurnell Public School
Kersbrook Primary School	Kinlock Primary School	Kurrajong East Public School
Kew East Primary School	Kinma School	Kurrajong Public School
Kew Primary School	Kinross College	Kurri Kurri High School
Kewdale Primary School	Kinross Wolaroi School	Kurri Kurri Public School
Keyneton Primary School	Kintore Street	Kurunjang Primary School
Keysborough Park Primary School	Kippa-Ring State School	Kurunjang Secondary College
Kialla Primary School	Kirinari Community School Inc	Kwinana Senior High School
Kialla West Primary School	Kirkton Public School	Kyabram Secondary College
Kiama High School	Kirrawee Public School	Kyeemagh Infants School
Kiama Public School	Kirton Point Primary School	Kyilla Primary School
Kidman Park Primary School	Kirup Primary School	Kyneton Primary School
Kiewa Valley Primary School	Kirwan State School	La Trobe Secondary College
Kilberry Valley Primary School	Kismet Park Primary School	Labertouche Primary School
Kilcoy State School	Kitchener Public School	Labrador State School
Kilcummin State School	Klemzig Primary School	Laburnum Primary School
Kilkenny Primary School	Knox Gardens Primary School	Laggan Public School
Kilkivan State School	Knox Park Primary School	Laidley District State School
Killara High School	Kogan State School	Laidley State High School
Killara Primary School	Kogarah High School	Lajamanu CEC
Killarney Heights High School	Kogarah Public School	Lake Albert Public School
Killarney State School	Kojoonup District High School	Lake Boga Primary School
Killarney Vale Public School	Kolan South State School	Lake Cargelligo Central School
Kilmore Primary School	Koo Wee Rup Primary School	Lake Charm Primary School
Kilsyth Primary School	Koo Wee Rup Secondary College	Lake Clarendon State School
Kilvington Baptist Girls' Grammar School	Koolunga Primary School	Lake Heights Public School
Kim Beazley School	Koonawarra Public School	Lake Illawarra South Public School
Kimba Area School	Koondoola Primary School	Lake Joondalup Baptist College
Kin Kin State School	Koonibba Aboriginal School	Lake Macquarie High School
Kin Kora State School	Koorawatha Public School	Lake Wyangan Public School
Kinchela Public School	Koorie Open Door (KODE) School - Glenelg	Lakeside Senior High School
Kincumber Public School	Koorringal High School	Lakes Creek State School
Kindlehill School	Koorringal Public School	Lakes Entrance Primary School
King Park Public School	Koorlong Primary School	Lakes Entrance Secondary College
King Street Public School	Kootingal Public School	Lakes Grammar: An Anglican School
Kingaroy State High School	Koroit And District Primary School	Lakeside Christian College
Kingaroy State School	Kororo Public School	Lakeside School
Kinglake Primary School	Korowal School	Lakeside Secondary College
Kinglake West Primary School	Korumburra Primary School	Lal Lal Primary School
King's Christian College	Korumburra Secondary College	Lalbert Primary School
King's College	Kotara High School	Lalor East Primary School
Kings Langley Public School	Koumala State School	Lalor North Primary School
Kings Park Primary School	Krambach Public School	Lalor Park Primary School
Kingscliff Public School	Kruger State School	Lalor Primary School
Kingsgrove North High School	Kulin District High School	Lalor Secondary College
Kingsgrove Public School	Kulkarriya Community School	Lalor West Primary School
Kingsthorpe State School	Kumbia State School	Lambert School
Kingston Christian Community School	Kununurra District High School	Lambton High School
Kingston College	Kunying Primary School	Lambton Public School

Lameroo Regional Community School
 Lancaster Primary School
 Lance Holt School
 Lancefield Primary School
 Lancelin Primary School
 Landsborough Primary School
 Landsborough State School
 Landsdale Farm School
 Landsdale Primary School
 Lane Cove West Public School
 Langford Islamic College
 Langley Primary School
 Langwarrin Park Primary School
 Langwarrin Primary School
 Lansdowne Crescent Primary School
 Lansdowne Public School
 Lanyon High School
 Lara Lake Primary School
 Lara Primary School
 Lara Secondary College
 Larapinta Primary School
 Lardner and District Primary School
 Largs Bay Junior Primary School
 Largs Bay Primary School
 Largs Public School
 Larrakeyah Primary School
 Latham Primary School
 Latrobe High School
 Latrobe Primary School
 Lauderdale Primary School
 Launceston Christian School
 Launceston Church Grammar School
 Launceston College
 Launceston Preparatory School
 Launching Place Primary School
 Laura Primary School
 Laurieton Public School
 Lavalla Catholic College
 Laverton Plains Primary School
 Laverton Primary School
 Laverton Secondary College
 Lavington East Public School
 Lavington Public School
 Lawnton State School
 Lawrence Public School
 Le Fevre Peninsula Primary School
 Le Page Primary School
 Leanyer Primary School
 Leda Primary School
 Leeman Primary School
 Leeming Senior High School
 Leeton High School
 Leibler Yavneh College
 Leigh Creek Area School
 Leighland Christian School Burnie
 Leitchville Primary School
 Lemnos Primary School
 Lenah Valley Primary School
 Lennox Head Public School
 Lenswood Primary School
 Leonay Public School
 Leongatha Primary School
 Leongatha Secondary College
 Leopold Primary School
 Leppington Public School
 Lesmurdie Primary School
 Lesmurdie Senior High School
 Lethbridge Primary School
 Leumeah Public School
 Leyburn State School
 Lidcombe Public School
 Light Pass Primary School
 Lighthouse Christian College
 Lightning Ridge Central School
 Lilla (Ukaka HLC)
 Lilli Pilli Public School
 Lilydale Adventist Academy
 Lilydale Primary School
 Lilydale West Primary School
 Lincoln Gardens Primary School
 Linden Park Primary School
 Lindenow Primary School
 Lindfield East Public School
 Lindfield Public School
 Lindsfarne Anglican School
 Lindsfarne North Primary School
 Lisarow High School
 Lisarow Public School
 Lismore Heights Public School
 Lismore High School
 Lismore Primary School
 Lismore Public School
 Lismore South Public School
 Litchfield Christian Primary
 Lithgow High School
 Lithgow Public School
 Little River Primary School
 Little Yarra Steiner School
 Liverpool West Public School
 Living Faith Lutheran Primary School
 Living Waters Lutheran Primary School
 Livingstone Christian College
 Livingstone Primary School
 Lloyd Street Primary School
 Lobethal Primary School
 Loch Primary School
 Lock Area School
 Lockhart Central School
 Lockington Consolidated School
 Lockleys North Primary School
 Lockleys Primary School
 Lockridge Primary School
 Lockrose State School
 Lockwood Primary School
 Lockwood South Primary School
 Lockyer District State High School
 Loftus Public School
 Logan City Special School
 Loganholme State School
 Loganlea State High School
 Long Flat Public School
 Longford Primary School
 Longreach School of Distance Education
 Longreach State High School
 Longwarry Primary School
 Lonsdale Heights Primary School
 Looma Remote Community School
 Loreto College
 Loreto College
 Loreto College Coorparoo
 Loreto Primary School
 Lorne-Aireys Inlet P-12 College
 Lorne-Aireys Inlet Primary
 Lota State School
 Lourdes Hill College
 Louth Public School
 Loveday Primary School
 Lower Plenty Primary School
 Lower Tully State School
 Lowood State High School
 Lowood State School
 Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School
 Loxton High School
 Loxton Lutheran School
 Loxton North Primary School
 Ltyentye Apurte Community Education Centre
 Lucindale Area School
 Lucknow Primary School
 Ludmilla Primary School
 Lumen Christi Catholic College
 Lundavra State School
 Lurnea High School
 Lurnea Public School
 Luurnpa Catholic School
 Lynall Hall Community School
 Lynbrook Primary School
 Lyndale Primary School
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 Lyneham High School
 Lyneham Primary School
 Lynwood Primary School
 Lynwood Senior High School
 Lyons Primary School
 Lyrup Primary School
 Lysterfield Primary School
 M.E.T. School Katoomba Campus
 M.E.T. School Wagga Wagga Campus
 Mabel Park State High School
 Mabuiag Island State School
 Mac Robertson Girls High School
 Macarthur Adventist School
 Macarthur Primary School
 Macarthur Street Primary School
 Macclesfield Primary School

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Macedon Primary School
MacFarlane Primary School
Macgregor Primary School
MacGregor State High School
MacGregor State School
Macintyre High School
Mackay Christian College
Mackay District Special School
Mackay North State High School
Mackay North State School
Mackay State High School
Mackay West State School
Mackellar Primary School
MacKillop Catholic College
MacKillop Catholic College Wanniasa Campus
Mackillop College
Mackillop College
Mackillop College
Macksville Public School
Macleay Vocational College
Macleod College
Macquarie Boys High School
Macquarie College
Macquarie Fields High School
Macquarie Primary School
Maddington Education Support Centre
Maddington Primary School
Madison Park Junior Primary School
Maffra Primary School
Magill Junior Primary School
Magill Primary School
Magnetic Island State School
Magpie Primary School
Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment
Mahogany Rise Primary School
Maidavale State School
Main Arm Upper Public School
Maitland Area School
Maitland Grossmann High School
Maitland High School
Maitland Lutheran School
Maitland Public School
Majura Primary School
Malak Primary School
Malanda State School
Maldon Primary School
Malibu School
Mallala Primary School
Malmsbury Primary School
Malnjangarnak
Malvern Community School
Malvern Primary School
Malvern Valley Primary School
Mamaruni School
Manchester Primary School
Mandama Primary School
Mandurah Catholic College
Mangoplah Public School
Manifold Heights Primary School
Manifold Public School
Maningrida CEC
Manjimup Education Support Centre
Manjimup Primary School
Manly Vale Public School
Manly Village Public School
Manly West Public School
Manly West State School
Mannering Park Public School
Manning Gardens Public School
Manning Primary School
Manningham Park Primary School
Mannum High School
Mannum Primary School
Manorvale Primary School
Mansfield Park Primary School
Mansfield Primary School
Mansfield Rudolf Steiner School
Mansfield Secondary College
Mansfield State High School
Mansfield State School
Manunda Terrace Primary School
Manyallaluk School
Maralinga Primary School
Maramba Primary School
Maranatha Christian School
Marangaroo Primary School
Maraylya Public School
Marayong Heights Public School
Marayong South Public School
Marble Bar Primary School
Marcellin College
Mareeba State High School
Mareeba State School
Margaret Jurd Learning Centre
Margaret River Montessori School
Margate Primary School
Marian College
Marian College
Marian State School
Maribyrnong Secondary College
Marion Primary School
Marist College
Marist Regional College
Marist-Sion College
Marks Point Public School
Marlborough Primary School
Marlo Primary School
Marmion Primary School
Marnoo Primary School
Marong Primary School
Maroochydore State High School
Maroona Primary School
Maroondah Secondary College
Maroubra Bay Public School
Maroubra Junction Public School
Marrara Christian School
Marree Aboriginal School
Marri Grove Primary School
Marrkolidjban
Marryatville Primary School
Marsden Park Public School
Marsden Road Public School
Marsden State School
Marshall Road State School
Marton Public School
Mary Immaculate Primary School
Mary Immaculate Primary School
Mary Mackillop Catholic Primary School
Mary MacKillop Catholic School
Mary MacKillop College
Mary MacKillop Memorial School
Mary Valley State College
Maryborough Regional College
Maryborough Special School
Maryborough Specialist Primary School
Maryborough State High School
Maryborough West State School
Maryland Public School
Mary's Mount Primary School
Marysville Primary School
Maryvale State School
Mascot Public School
Massada College Adelaide
Mataranka Primary School
Mater Christi College
Mater Christi School
Mater Dei School
Mater Maria College
Matrville Soldiers Settlement Public School
Matrville Sports High School
Matthew Flinders Anglican College
Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School
Matthew Pearce Public School
Maydena Primary School
Mayfield East Public School
Mayfield Primary School
Mayfield State School
Mayfield West Public School
McAuley Catholic Central School
McAuley Primary School
McCarthy Catholic College
McDonald Park Junior Primary School
McDonald Park Primary School
McDowall State School
McKinnon Primary School
McLaren Flat Primary School
McLaren Vale Primary School
Meadow Heights Primary School
Meadowbank Primary School
Meadowbank Public School
Meadowfair North Primary School
Meadowglen Primary School
Meadows Primary School

Meckering Primary School	Merrivale Primary School	Mingoola Public School
Medlow Public School	Merriwa Central School	Minimbah Primary School
Medowie Public School	Merriwa Primary School	Minimbah State School
Meekatharra District High School	Merrylands East Public School	Minlaton District School
Meerlieu Primary School	Merrylands Public School	Minnamurra Public School
Mel Maria Catholic Primary School	Metella Road Public School	Mintaro/Farrell Flat Primary School
Mel Maria Catholic Primary School Corpus Christi	Melton Public School	Minyerri School
Mel Maria Catholic Primary School St Joseph Pignatelli	Melung Primary School	Minyip Primary School
Campus	Miallo State School	Miranda North Public School
Melaleuca Park K7 Schools Primary School	Miami State High School	Miranda Public School
Melba High School	Miandetta Primary School	Mirani State High School
Melbourne Girls Grammar School Morris Hall	Mickleham Primary School	Mirani State School
Melbourne Grammar School - Grimwade House	Middle Harbour Public School	Mirboo North Primary School
Melbourne High School	Middle Kinglake Primary School	Mirboo North Secondary College
Melrose High School	Middle Park Primary School	Miriam Vale State School
Melrose Park School	Middle Park State School	Mirrabooka Primary School
Melrose Primary School	Middle Ridge State School	Mirrabooka Senior High School Education Support
Melrose Primary School	Middle Swan Primary School	Mission Beach State School
Melton Christian College	Middlemount Community School	Mitcham Junior Primary School
Melton Primary School	Middleton Public School	Mitcham Primary School
Melton Secondary College	Midland Christian School	Mitcham Primary School
Melton South Primary School	Midvale Primary School	Mitchell State School
Melton Specialist School	Mil LeI Primary School	Mitchells Island Public School
Melton West Primary School	Milawa Primary School	Mitchelton State High School
Melville Senior High School	Milbrodale Public School	Mitta Mitta Primary School
Memerambi State School	Mildura South Primary School	Mittagong Public School
Mena Creek State School	Mildura Specialist School	Moama Anglican Grammar School
Menai High School	Mildura West Primary School	Moama Public School
Menai Public School	Miles State High School	Moana Primary School
Mendooran Central School	Milgate Primary School	Moculta Primary School
Menindee Central School	Miling Primary School	Modanville Public School
Meningie Area School	Mill Park Primary School	Modbury School Preschool to Year 7
Mentone Girls' Grammar School	Millaa Millaa State School	Modbury Special School
Mentone Park Primary School	Millbank Public School	Modbury West Junior Primary School
Mentone Primary School	Millbrook Primary School	Modbury West Primary School
Menzies Creek Primary School	Millchester State School	Moe (Albert Street) Primary School
Menzies Remote Community School	Millieara Primary School	Moe (South Street) Primary School
Merbein Primary School	Millen Primary School	Moe Primary School
Merbein Secondary College	Miller High School	Moerlina School
Merbein South Primary School	Millicent High School	Moffatdale State School
Merbein West Primary School	Millicent North Primary School	Moggill State School
Mercedes College	Millingimbi CEC	Mogo Public School
Mercy Diocesan College	Millmerran State School	Moil Primary School
Meredith Primary School	Millner Primary School	Mole Creek Primary School
Merewether Heights Public School	Millwarra Primary School	Molesworth Primary School
Merewether High School	Millwarra Primary School - Warburton East	Moongah Central School
Merewether Public School	Milman State School	Mona Vale Public School
Meridan State College	Milpera State High School	Monaro High School
Merinda State School	Milperra Public School	Monash Primary School
Meringandan State School	Miltaburra Area School	Monash Primary School
Merino Consolidated School	Milton Public School	Monash Special Developmental School
Mernda Primary School	Minchinbury Public School	Monbulk Primary School
Merredin Senior High School	Mindarie Primary School	Monivae College
Merrigum Primary School	Mindarie Senior College	Monkland State School
Merrijig Primary School	Minden State School	Monmia Primary School
Merrilands College	Miners Rest Primary School	Monogorilby State School
Merrimac State High School	Minerva School	Montague Continuing Education Centre
Merrimac State School	Mingenew Primary School	Montello Primary School

Montmorency Primary School	Morphett Vale East Primary School	Mount Lilydale Mercy College
Montmorency Secondary College	Morphett Vale High School	Mount Lockyer Primary School
Montmorency South Primary School	Morphett Vale West Primary School	Mount Macedon Primary School
Monto State High School	Mortdale Public School	Mount Magnet District High School
Monto State School	Mortlake P-12 College	Mount Manypeaks Primary School
Montpellier Primary School	Mortlake Public School	Mount Maria Senior College
Montrose Education Support Centre	Moruya High School	Mount Marrow State School
Montrose Primary School	Moruya Public School	Mount Martha Primary School
Montrose Primary School	Morven State School	Mount Mee State School
Mooloolaba State School	Morwell Park Primary School	Mount Morgan State High School
Mooloolah State School	Mosman Church of England Preparatory School	Mount Mulhichison State School
Moonah Primary School	Mosman Park Primary School	Mount Nebo State School
Moonan Flat Public School	Moss Vale High School	Mount Nelson Primary School
Moonbi Public School	Moss Vale Public School	Mount Ommaney Special School
Moonee Ponds West Primary School	Mossgiel Park Primary School	Mount Petrie State School
Mooney Mooney Public School	Mossman State High School	Mount Pleasant Primary School
Moonie State School	Mother of God Primary School	Mount Pleasant Primary School
Moonta Area School	Mother of God School	Mount Pleasant Primary School
Moorabbin Primary School	Moulamein Public School	Mount Pleasant Public School
Moorak Primary School	Moulden Park Primary School	Mount Pritchard Public School
Moorditj Noongar Community College	Mount Annan Public School	Mount Samson State School
Moore Park State School	Mount Austin Public School	Mount Scopus Memorial College
Moore State School	Mount Barker Senior High School	Mount St Benedict College (Pennant Hills)
Moorefield Girls High School	Mount Barker South Primary School	Mount St Patrick College
Moorland Public School	Mount Beauty Primary School	Mount St Patrick Primary School
Moorooduc Primary School	Mount Blowhard Primary School	Mount Stuart Primary School
Moorook Primary School	Mount Brown Public School	Mount Tarampa State School
Mooroolbark East Primary School	Mount Burr Primary School	Mount Terry Public School
Mooroolbark Heights Secondary College	Mount Clear College	Mount View High School
Mooroopna North Primary School	Mount Compass Area School	Mount View Primary School
Mooroopna Park Primary School	Mount Cotton State School	Mount Warrigal Public School
Mooroopna Primary School	Mount Crosby State School	Mount Waverley North Primary School
Mooroopna Secondary College	Mount Dandenong Primary School	Mountain Creek State High School
Moranbah East State School	Mount Duneed Regional Primary School	Mountain Creek State School
Moranbah State School	Mount Eliza North Primary School	Mountain District Christian School
Morang South Primary School	Mount Eliza Primary School	Mountain Gate Primary School
Morawa District High School	Mount Eliza Secondary College	Mountain Heights School
Morayfield East State School	Mount Evelyn Christian School	Mountain View Adventist College
Morayfield State High School	Mount Evelyn Primary School	Moura State High School
Morayfield State School	Mount Evelyn Special Developmental School	Moura State School
Mordialloc Primary School	Mount Gambier North Primary School	Mourilyan State School
Moree East Public School	Mount Garnet State School	Mouvelle Primary School
Moree Public School	Mount Gravatt East State School	Mowbray College
Moree Secondary College Albert Street Campus	Mount Gravatt Special School	Mowbray College - Caroline Springs Campus
Moree Secondary College Carol Avenue Campus	Mount Gravatt State High School	Mowbray Heights Primary School
Moreland Primary School	Mount Gravatt State School	Moyhu Primary School
Moreton Bay Boys College	Mount Gravatt West Special School	Moyston Primary School
Moreton Bay College	Mount Hawthorn Primary School	Mt Pleasant Road Primary School
Moreton Downs State School	Mount Hunter Public School	Mt Rogers Community School
Morgan Primary School	Mount Isa Central State School	Muckadilla State School
Moriac Primary School	Mount Kanwary Public School	Mudgee Public School
Moriarty Primary School	Mount Kembla Public School	Mudgeeraba Creek State School
Morisset Public School	Mount Kilcoy State School	Mudgeeraba State School
Morley Primary School	Mount Kuring-gai Public School	Mukinbudin Christian School
Mornington Island State School	Mount Larcom State School	Mukinbudin District High School
Mornington Park Primary School	Mount Lawley Primary School	Mulga Street Primary School
Mornington Primary School	Mount Lawley Senior High School	Mulgoa Public School
Morpeth Public School	Mount Lewis Infants School	Mulgrave Primary School

Mullaloo Beach Primary School	Nambour State School	Neutral Bay Public School
Mullaloo Heights Primary School	Nambrok Denison Primary School	New Farm State School
Mullaway Public School	Nambucca Heads Public School	New Lambton South Public School
Mullengandra Public School	Namoi Valley Christian School	New Norfolk High School
Mullum Primary School	Nana Glen Public School	New Norfolk Primary School
Mullumbimby Seventh Day Adventist School	Nanango State High School	New Town Primary School
Mulyan Public School	Nangiloc Colignan and District Primary School	Newberry Park Primary School
Mumeka	Nangwarry Primary School	Newborough East Primary School
Mundaring Christian College	Nanneella Estate Primary School	Newborough Primary School
Mundaring Primary School	Napoleons Primary School	Newbridge Heights Public School
Mungindi Central School	Napperby Primary School	Newcastle High School
Munglinup Primary School	Nar Nar Goon Primary School	Newcomb Park Primary School
Munno Para Primary School	Naracoorte High School	Newcomb Secondary College
Murchison Primary School	Naracoorte Primary School	Newdegate Primary School
Murgon State High School	Naracoorte South Primary School	Newhaven Primary School
Murgon State School	Naradhan Public School	Newington Public School
Murphy's Creek State School	Narangba Valley State High School	Newlands Primary School
Murputja Anangu School	Narara Public School	Newlyn Primary School
Murray Bridge High School	Narara Valley High School	Newman College Churchlands Campus
Murray Bridge Junior Primary School	Nareena Hills Public School	Newman College K-3 Floreat Campus
Murray Bridge Primary School	Narembeen District High School	Newman Primary School
Murray Bridge South Primary School	Naremburn School	Newman Senior High School
Murray Bridge Special School	Narooma Public School	Newmerella Primary School
Murray Downs School	Narrabeen North Public School	Newport Lakes Primary School
Murray Farm Public School	Narrabeen Sports High School	Newport Public School
Murray High School	Narrabri High School	Newrybar Public School
Murray River Upper State School	Narrabri Public School	Newstead College
Murraylands Christian College	Narrabundah College	Newstead Primary School
Murray's Bridge State School	Narrabundah Primary School	Newton Moore Senior High School
Murrumbeena Primary School	Narracan Primary School	Newton Primary School
Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School	Narrandera High School	Newtown State School
Murrurundi Public School	Narrandera Public School	Ngalangangpum School
Murtoa College	Narranga Public School	Ngankorlod
Murwillumbah Christian College	Narraweena Public School	Nganmariyanga Community School
Murwillumbah East Public School	Narrawong District Primary School	Ngukurr CEC
Murwillumbah High School	Narre Warren North Primary School	Ngunnawal Primary School
Murwillumbah South Infants School	Narrogin Senior High School	Ngurrawaana Remote Community School
Musgrave Hill State School	Narromine Christian School	Nhill College
Muswellbrook Public School	Narromine Public School	Nhulunbuy Christian School
Muswellbrook South Public School	Narwee Public School	Nhulunbuy High
Mutarnee State School	Nashdale Public School	Nhulunbuy Primary School
Mutchilba State School	Nashville State School	Niagara Park Public School
Mutdapilly State School	Nathalia Primary School	Niangala Public School
Mylor Primary School	Nathalia Secondary College	Nicholson Primary School
Mypolonga Primary School	Natte Yallock Primary School	Nicolson Avenue Junior Primary School
Myponga Primary School	Navarre Primary School	Nicolson Avenue Primary School
Myrniong Primary School	Nazareth Catholic Primary School	Niddrie Primary School
Myrtleford Primary School	Nazareth College	Niddrie Secondary College
Nabiac Public School	Neerabup Primary School	Nightcliff Primary School
Nagambie Primary School	Neerigen Brook Primary School	Nilma Primary School
Nagle College	Neerim District Rural Primary School	Nimbin Central School
Nagle College	Neerim South Primary School	Nimmitabel Public School
Nagoorin State School	Nemarluk Special School	Nixon Street Primary School
Nailsworth Primary School	Nemingha Public School	Noarlunga Downs Primary School
Nairne Primary School	Nepean Special School	Nobby State School
Nakara Primary School	Nerang State High School	Noble Park English Language School
Nambour Christian College	Nerang State School	Noble Park Primary School
Nambour State High School	Nerimbera State School	Noble Park Secondary College

Nollamara Primary School	Northland Secondary College	Ocean Reef Primary School
Noojee Primary School	Northmead Public School	Ocean Road Primary School
Noorat Primary School	Northpine Christian College	Ocean Shores Public School
Noorinbee Primary School	Northside Christian College	Ocean View P12 College
Noosa Christian College	Northside Christian College	O'Connor Education Support Centre
Noosa District State High School	Norton Summit Primary School	O'Connor Primary School
Noosa Pengari Steiner School	Norville State School	Officer Primary School
Noosaville State School	Norwood Morialta High School	Ogilvie High School
Nords Wharf Public School	Norwood Primary School	Old Bonalbo Public School
Norlane West Primary School	Notre Dame School	Old Orchard Primary School
Normanhurst Boys High School	Noumea Public School	Olinda Primary School
Normanhurst West Public School	Nowa Nowa Primary School	Olivet Christian College
Normanton State School	Nowendoc Public School	Olympic Village Primary School
Norris Bank Primary School	Nowra East Public School	Omeo Primary School
Norseman District High School	Nowra High School	One Arm Point Remote Community School
North Adelaide Primary School	Nowra Public School	One Mile State School
North Arm State School	NT Open Education Centre	Onslow Primary School
North Balga Primary School	Ntaria School	Oodnadatta Aboriginal School
North Beach Primary School	Nudgee Junior College	Oombulgurri Remote Community School
North Cottesloe Primary School	Nullawil Primary School	Oonoonba State School
North Dandalup Primary School	Nulsen Primary School	Open Access College
North Geelong Secondary College	Numbulwar CEC	Orama Public School
North Haven Junior Primary School	Numeralla Public School	Orana Catholic Primary School
North Haven Primary School	Numulgi Public School	Orana Heights Public School
North Haven Public School	Numurkah Primary School	Orange Christian School
North Ingle Primary School	Nunawading Primary School	Orange East Public School
North Lake Senior Campus	Nundah State School	Orange Grove Primary School
North Mandurah Primary School	Nundle Public School	Orange Grove Public School
North Melbourne Primary School	Nungurner Primary School	Orara Upper Public School
North Morley Primary School	Nuwarra Public School	Orbost North Primary School
North Nowra Public School	Nyabing Primary School	Orbost Primary School
North Parmelia Primary School	Nyah District Primary School	Orbost Secondary College
North Perth Primary School	Nyanda State High School	Orchard Grove Primary School
North Rockhampton State High School	Nyangatjatjara College	Orchard Hills Public School
North Rocks School for the Blind	Nyangatjatjara College - Imanpa Campus	Orelia Primary School
North Ryde Public School	Nyangatjatjara College - Kalukajara Campus	Ourford Primary School
North Shore Primary School	Nyangatjatjara College - Mutitjula Campus	Ormeau State School
North Star Public School	Nyikina Mangala Community School	Ormond Primary School
North Sydney Boys High School	Nyindamurra Family School of Creativity	Orroroo Area School
North Sydney Girls High School	Nyirрпи School	Orrvale Primary School
North Sydney Public School	Nymboida Public School	Osborne Primary School
North Wagga Public School	Nyngan High School	Osborne Primary School
North West Christian School	Nyora Primary School	Osbornes Flat Primary School
North Woodvale Primary School	Oak Flats High School	Sullivan Beach Primary School
Northam Primary School	Oak Park Primary School	Our Holy Redeemer School
Northampton District High School	Oakbank Area School	Our Lady Help of Christians School
Northcote Primary School	Oakey State High School	Our Lady Help of Christians School
Northern Beaches Secondary College Balgowlah Boys Campus	Oakleigh Primary School	Our Lady Help of Christians School
Northern Beaches Secondary College Freshwater Senior Campus	Oakleigh South Primary School	Our Lady of Fatima
Northern Beaches Secondary College Manly Campus	Oakleigh State School	Our Lady of Fatima Primary School
Northern Beaches State High School	Oakville Public School	Our Lady of Fatima School
Northern Territory Christian College	Oatlands District High School	Our Lady of Fatima School
Northfield Primary School	Oatley West Public School	Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School
Northgate State School	Oberon High School	Our Lady of Good Counsel School
Northlake Snr Campus Freemantle Fast Track	Oberon Primary School	Our Lady of Grace School
Northlakes High School	Oberthur Primary School	Our Lady of Grace School
Northlakes Public School	Ocean Forest Lutheran College	Our Lady of Hope Catholic School
	Ocean Grove Primary School	Our Lady of Lebanon School

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School	Padbury Primary School	Patterson Lakes Primary School
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	Paddington Public School	Patterson River Secondary College
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Padthaway Primary School	Paxton Public School
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Pakenham Hills Primary School	Payne Road State School
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Palinyewah Public School	Paynesville Primary School
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Pallara State School	Peace Lutheran Primary School
Our Lady of Mercy College	Palm Beach State School	Peachester State School
Our Lady of Mercy Primary School	Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School	Peak Crossing State School
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish School	Palmers Island Public School	Peak Hill Central School
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School	Palmerston Christian School	Peakhurst South Public School
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School	Palmerston East State School	Peakhurst West Public School
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour School	Palmerston High School	Pearcedale Primary School
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour School	Palmgrove School - M.E.T. School	Pearces Creek Public School
Our Lady of the Assumption School	Palmwoods State School	Peats Ridge Public School
Our Lady of the Manger School	Palmyra Primary School	Pedare Christian College
Our Lady of the Nativity School	Paluma Environmental Education Centre	Pedare Christian College Primary School Campus
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Primary School	Pambula Public School	Peek-A-Doon State School
Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School	Panania North Public School	Pembroke Primary School
Our Lady Of the Rosary Primary School (Shelly Beach Campus)	Panmure Primary School	Pembroke Secondary College
Our Lady of the Rosary School	Pannawonica Primary School	Penders Grove Primary School
Our Lady of the Rosary School	Panton Hill Primary School	Penguin High School
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College	Para Hills East Primary School	Penguin Primary School
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College	Para Hills High School	Peninsula Special Developmental School
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College	Para Hills Junior Primary School	Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Bath St Campus	Para Hills West Primary School	Pennington Junior Primary School
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Sadadeen Road Campus	Para Meadows School	Pennington Primary School
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Regional College	Para Vista Primary School	Penola Catholic College
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School	Para West Adult Campus	Penola High School
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School	Paraburdoo Primary School	Penola Primary School
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School	Paradise Primary School	Penrhos College
Our Lady of the Visitation School	Parafield Gardens Primary School	Penrith Christian Community School
Our Lady of the Way School	Paralowie School	Penrith High School
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School	Parap Primary School	Penrith Public School
Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School	Paringa Park Primary School	Penrith South Public School
Our Lady's Assumption School	Park Avenue State School	Penrose Public School
Our Lady's College	Park Orchards Primary School	Penshurst Primary School
Our Lady's Primary School	Park Ridge Primary School	Penshurst West Public School
Our Lady's School	Park Ridge State School	Pentland Primary School
Ouse District High School	Parkdale Primary School	Pentland State School
Ouyen Secondary College	Parkdale Secondary College	Peppimenarti School
Overnewton Anglican Community College	Parke State School	Peregrine
Overport Primary School	Parkes East Public School	Perth College
Oxford State School	Parkhill Primary School	Perthville Public School
Oxford Christian Primary School	Parklands Christian College	Peter Lalor Secondary College
Oxley College	Parklands High School	Peter Moyes Anglican Community School
Oxley High School	Parklands School	Peterborough Primary School
Oxley High School Tamworth	Parkside Primary School	Petersham Public School
Oxley Primary School	Parktone Primary School	Petrie State School
Oxley State School	Parkwood Primary School	Phoenix Primary School
Oxley Vale Public School	Parndana Area School	Phoenix West Vocational College
Oyster Bay Public School	Para Hills High School	Pialba State School
Pacific Hills Christian School	Parramatta East Public School	Piangil Primary School
Pacific Lutheran College	Parramatta Marist High School	Picnic Point High School
Pacific Palms Public School	Pascoe Vale North Primary School	Picnic Point Public School
Pacific Paradise State School	Pascoe Vale Primary School	Picton High School
Pacific Pines State School	Pascoe Vale South Primary School	Picton Primary School
Padbury Catholic Primary School	Passfield Park School	Picton Public School
	Patrician Brothers College	Pigeon Hole School

Pilgrim School	Portland North Primary School	Rainbow Beach State School
Pilton State School	Portland Primary School	Rainbow Primary School
Pimlico State High School	Portland South Primary School	Rainbow Secondary College
Pimpama State School	Portland Special Developmental School	Rainworth State School
Pinbarren Community Christian College	Portside Christian School	Ramco Primary School
Pindi Pindi State School	Poseidon Primary School	Randwick Public School
Pine Rivers Special School	Pottsville Beach Public School	Ranford Primary School
Pine Rivers State High School	Premer Public School	Ranfurly Primary School
Pinewood Primary School	Prendiville Catholic College	Rangebank Primary School
Pingelly District High School	Prenzlau State School	Rangeview Primary School
Pinjarra Primary School	Presbyterian Ladies' College	Rangeway Primary School
Pinjarra Senior High School	Prescott Primary - Northern: an Adventist Christian School	Ranterra Public School
Pinkenba State School	Prescott Primary - Southern: an Adventist Christian School	Rapids Bay Primary School
Pinnaroo Primary School	Preston East Primary School	Rappville Public School
Pioneer State High School	Preston North East Primary School	Rathmines Public School
Pioneer Village School	Preston Primary School	Ravensthorpe District High School
Pitt Town Public School	Preston South Primary School	Ravenswood Heights Primary School
Pittsworth State High School	Preston Special Developmental School	Rawa Community School
Pittsworth State School	Preston West Primary School	Rawa Community School Kunawarrtji Campus
Pittwater High School	Prestons Public School	Raymond Terrace Public School
Pleasant Hills Public School	Pretty Beach Public School	Raywood Primary School
Plenty Parklands Primary School	Primbee Public School	Red Bend Catholic College
Plenty Valley Montessori School	Prince Alfred College	Red Cliffs Primary School
Plumpton High School	Princes Hill Primary School	Red Cliffs Secondary College
Plumpton House School	Princes Hill Secondary College	Red Hill Consolidated School
Plumpton Public School	Princes Street Primary School	Red Range Public School
Point Clare Public School	Proserpine State School	Red Sand Hill Homeland Centre
Point Cook Primary School	Proston State School	Redan Primary School
Point Lonsdale Primary School	Puckapunyal Primary School	Redbank Plains State High School
Point Pearce Aboriginal School	Pularumpi School	Redbank Plains State School
Point Peron Camp School	Pullenvale State School	Redbank State School
Pomona State School	Pulteney Grammar School	Redcliffe Primary School
Pomonal Primary School	Punchbowl Boys High School	Redcliffe State High School
Pooraka Primary School	Punchbowl Primary School	Redeemer Lutheran Primary School
Poowong Consolidated School	Punchbowl Public School	Redeemer Lutheran School
Porepunkah Primary School	Putney Public School	Redfield College
Port Augusta Secondary School	Pyalong Primary School	Redhead Public School
Port Augusta Special School	Pymble Public School	Redland Bay State School
Port Dalrymple School	Quairading District High School	Redpa Primary School
Port Elliot Primary School	Quambatook Group School	Redwood Park Primary School
Port Fairy Consolidated School	Quarry Hill Primary School	Reece High School
Port Germein Primary School	Queanbeyan High School	Regency Park Primary School
Port Kembla Public School	Queanbeyan South Public School	Regency Park School
Port Kenny Primary School	Queen of Apostles Primary School	Regents Park Public School
Port Lincoln Junior Primary School	Queens Beach State School	Regina Coeli School
Port Lincoln Primary School	Queens Park Primary School	Reids Flat Public School
Port Lincoln Special School	Queenscliff Primary School	Reidy Park Primary School
Port Macquarie Public School	Quilpie State School	Rendelsham Primary School
Port Macquarie Seventh Day Adventist School	Quinalow State School	Renmark High School
Port Melbourne Primary School	Quinns Baptist College	Renmark Junior Primary School
Port Noarlunga Primary School	Quinns Beach Primary School	Renmark North Primary School
Port Phillip Specialist School	Quinns Rocks Primary School	Renmark Primary School
Port Pirie Special School	Quorn Area School	Renmark West Primary School
Port Pirie West Primary School	Raceview State School	Repton Public School
Port Vincent Primary School	Radford College	Research Primary School
Port Wakefield Primary School	Raglan Public School	Reservoir District Secondary College
Portarlington Primary School	Railton Primary School	Reservoir West Primary School
Portland Central School	Railway Town Public School	Resurrection House

Resurrection Primary School	Rockingham Beach Education Support Centre	Stanhurst P-12 College
Revesby Public School	Rockingham Lakes Primary School	Ruskin Park Primary School
Revesby South Public School	Rockingham Montessori School	Russell Vale Public School
Reynella Primary School	Rockingham Senior High School	Rutherford High School
Riana Primary School	Rocklea State School	Rutherford Public School
Richardson Primary School	Rockville State School	Rutherglen High School
Richlands East State School	Roebuck Primary School	Rutherglen Primary School
Richmond High School	Rokeyby High School	Ruthven Primary School
Richmond Primary School	Rokeyby Primary School	Ryan Catholic College
Richmond Primary School	Roleystone District High School	Rydalmere Public School
Richmond Primary School	Roleystone Primary School	Ryde Public School
Richmond Primary School	Rolling Hills Primary School	Ryde Secondary College
Richmond Public School	Roma Middle State School	Rye Primary School
Richmond River High School	Romsey Primary School	Ryeford State School
Richmond State School	Ropeley State School	Rylstone Public School
Richmond West Primary School	Rosalie Primary School	Sacred Heart College
Ridgehaven Primary School	Rosanna Golf Links Primary School	Sacred Heart College
Ridley Grove School R7	Rosary Primary School	Sacred Heart College
Ringrose Public School	Rosary School	Sacred Heart Parish School
Ringwood Heights Primary School	Rose Bay High School	Sacred Heart Primary School
Ringwood North Primary School	Rose Park Primary School	Sacred Heart Primary School
Ringwood Secondary College	Rosebank Public School	Sacred Heart Primary School
Ripplebrook Primary School	Rosebud Primary School	Sacred Heart Primary School
Ripponlea Primary School	Rosebud Secondary College	Sacred Heart Primary School
Risdon Vale Primary School	Rosedale Primary School	Sacred Heart Primary School
River Gum Primary School	Rosedale Primary School	Sacred Heart Primary School
River Valley Primary School	Rosedale State School	Sacred Heart Primary School
Riverdale Primary School	Rosehill Public School	Sacred Heart Primary School
Riverlands School	Roselea Public School	Sacred Heart School
Riverleigh State School	Rosella Park School	Sacred Heart School
Rivermount College	Rosemeadow Public School	Sacred Heart School
Riverside Christian College	Rosetta High School	Sacred Heart School
Riverside Christian School	Rosetta Primary School	Sacred Heart School
Riverside Community School	Roseville Public School	Sacred Heart School
Riverside Girls High School	Rosewood State High School	Sacred Heart School
Riverside High School	Roseworthy Primary School	Sacred Heart School
Riverside Primary School	Roslyn Primary School	Sacred Heart School
Riverstone High School	Ross Park Primary School	Sacred Heart School
Riverton Education Support Centre	Ross Smith Secondary School	Sacred Heart School
Riverton Primary School	Rossmoyne Primary School	Sacred Heart School
Riverton Primary School	Rossmoyne Senior High School	Sadadeen Primary School
Riverview State School	Rossville State School	Saddleworth Primary School
Robe Primary School	Rostrevor College	Safety Bay Primary School
Robert Townson Public School	Rottneat Island Primary School	Saints Peter and Paul Primary School
Roberts McCubbin Primary School	Rouchel Public School	Sale Primary School
Robertson Public School	Rouse Hill Anglican College	Sale Specialist School
Robertstown Primary School	Rowellyn Park Primary School	Salisbury Heights Primary School
Robinson River School	Rowland Hassall School	Salisbury North R7 School
Robinvale Secondary College	Rowville Primary School	Salisbury Park Primary School
Rochedale South State School	Rowville Secondary College	Salmon Gums Primary School
Rochedale State High School	Roxburgh Homestead Primary School	Salt Creek Primary School
Rochedale State School	Roxburgh Park Primary School	Samford State School
Rocherlea Primary School	Royal Childrens Hospital State Special School	Staniel Gilbert Public School
Rochester Primary School	Rozelle Public School	Samuel Terry Public School
Rockbank Primary School	Runcorn Heights State School	San Remo Primary School
Rockdale Public School	Runcorn State School	San Sisto College
Rockhampton Grammar School	Rupanyup Primary School	Sanctuary Point Public School
Rockhampton State High School	Ruse Public School	Sanderson High

Sandgate District State High School	Seville Primary School	Somerville House
Sandon Public School	Seville Road State School	Somerville Primary School
Sandringham College	Seymour Special School	Somerville Rise Primary School
Sandringham East Primary School	Seymour Technical High School	Son Centre Christian School
Sandringham Primary School	Shailer Park State High School	Sorrento Primary School
Sandstone Primary School	Shalvey Public School	Sorrento Primary School
Sandy Bay Infant School	Shark Bay Primary School	South Arm Primary School
Sandy Beach Public School	Sharon State School	South Australian School for Vision Impaired
Sandy Creek Primary School	Shearwater The Mullumbimby Steiner School	South Ballajura Primary School
Sandy Strait State School	Sheidow Park Primary School	South Burnett Catholic College
Sans Souci Public School	Shelford Girls' Grammar	South Coast Christian College
Santa Clara School	Shelley Primary School	South Coogee Public School
Santa Sabina College	Shellharbour Public School	South Downs Primary School
Sarah Redfern High School	Shenton College	South East Metropolitan Language Development C
Sarah Redfern Public School	Shepherdson College	South Fremantle Senior High School
Sarina State High School	Shepparton Christian Community School	South George Town Primary School
Sarina State School	Shepparton East Primary School	South Gippsland Secondary College
Sassafras Primary School	Sherbourne Primary School	South Gippsland Specialist School
Sawtell Public School	Sherwood Ridge Public School	South Grafton High School
Scarborough Primary School	Sherwood State School	South Grafton Public School
Scarborough Public School	Shoal Bay Public School	South Hobart Primary School
Scarborough State School	Shoalhaven Heads Public School	South Kalgoorlie Primary School
Schofields Public School	Shoalhaven High School	South Lake Primary School
Schools Of Isolated and Distance Education	Sholem Aleichem College	South Merredin Primary School
Scone High School	Shorncliffe State School	South Newman Primary School
Scone Public School	Shortland Public School	South Stirling Primary School
Scoresby Primary School	Siena Catholic College	South Sydney High School
Scotch College Adelaide	Siena Catholic Primary School	South Thornlie Primary School
Scott Creek Primary School	Silkwood State School	South Wagga Public School
Scottsdale High School	Silkwood Steiner School	South West Rocks Public School
Scottsdale Primary School	Silvan Primary School	South Yarra Primary School
Seabrook Primary School	Silverton Primary School	Southbrook Central State School
Seaford 612 School	Simpson Primary School	Southern Cross Catholic College Scarborough Can
Seaford North Primary School	Singleton Christian College	Southern Cross Catholic College
Seaford Park Primary School	Singleton Heights Public School	Southern Cross Catholic College - Kippa Ring Can
Seaford Primary School	Singleton High School	Southern Cross Catholic College - Woody Point Ca
Seaford Rise Primary School	Singleton Public School	Southern Cross District High School
Seaforth Primary School	Sir Joseph Banks High School	Southern Cross Primary School
Seaforth Public School	Skene Street School Stawell	Southern Cross Primary School
Seaholme Primary School	Skipton Primary School	Southern Cross School K-12
Seaton High School	Slade Point State School	Southern Montessori School
Seaton Park Primary School	Smeaton Primary School	Southlands Christian College
Seaview Downs Primary School	Smith Creek Primary School	Southport State High School
Seaview High School	Smithfield Plains High School	Southport State School
Sebastopol College	Smithfield Public School	Southside Christian College
Sebastopol Primary School	Smithfield State High School	Southside Montessori School
Secret Harbour Primary School	Smithton Primary School	Southvale Primary School
Sedan Primary School	Snowtown Area School	Sowilo Community High School
Sefton High School	Snowy Mountains Christian School	Spalding Primary School
Selby Primary School	Snowy Mountains Grammar School	Spearwood Alternative School
Serpell Primary School	Snug Primary School	Specimen Hill Primary School
Serpentine Primary School	Soapy Bore (Lynginyala) Homeland Learning Cent	Spree Creek Public School
Settlers Farm Primary School	Soldiers Point Public School	Spencer Park Education Support Centre
Seven Hills North Public School	Solomontown Primary School	Spencer Park Primary School
Seven Hills Public School	Solway Primary School	Spencer Public School
Seven Hills State School	Somers Primary School	Spensley Street Primary School
Seven Hills West Public School	Somerset Hills State School	Spinifex State College - Mount Isa - Junior Campu
Sevenoaks Senior College	Somerset Primary School	Spinifex State College - Mount Isa - Senior Campu

Spotswood Primary School	St Anthony's School	St Clare's High School
Spreyton Primary School	St Arnaud Primary School	St Clare's Primary School
Spring Gully Primary School	St Arnaud Secondary College	St Clare's Primary School
Spring Head Lutheran School	St Augustine's Catholic Primary School	St Clement of Rome School
Spring Hill Public School	St Augustine's Parish School	St Columba Anglican School
Spring Terrace Public School	St Augustine's Primary School	St Columba College
Spring Valley Primary School	St Augustine's School	St Columban's College
Springdale Heights Public School	St Augustine's School	St Columban's Primary School
Springfield Primary School	St Augustine's School	St Columba's Primary School
Springsure State School	St Augustine's School	St Columba's College
Springton Primary School	St Augustine's School	St Columba's High School
Springvale Heights Primary School	St Barbara's Parish School	St Columba's Memorial School
Springvale Primary School	St Bede's Parish School	St Columba's Primary School
Springvale Secondary College	St Bede's Primary School	St Columba's Primary School
Springvale South Primary School	St Bede's School	St Columba's School
Springvale West Primary School	St Benedict's Parish School	St Columba's School
Springwood High School	St Benedict's Primary School	St Columba's School
Springwood Road State School	St Bernadette's School	St Columba's School
St Agatha's Primary School	St Bernadette's School	St Columbkille's School
St Agatha's Primary School	St Bernadette's School	St Damian's School
St Agatha's Primary School	St Bernard State School	St David's Parish School
St Agnes Primary School	St Bernardine's School	St Declan's School
St Agnes' Primary School	St Bernard's College	St Dominic's Primary School
St Agnes School	St Bernard's Primary School	St Dominic's Priory College
St Albans East Primary School	St Bernard's Primary School	St Dominic's School
St Albans Heights Primary School	St Bernard's School	St Dominic's School
St Albans Meadows Primary School	St Brendan's Primary School	St Edward's Christian Brothers College
St Albans North Primary School	St Brendan's Primary School	St Edward's Primary School
St Albans Primary School	St Brendan's Primary School	St Edwards Primary School Robert Street Campus
St Albans Secondary College	St Brendan's School	St Felix' Primary School
St Albans South Primary School	St Brendan's School	St Fiacre's School
St Albert's School	St Brendan-Shaw College	St Fidelis' Primary School
St Aloysius' Primary School	St Bridget's Primary School	St Finbarr's Primary School
St Aloysius' School	St Brigid's College	St Finbar's School
St Ambrose's Primary School	St Brigid's College	St Finbar's School
St Ambrose's Primary School	St Brigid's Primary School	St Finbar's School
St Andrew Lutheran School	St Brigid's Primary School	St Finn Barr's School
St Andrews Anglican College	St Brigid's Primary School	St Francis College
St Andrew's Catholic College Redlynch Valley	St Brigid's Primary School (Coonamble)	St Francis de Sales College
St Andrews Catholic Primary School	St Brigid's Primary School (Gwynneville)	St Francis de Sales School
St Andrew's Catholic Primary School	St Brigid's School	St Francis of Assisi Primary School
St Andrews Lutheran College	St Brigid's School	St Francis of Assisi Primary School
St Andrews Primary School	St Brigid's School	St Francis of Assisi School
St Andrew's Primary School	St Brigid's School	St Francis of Assisi School
St Andrew's Primary School	St Brigid's School	St Francis School
St Angela's Primary School	St Brigid's School	St Francis' School
St Anne's Primary School	St Carthage's Primary School	St Francis' School
St Anne's Primary School	St Catherine Laboure School	St Francis Xavier
St Anne's Primary School	St Catherine's Parish School	St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School
St Anne's Primary School	St Catherine's Primary School	St Francis Xavier College
St Anne's School	St Catherine's School	St Francis Xavier College- Berwick
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	St Cecilia's Parish School	St Francis Xavier Primary School
St Anthony's Primary School	St Cecilia's School	St Francis Xavier Primary School
St Anthony's Primary School	St Cecilia's School	St Francis Xavier Primary School
St Anthony's School	St Charles Borromeo Primary School	St Francis Xavier Primary School
St Anthony's School	St Christopher's School	St Francis Xavier School
St Anthony's School	St Clair Public School	St Francis Xavier's Parish Primary School
St Anthony's School	St Clare of Assisi	St Francis Xavier's Primary School

St Francis Xavier's Primary School	St John Vianney's Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School
St Francis Xavier's Regional Catholic School	St John Vianney's School	St Joseph's Primary School
St Francis Xavier's School	St John's Catholic School	St Joseph's Primary School
St Francis Xavier's School	St John's College	St Joseph's Primary School
St Francis Xavier's School	St John's College	St Joseph's Primary School
St Francis Xavier's School	St John's College Woodlawn	St Joseph's Primary School
St Francis Xavier's School	St John's Lutheran Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School
St Francis Xavier's School	St John's Lutheran Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School
St Francis Xavier's School	St John's Lutheran School	St Joseph's Primary School
St Francis Xavier's School	St Johns Lutheran School Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School (East Maitland)
St Gabriel's School	St Johns Park Public School	St Joseph's Regional College
St Gabriel's School for Hearing Impaired Children	St John's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St George Christian School	St John's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St George Girls High School	St John's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St George State High School	St John's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St George State School	St John's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St Georges Basin Public School	St John's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St Georges Road Primary School Shepparton	St John's Regional College	St Joseph's School
St Gerard Majella Primary School	St John's School	St Joseph's School
St Gerard's Primary School	St John's School	St Joseph's School
St Gregory the Great School	St John's School	St Joseph's School
St Gregory's College	St John's School	St Joseph's School
St Helena's Catholic Primary School	St John's School	St Joseph's School
St Helens District High School	St John's the Baptist Catholic Primary School	St Joseph's School
St Helens Park Public School	St Joseph the Worker School	St Joseph's School
St Helens State School	St Joseph's Catholic College	St Joseph's School
St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	St Joseph's School
St Ignatius' College	St Joseph's Catholic School	St Joseph's School
St Ignatius' School	St Joseph's College	St Joseph's School
St Ita's Primary School	St Joseph's College	St Joseph's School
St Ita's Regional Primary School	St Joseph's College	St Joseph's School
St Ives North Public School	St Joseph's College -Toowoomba	St Joseph's School
St Ives Park Public School	St Joseph's High School	St Joseph's School
St Jakobi Lutheran School	St Joseph's High School	St Joseph's School
St James Catholic School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St James' College	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
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St Jerome's Catholic Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St Joachim's Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St Joan of Arc School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St Joan of Arc School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St John Bosco College	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St John Bosco College	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St John the Apostle Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St John the Baptist Catholic School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St John the Baptist Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St John the Baptist School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St John the Baptist School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St John the Baptist School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St John the Evangelist High School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St John Vianney Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School
St John Vianney's Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School	St Joseph's School

St Joseph's School	St Mary and St Mina's Coptic Orthodox College - Rockdale Campus	St Mary's School
St Joseph's School	St Mary Magdalene's School	St Mary's School
St Joseph's School	St Mary Magdalene's School	St Mary's School
St Joseph's School	St Mary of the Angels School	St Mary's School
St Joseph's School Park Avenue	St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School	St Mary's School
St Joseph's School The Strand	St Mary Star of the Sea College	St Mary's School
St Jude the Apostle School	St Mary's Anglican Girls' School	St Mary's Star of the Sea Primary School
St Jude's Catholic Primary School	St Mary's Cathedral College	St Mary's Star of the Sea School
St Jude's Catholic School	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	St Mary's War Memorial School
St Jude's Primary School	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	St Matthew's Central School
St Justin's Primary School	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	St Matthew's Primary School
St Kevin's Parish School	St Mary's Central School	St Matthew's Primary School
St Kevin's Primary School	St Mary's College	St Matthew's School
St Kevin's Primary School	St Mary's College	St Matthew's School
St Kevin's Primary School	St Mary's College	St Matthew's School
St Kevin's School	St Mary's College (Gunnedah)	St Mel's Primary School
St Kevin's School	St Mary's Convent School	St Mel's School
St Kieran's Primary School	St Mary's District High School	St Michael's Primary School
St Kieran's School	St Mary's High School	St Michael's School
St Kilda Park Primary School	St Mary's Memorial School	St Michael's School
St Kilda Primary School	St Mary's North Public School	St Michael's School
St Kilian's Primary School	St Mary's Primary School	St Michael's School
St Laurence O'Toole Primary School	St Mary's Primary School	St Michael's School
St Laurence's Infants School	St Mary's Primary School	St Michael's School
St Laurence's School	St Mary's Primary School	St Michael's School
St Lawrence Primary School	St Mary's Primary School	St Monica's Parish School
St Lawrence State School	St Mary's Primary School	St Monica's Primary School
St Lawrence's Central School	St Mary's Primary School	St Monica's Primary School
St Leonard's College	St Mary's Primary School	St Monica's Primary School
St Leonards Primary School	St Mary's Primary School	St Munchin's Catholic School
St Leonards Primary School	St Mary's Primary School	St Nicholas' Primary School
St Leonard's Primary School	St Mary's Primary School	St Patrick's Catholic School
St Liborius' School	St Mary's Primary School	St Patrick's College
St Lucy's School	St Mary's Primary School	St Patrick's College
St Luke the Evangelist School	St Mary's Primary School	St Patrick's College
St Luke's Anglican School	St Mary's Primary School	St Patrick's Marist College
St Luke's Catholic Primary School	St Mary's Primary School	St Patrick's Parish Primary School
St Luke's Catholic Primary School	St Mary's Primary School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Luke's College	St Mary's Primary School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Luke's Grammar School	St Mary's Primary School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Luke's Grammar School - Dee Why	St Mary's Primary School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Luke's School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Luke's School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Macartan's Primary School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Madeleine's Primary School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Margaret's Primary School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Margaret's School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Maria Goretti's Catholic School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Mark's Anglican Community School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Mark's Coptic Orthodox College	St Mary's School	St Patrick's Primary School
St Martin de Porres Primary School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's School
St Martin de Porres School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's School
St Martin de Porres School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's School
St Martin of Tours' School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's School
St Martins Lutheran School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's School
St Martin's School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's School
St Mary - St Joseph Primary School	St Mary's School	St Patrick's School
St Mary and St Mina's Coptic Orthodox College	St Mary's School	St Patrick's School

St Patrick's Special School	St Stephen's School Carramar	Strathalbyn Christian College
St Paul Apostle North School	St Teresa's School	Strathcona Baptist Girls' Grammar School
St Paul Lutheran School	St Theresa's School	Strathewen Primary School
St Paul of the Cross School	St Therese' Primary School	Strathfield Girls High School
St Paul the Apostle School	St Therese's Community School	Strathfield North Public School
St Paul's Anglican Grammar	St Therese's Primary School	Strathfield South Public School
St Paul's College	St Therese's School	Strathfieldsaye Primary School
St Paul's College	St Therese's School	Strathmerton Primary School
St Paul's College	St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School	Strathmore North Primary School
St Paul's College	St Thomas Aquinas College	Strathmore Primary School
St Paul's College	St Thomas Aquinas' School	Strathpine West State School
St Paul's Lutheran Primary School	St Thomas More Catholic Primary School	Streaky Bay Area School
St Paul's Parish Primary School	St Thomas More School	Streeton Primary School
St Paul's Parish Primary School	St Thomas More's Parish School	Strelley Community School
St Paul's Primary School	St Thomas More's Primary School	Stretton State College
St Paul's Primary School	St Thomas More's Primary School	Stromlo High School
St Paul's Primary School	St Thomas More's Primary School	Stroud Public School
St Paul's Primary School	St Thomas More's Primary School	Stroud Road Public School
St Paul's Primary School	St Thomas More's Primary School	Sts Peter and Paul's School
St Paul's Primary School	St Thomas More's School	Sts Peter and Paul's School
St Paul's Primary School	St Thomas' Primary School	Stuart High School
St Paul's Primary School	St Thomas' Primary School	Stuart Park Primary School
St Paul's School	St Thomas' s School	Stuarts Point Public School
St Paul's School	St Thomas School	Sturt Public School
St Paul's School	St Thomas' School	Subiaco Primary School
St Paul's State School	St Thomas' School	Sunbury Downs Secondary College
St Peter Chanel Primary School	St Thomas the Apostle Primary School	Sunbury Heights Primary School
St Peter Chanel Primary School	St Thomas the Apostle School	Sunbury State School
St Peter Julian Eymard School	St Timothy's School	Sunbury West Primary School
St Peter's Catholic College Tuggerah Lakes	St Ursula's College	Sunnybank Special School
St Peter's Catholic Primary School	St Vincent de Paul School	Sunnybank State High School
St Peter's College	St Vincent de Paul School	Sunset State School
St Peter's Primary School	St Vincent's Primary School	Sunshine Bay Public School
St Peter's Primary School	St Vincent's School	Sunshine Beach State High School
St Peter's Primary School	St Virgil's College	Sunshine Beach State School
St Peter's Primary School	Stafford Heights State School	Sunshine Christian School
St Peter's School	Stanhope Primary School	Sunshine Coast Flexi School
St Peter's School	Stanley Primary School	Sunshine Coast Grammar School
St Peter's School	Stanmore Public School	Sunshine College
St Peter's School	Stansbury Primary School	Sunshine College - Ardeer Campus
St Peter's South West Sunshine Catholic Regional School	Stanhope State High School	Sunshine College - North Campus
St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School	Stanthorpe State School	Sunshine College - West campus
St Philip's Christian College	Stanwell State School	Sunshine East Primary School
St Pius School	Star of the Sea School	Sunshine Heights Primary School
St Pius X High School	Staughton College	Sunshine North Primary School
St Pius X Primary School	Stella Maris Primary School	Sunshine Primary School
St Pius X Primary School	Stella Maris Primary School	Sunshine Special Developmental School
St Pius X School	Stella Maris School	Sunvale Primary School
St Pius X School	Stephen Island State School	Surat State School
St Raphael's Primary School	Stirling East Primary School	Surfers Paradise State School
St Raphael's School	Stirling North Primary School	Surfside Primary School
St Rita's Catholic Primary School	Stockton Public School	Surrey Downs R7 School
St Robert's School	Stonnington Primary School	Surrey Hills Primary School
St Roch's Parish School	Stradbroke Junior Primary School	Surveyors Creek Public School
St Rose Catholic Primary School	Stradbroke Primary School	Sussex Heights Primary School
St Scholastica's College	Strahan Primary School	Sussex Inlet Public School
St Simon's School	Stratford Primary School	Sutherland Dianella Primary School
St Stephen's Primary	Stratford Public School	Sutherland North Public School
St Stephen's School	Strathaird Primary School	

Sutherland Public School	Taradale Primary School	The Basin Primary School
Sutton Public School	Taranganba State School	The Beach School
Suttontown Primary School	Tarcutta Public School	The Cathedral School
Swallowcliffe Junior Primary School	Taree High School	The Cathedral School of St Anne and St James
Swallowcliffe Primary School	Taree Public School	The Centre Education Programme
Swan Christian College	Taree West Public School	The Cottage School
Swan Hill North Primary School	Tarlee Primary School	The Crescent School
Swan Hill Primary School	Tarnagulla Primary School	The Entrance Public School
Swan Hill Specialist School	Taroom State School	The Essington School
Swan Marsh Primary School	Tarpeena Primary School	The Forest High School
Swan View Senior High School	Tarrawanna Public School	The Glenleighden School
Swanbourne Primary School	Tarremah School for Rudolf Steiner Education	The Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School
Swansea Primary School	Tarwin Lower Primary School	The Grange P-12 College
Swansea Public School	Tarwin Valley Primary School	The Gums State School
Swayneville State School	Tasman District School	The Hall State School
Swifts Creek Primary School	Tathra Public School	The Henry Lawson High School
Swifts Creek Secondary College	Tatura Primary School	The Hills School
Sydenham - Hillside Primary School	Tawonga Primary School	The Hunter Orthopaedic School
Sydney Grammar School Edgecliff Preparatory School	Taylor Primary School	The Islamic Schools of Victoria (Werribee College)
Sydney Grammar School St Ives Preparatory School	Taylor's Lakes Primary School	The Kilmore International School
Sydney Road Community School	Taylor's Lakes Secondary College	The King David School
Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus	Tea Gardens Public School	The Lake Primary School
Sydney Technical High School	Tea Tree Gully Primary School	The Meadows Public School
Sylvania High School	Teelba State School	The Oaks Public School
Sylvanvale School	Teesdale Primary School	The Patch Primary School
Syndal South Primary School	Telopea Park School	The Pines Primary School
Taabinga State School	Telopea Public School	The Pocket Public School
Table Cape Primary School	Temora Public School	The Rock Central School
Tabulam Public School	Tempe Public School	The School of Total Education
Tacoma Public School	Temple Christian College	The Scots PGC College Junior School
Tahmoor Public School	Templestowe Heights Primary School	The Silver Tree Steiner School
Taigum State School	Templestowe Park Primary School	The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School
Takari Primary School	Templestowe Valley Primary School	The Speech and Hearing Centre for Children
Talara Primary College	Templeton Primary School	The Summit State School
Talbot Primary School	Tempy Primary School	The Toowoomba Preparatory School
Talgarno Primary School	Tenambit Public School	The Willows State School
Tallangatta Primary School	Tenison Woods Catholic School	Theebine State School
Tallangatta Secondary College	Tenison Woods College	Theodore Primary School
Tallarook Primary School	Tennant Creek High School	Theodore State School
Tallygaroopna Primary School	Tennant Creek Primary School	Thirlmere Public School
Tambo Upper Primary School	Tennyson Special School	Thirroul Public School
Tamborine Mountain College	Tenterfield High School	Thomas Acres Public School
Tamborine Mountain State High School	Terang College	Thomas Chimside Primary School
Taminmin High	Terowie Rural School	Thomas Mitchell Primary School
Tammin Primary School	Terra Sancta College	Thomas More College
Tamrookum State School	Terra Sancta College (Quakers Hills Campus)	Thomastown East Primary School
Tamworth Public School	Terrey Hills Public School	Thomastown Meadows Primary School
Tamworth South Public School	Terrigal High School	Thomastown Primary School
Tamworth West Public School	Terrigal Public School	Thomastown Secondary College
Tanduringie State School	Teven-Tintenbar Public School	Thomastown West Primary School
Tanilba Bay Public School	Tewantin State School	Thoona Primary School
Tanjil South Primary School	Texas State School	Thornbury Darebin Secondary College
Tannum Sands State High School	Thabeban State School	Thornbury Primary School
Tannymorel State School	Thangool State School	Thorndon Park Primary School
Tantanoola Primary School	Tharawal Public School	Thornleigh West Public School
Tanunda Primary School	Tharwa Primary School	Thornlie Primary School
Tara Anglican School for Girls	The Alice Springs Steiner School	Thornlie Senior High School
Tara State School	The Assumption School	Thornton Public School

Three Springs Primary School	Tower Street Public School	Tyalla Public School
Thulimbah State School	Townsville Central State School	Tyers Primary School
Thursday Island State School	Townsville Community Learning Centre	Tylden Primary School
Tiaro State School	Townsville State High School	Tyndale Christian School
Tieri State School	Townview State School	Tyrrell College
Tighes Hill Public School	Tranby College	Ubobo State School
Timbarra Primary School	Tranby Primary School	Uki Public School
Timber Creek School	Traralgon (Liddiard Road) Primary School	Ulan Public School
Timboon P-12 School	Traralgon (Stockdale Road) Primary School	Ulladulla Public School
Timor Primary School	Traralgon Special Developmental School	Ulmarra Public School
Tin Can Bay State School	Trawalla Primary School	Ultima Primary School
Tinana State School	Trebonne State School	Ultimo Public School
Tincurrin Primary School	Treetops Montessori School	Ulverstone High School
Tingalpa State School	Tregeagle Public School	Ulverstone Primary School
Tingha Public School	Tregear Public School	Umina Public School
Tingoorra State School	Trentham District Primary School	Unanderra Public School
Tinonee Public School	Tresswell State School	Undera Primary School
Tinternvale Primary School	Triabunna District High School	Underbool Primary School
Tintinara Area School	Trinity Anglican College	Undercliffe Public School
Tintinhull Public School	Trinity Anglican College Wodonga	Underdale High School
Tivoli State School	Trinity Beach State School	Ungarie Central School
Tobruk Street Primary School	Trinity Catholic College	Ungarra Primary School
Tolland Public School	Trinity Catholic College	Unity College
Tom Price Primary School	Trinity College Colac Inc	Unley Primary School
Tomaree High School	Trinity Gardens Primary School	Upper Burnie Primary School
Tomaree Public School	Trinity Grammar School	Upper Coomera State College
Tomerong Public School	Trinity Lutheran College	Upper Coopers Creek Public School
Tongala Primary School	Tubbut Primary School	Upper Plenty Primary School
Tooborac Primary School	Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkeley Campus	Upper Sturt Primary School
Toogoolawa School	Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College The Entrance Campus	Upper Sturt Primary School
Toogoolawah State School	Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Tumby Bay Campus	Upper Sturt Primary School
Toolamba Primary School	Tuggerawong Public School	Upper Yarra Secondary College
Toolangi Primary School	Tullamarine Primary School	Upwey High School
Tooleybuc Central School	Tullawong State High School	Upwey Primary School
Toolooa State High School	Tullawong State School	Upwey South Primary School
Toomelah Public School	Tulloona Public School	Uraidla Primary School
Toongabbie Primary School	Tully State High School	Uralla Central School
Toongabbie Public School	Tully State School	Urambi Primary School
Toora Primary School	Tumbulgum Public School	Urangan Point State School
Tooradin Primary School	Tumby Bay Area School	Urangan State High School
Toorak Primary School	Tumut High School	Uranquinty Public School
Tooraweenah Public School	Tumut Public School	Urapunga School
Toorloo Arm Primary School	Tuncurry Public School	Urbenville Public School
Toormina Public School	Tungamah Primary School	Urrbrae Agricultural High School
Tootgarook Primary School	Tuntable Creek Public School	Urunga Public School
Toowong College	Tuntable Falls Community Primary School	Utopia School
Toowong State School	Turner School	Utopia School
Toowoomba State High School	Turrumurra High School	Vacy Public School
Toowoomba State High School Wilsonton Campus	Turrumurra North Public School	Vale Park Primary School
Toowoomba West Special School	Turrumurra Public School	Vale View State School
Torbanlea State School	Turvey Park Public School	Valentine Public School
Toronto High School	Tweed Heads Public School	Valkyrie State School
Toronto Public School	Tweed Heads South Public School	Valley View Public School
Torquay Primary School	Tweed River High School	Vardys Road Public School
Torrensview Primary School	Two Mile State School	Varsity College
Tottenham Central School	Tyabb Primary School	Vaucluse Public School
Toukley Public School	Tyabb Railway Station Primary School	Veresdale Scrub State School
Towamba Public School	Tyalgum Public School	Vermont Primary School

Vermont Secondary College	Wallsend South Public School	Warrenbayne Primary School
Vermont South Special School	Walpeup Primary School	Warrenheip Primary School
Vern-Barnett School for Autistic Children	Walungurru	Warriappendi School
Verney Road School	Walwa Primary School	Warrigal Road State School
Victor Harbor Junior Primary School	Wamberal Public School	Warringa Park School
Victor Harbor Primary School	Wanaaring Public School	Warrambool College
Victoria Park State School	Wanalirri Catholic School	Warrambool Primary School
Victoria Plantation State School	Wandana Primary School	Warrambool Special Developmental School
Victoria Point State School	Wandangula Homeland School	Warrambool West Primary School
Victory Christian College	Wandering Primary School	Wartburg State School
Victory College	Wandiligong Primary School	Warwick Central State School
Victory Primary School	Wandin North Primary School	Warwick East State School
Viewbank Primary School	Wandin Yallock Primary School	Warwick Farm Public School
Village Creek Primary School	Wandoan State School	Warwick Senior High School
Village School Inc	Wandong Primary School	Warwick State High School
Vincent State School	Wangaratta District Specialist School	Warwick West State School
Vincentia High School	Wangaratta Primary School	Wasleys Primary School
Vincentia Public School	Wangaratta West Primary School	Waterford West State School
Virginia Primary School	Wangi Wangi Public School	Watervale Primary School
Vision Australia Education Centre	Wanguri Primary School	Watheroo Primary School
Vistara Primary School	Waniora Public School	Watiyawanu School
WA College Of Agriculture Denmark	Wanneroo Senior High School	Watson Road State School
Waaia Yalca South Primary School	Wanniassa Hills Primary School	Watsonia Heights Primary School
Wadalba Community School	Wanniassa K-10	Watsonia North Primary School
Waddington Primary School	Wanniassa School	Watsonia Primary School
Wagaman Primary School	Wantirna Primary School	Wattle Glen Primary School
Wagga Wagga Christian College	Wantirna South Primary School	Wattle Grove Public School
Wagga Wagga High School	Waraburra State School	Wattle View Primary School
Wagga Wagga Public School	Warakurna Remote Community School	Waubra Primary School
Waggrakine Primary School	Waratah Public School	Wauchope High School
Wagin District High School	Waratah West Public School	Wauchope Public School
Wahgunyah Primary School	Warburton Christian School	Wavell Heights State School
Wahroonga Preparatory School	Warburton Primary School	Waverley Junior College
Wahroonga Public School	Wardell Public School	Waverley Meadows Primary School
Wahroonga Seventh Day Adventist School	Warialda High School	Waverley Primary School
Waikerie High School	Warialda Public School	Waverley Public School
Waikerie Lutheran School	Warilla High School	Wedderburn College
Waikerie Primary School	Warilla North Public School	Wedge Park Primary School
Waitara Public School	Warilla Public School	Wee Jasper Public School
Walbundrie Public School	Warners Bay High School	Weeden Heights Primary School
Walcha Central School	Warners Bay Public School	Weeroona College Bendigo
Wales Street Primary School	Warnervale Public School	Weetangera Primary School
Walkaway Primary School	Warooka Primary School	Weethalle Public School
Walkervale State School	Warra State School	Weir State School
Walkerville Primary School	Warracknabeal Primary School	Weld Square Primary School
Walla Walla Public School	Warradale Primary School	Wellcamp State School
Wallace Rockhole School	Warragul & District Specialist School	Wellers Hill State School
Wallacia Public School	Warragul North Primary School	Wellington Christian School
Wallan Primary School	Warragul Primary School	Wellington High School
Wallarano Primary School	Warragul Regional College	Wellington Point State School
Wallaroo Mines Primary School	Warrantdyte High School	Wellington Public School
Wallaroo Primary School	Warrantdyte Primary School	Wellstead Primary School
Wallaville State School	Warrane Primary School	Welshpool and District Primary School
Wallerawang Public School	Warranwood Primary School	Welton Primary School
Wellington Primary School	Warrawee Public School	Wembley Downs Primary School
Walliston Primary School	Warrawong High School	Wembley Primary School
Walloon State School	Warrawong Public School	Wendouree Primary School
Wallsend Public School	Warren Central School	Wentworth Public School

Wentworthville Public School	Whealers Hill Primary School	Windermere Primary School
Werribee Primary School	White Gum Valley Primary School	Windeyer Public School
Werrington County Public School	White Hills Primary School	Windsor Gardens Vocational College
Werrington Public School	White Rock State School	Windsor High School
Wesburn Primary School	Whitebridge High School	Windsor Public School
Wesley College	Whitefriars College	Windsor South Public School
Wesley College Elsternwick	Whitefriars School	Windsor State School
West Balcatta Primary School	Whites Hill State College	Winfield State School
West Beach Primary School	Whitford Catholic Primary School	Wingham Brush Public School
West Beechboro Primary School	Whitsunday Christian College	Winkie Primary School
West Busselton Primary School	Whittington Primary School	Winmalee High School
West End State School	Whittlesea Primary School	Winnaleah District High School
West Greenwood Primary School	Whittlesea Secondary College	Winterfold Primary School
West Lakes Shore Junior Primary School	Whitton Public School	Winters Flat Primary School
West Lakes Shore Primary School	Whorouly Primary School	Wirrabara Primary School
West Leeming Primary School	Whyalla Christian School	Wirrabirra Education Support Centre
West Morley Primary School	Whyalla Special School	Wirreanda High School
West Northam Primary School	Whyalla Town Primary School	Wirreanda Public School
West Pennant Hills Public School	Wiangaree Public School	Wishart State School
West Pymble Public School	Wickepin Primary School	Withcott State School
West Ryde Public School	Widgee State School	Withers Primary School
West Somerset Primary School	Wilberforce Public School	Woady Yaloak Primary School
West Ulverstone Primary School	Wilcannia Central School	Woden School Special School
West Wallsend High School	Wilgie View Learning Centre	Wodonga Middle Years College
West Wyalong Public School	Willaura Primary School	Wodonga Primary School
Westall Primary School	Willawarrin Public School	Wodonga West Primary School
Westall Secondary College	Willetton Primary School	Wodonga West Secondary College
Westbourne Park Primary School	Willetton Senior High School	Wollondilly Anglican College
Westbreen Primary School	William Dean Public School	Wollondilly Public School
Westbury Primary School	William Duncan State School	Wollongbar Public School
Westdale Public School	William Light R12 School	Wollumbin High School
Western English Language School	William Stimson Public School	Wombat Public School
Western Heights College - Barton Campus	Williams Primary School	Wondai State School
Western Heights Secondary College - Minerva Campus	Williamstown High School	Wonga Park Primary School
Western Port Secondary College	Williamstown North Primary School	Wongwibinda Public School
Western Sydney School for Children with Autism	Williamstown Primary School	Wonthaggi Primary School
Westernport Christian School	Williamtown Public School	Woodbridge Primary School
Westerway Primary School	Willmott Park Primary School	Woodbridge School
Westfields Sports High School	Willoughby Girls High School	Woodburn Public School
Westgarth Primary School	Willoughby Public School	Woodcrest College
Westmar State School	Willow Grove Primary School	Woodcroft College
Westmead Public School	Willow Tree Public School	Woodcroft Primary School
Westmeadows Heights Primary School	Willowra CEC	Woodenbong Central School
Westmeadows Primary School	Willsden Primary School	Woodend Primary School
Westminster Education Support Centre	Willunga Primary School	Woodend Primary School
Westminster Junior Primary School	Willunga Waldorf School	Woodford Dale Public School
Westminster Primary School	Willyama High School	Woodford Primary School
Westminster School	Wilmington Primary School	Woodford State School
Weston Primary School	Wilmot Primary School	Woodland Road Public School
Westport High School	Wilmot Road Primary School	Woodlands Primary School
Westport Primary School	Wilson Park Primary School	Woodlands Primary School
Westport Public School	Wilson Primary School	Woodleigh School
Westwood State School	Wilsons Creek Public School	Woodleigh School (Junior Campus-Minimbah)
Wewak Street School	Wilston State School	Woodport Public School
Wharminda Primary School	Winchelsea School	Woodridge North State School
Wheatlands State School	Windale Public School	Woodridge State School
Wheatvale State School	Windaroo Valley State High School	Woodroffe Primary School
Wheeler Heights Public School	Windellama Public School	Woodside Primary School

Woodstock State School	Yandaran State School	Young North Public School
Woodvale Primary School	Yanderra Public School	Young Public School
Woodville High School	Yandina State School	Young Town Primary School
Woodville Primary School	Yandoit Primary School	Youth Education Centre
Woodville Primary School	Yangan State School	Yuendumu CEC
Woolaning School	Yangebup Primary School	Yuille Primary School
Woolgoolga High School	Yaraka State School	Yule Brook College
Woolgoolga Public School	Yarara College - Mt Liebig Campus	Yuleba State School
Wooli Public School	Yarara College of the Finke River Mission	Yunga Jinna Remote Community School
Woolooga State School	Yarloop Primary School	Yuluma Primary School
Woolooware Public School	Yarra Glen Primary School	Yuna Primary School
Woolum Bellum Koorie Open Door Education	Yarra Junction Primary School	Yunta Rural School
Woongarra State Primary School	Yarra Primary School	Zeehan Primary School
Woongarra State School	Yarra Road Primary School	Zeerust Primary School
Woonona East Public School	Yarra Valley Grammar School	
Woonona High School	Yarrabah School	
Woorabinda State School	Yarrabah State School	
Woori Yallock Primary School	Yarragon Primary School	
Woorinen District Primary School	Yarralin School	
Wooroloo Primary School	Yarralinda School	
Woree State High School	Yarram Primary School	
Woy Woy Public School	Yarram Secondary College	
Woy Woy South Public School	Yarraman P-10 State School	
Wugularr School	Yarraman Park Primary School	
Wulagi Primary School	Yarraman State School	
Wulungarra Community School	Yarrambat Primary School	
Wunghnu Primary School	Yarraville West Primary School	
Wurdeja	Yarrawarra Public School	
Wurruk Primary School	Yarrawonga Primary School	
Wyalong Public School	Yarrilee State School	
Wyandra State School	Yarrunga Primary School	
Wycombe State School	Yarwun State School	
Wyndham Public School	Yass High School	
Wynn Vale Junior Primary School	Yates Avenue Public School	
Wynn Vale Primary School	Yawarra Primary School	
Wynnum Central State School	Yea Primary School	
Wynnum North State School	Yealering Primary School	
Wynnum State High School	Yelarbon State School	
Wynnum West State School	Yellingbo Primary School	
Wyoming Public School	Yeo Park Infants School	
Wyong Creek Public School	Yeoval Central School	
Wyong High School	Yeppoon State High School	
Wyong Public School	Yering Primary School	
Wyrallah Public School	Yerong Creek Public School	
Wyrallah Road Public School	Yeronga State School	
Wyreema State School	Yeshivah and Beth Rivkah Colleges	
Wytaliba Public School	Yikarrakkal	
Xavier College	Yilan	
Xavier College - Kostka Hall Campus	Yipirinya School	
Yaapeet Primary School	Yirara College	
Yackandandah Primary School	Yirara College - Willowra Campus	
Yagoona Public School	Yiyili Aboriginal Community School	
Yahl Primary School	Yokine Primary School	
Yalata Aboriginal School	Yolla District High School	
Yale Primary School	Yoogali Public School	
Yallourn North Primary School	York District High School	
Yamba Public School	Yorke town Area School	
Yanchep District High School	Yorkeys Knob State School	

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Question: E06-097

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: REVIEWS OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Jan McLucas asked:

The review of public funding for HIV/AIDS will be conducted from March-September 2006. The Review was announced in December.

- a) Who is doing this Review?
- b) Is it underway?
- c) What will the Review cost?
- d) What other public health programs are up for review?
- e) When will these reviews be done?
- f) What has been budgeted for these reviews?
- g) Given that these reviews were required in the Budget 3 years ago, why is the Department only now starting this process?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health and Ageing has engaged the Allen Consulting Group to conduct this review following an open tender process.
- b) Yes. It commenced in April 2006.
- c) The consultancy contract with the Allen Consulting Group is to the value of \$122,700.00 (GST inclusive).
- d) All initiatives funded through the National Public Health Program are being progressively reviewed under a rolling program of reviews. Programs being evaluated this year are HIV/AIDS research and education activities and the Department's funding for the National Serology Reference Laboratory.
- e) Programs funded through the National Public Health Program will be subject to review every five years. The reviews of the HIV/AIDS activities and Departmental funded activities of the National Serology Reference Laboratory are expected to be completed in the latter half of 2006.
- f) No additional funding was provided in the Budget to conduct the reviews. If reviews require an external consultant or particular research to be commissioned, they are funded from existing program budgets.

- g) The reviews are being undertaken as part of the Priority Setting Mechanism for Prevention which was introduced in the 2003-04 Budget. It was anticipated that the reviews would be conducted over time, as required, to inform future budget decisions. The Department has evaluated many existing and proposed public health programs in the last three years. Programs reviewed in this process include the Public Health Education and Research Program, the Public Health Outcome Funding Agreements, and “lapsing” measures included in the Budget. This year the Department has started the review of HIV/AIDS activities.

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Question: E06-206

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: HIV DIAGNOSIS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Payne asked:

Is it possible to tell the committee what came out of the forum to discuss rises in HIV diagnoses for 2005 discussion you referred to between Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and the Commonwealth health departments?

Answer:

A number of key priority areas were discussed at the forum, held on 14 March 2006, including:

- the role of HIV positive people in prevention, and how to discuss the negative aspects of having HIV in a way that is realistic, but without stigmatising HIV positive people;
- the ways of increasing testing for sexually transmissible infections (STIs) including developing education that can accompany HIV prevention messages;
- HIV in the context of gay men's lives, including the role that drugs, alcohol, the internet, and other social and cultural factors play in transmission of HIV;
- risk behaviours and knowledge of HIV status in relationships; and
- the availability and uptake of post-exposure prophylaxis after high risk exposure to known or suspected HIV infection.

It was agreed at the forum that responses to the rises in HIV infections in Australia should be to continue effort on previously identified high priority areas. It was agreed that responses should utilise existing interventions, such as health promotion programs, where possible. The States present at the forum also agreed to progress the issues identified within their own jurisdictions.

It was also agreed that this forum would be the first of a number of discussions about responding to the rises in HIV infections in Australia. Future meetings and fora will focus on single issues, to identify and plan actions required.

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Question: E06-032

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY HELP AUSTRALIA

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Pregnancy Help Australia's current constitution states that a principle of the organisation is "Not to advise, provide or refer, directly or indirectly, for abortion or abortifacients".

- a) Does the Department believe this is a breach of Pregnancy Help Australia's service agreement to provide "non-directive pregnancy counselling"?
- b) Could the service agreement be changed to "all options pregnancy counselling"?

Answer:

- a) The Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services (AFPSS) provides non-directive counselling on all options which does not necessarily include referral. Counselling, whether it is directive or non-directive, is about supporting decision making – it does not necessarily involve continued support or referral after a decision has been made. In directive counselling, the counsellor actively participates in the decision making process; non-directive counselling leaves the responsibility for the decision with the client.
- b) There is no policy intention to change the current agreement in the way suggested.

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Question: E06-039

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

In response to February estimates question on notice E06-006, the Department said “The AFPSS has advised that they anticipate providing the Department with the new training manual and curriculum by the middle of 2006”.

- a) Is this available yet?
- b) If not, can you provide an update of when it will be made available?
- c) Is Pregnancy Help Australia still within the agreed timeframes of its funding agreement in order to achieve status as a Registered Training Organisation?

Answer:

- a) No.
- b) The Department anticipates the training manual should be available by the end of 2006.
- c) Yes. The AFPSS is still on track to achieve status as a Registered Training Organisation.

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Question: E06-098

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: LIFESCRIPTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

- a) Is the \$5.5 million in the Budget for Lifescripts all new money (in addition to the \$2.8 million announced in September 2005 by the Minister)?
- b) Please explain how the \$4.3 million provided in the 2003-04 Budget was spent?
- c) How is the use of Lifescripts being measured?
- d) How is the effectiveness of Lifescripts being evaluated?

Answer:

- a) In the 2006-07 Budget \$2.7 million of new funding for Lifescripts was announced, in addition to the \$2.8 million of existing funding, bringing total funding to \$5.5 million over the next four years.
- b) The \$4.3 million was spent as follows:

Item	Expenditure
<i>Development of Lifescripts Resources, eg stakeholder workshop, scoping study, trial of a physical activity/nutrition script, development of the Lifescripts Resource Kit</i>	\$1,419,570
<i>Printing and Distribution of the Resource Kit</i>	\$347,943
<i>Implementation via the Divisions of General Practice network</i>	\$726,530
<i>Promotion and Awareness Raising eg Rural Health Education satellite broadcast, promotional material</i>	\$670,460
<i>Other Lifestyle Resources and Projects eg SNAP guide, Obesity tools, Lifescripts economic modelling</i>	\$204,089
<i>Unspent to date</i>	\$75,408
<i>Departmental expenses</i>	\$856,000
<i>Total</i>	\$4,300,000

- c) The implementation of Lifescripts is being measured by:
- data collected from Divisions of General Practice;
 - qualitative interviews with Divisions to document case studies of models of implementation; and
 - the level of demand for various components of the Lifescripts Resource Kit.
- d) The activities listed at c) will provide information on the effectiveness of Lifescripts. In addition, the increased funding for Lifescripts includes resources for an economic evaluation of the impact of the initiative on the Medicare Benefits Scheme and Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule.

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Question: E06-159

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY SUPPORT COUNSELLING - NATIONAL

Written Question on Notice

Senator Nettle asked:

Please provide to the Committee the names of the people and organisations on the advisory committee. In particular can the department inform as to whether or not the following organisations are involved with the advisory committee?

- a) Pregnancy Help Australia (formerly the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services) or any of its affiliated organisations.
- b) Pregnancy Counselling Australia
- c) Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia

Answer:

The Committee members for the Expert Advisory Committee for the Helpline are:

Dr Andrew Pesce (Obstetrician and Gynaecologist) Chair
Mrs Jenny Brandon-Baker (Midwife)
Mrs Rosemary Bryant (Executive Director, Royal College of Nursing, Australia)
Professor Helen Christensen (Deputy Director, Centre for Mental Health Research,
The Australian National University)
Dr Veronica O'Connell (GP)
Dr Leslie Stephan (Psychiatrist)
Professor Harvey Whiteford (Professor of Psychiatry, Queensland Centre for Mental
Health Research)

There will be no representation from the organisations referred to in (a) – (c).

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Question: E06-160

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY SUPPORT COUNSELLING - NATIONAL

Written Question on Notice

Senator Nettle asked:

If the department is not able to inform as to whether or not these organisations are involved with the advisory committee when would these names become available?

Answer:

Membership of the Committee has been finalised. An announcement was made on Monday, 3 July 2006.

Refer to Senate Estimate Question E06-159 for the list of committee members.

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Question: E06-174

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Hansard Page: CA 69

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Perhaps the department should provide to the committee a specific definition of what constitutes non-directive (pregnancy counselling).

Answer:

Counselling, whether it is directive or non-directive, is about supporting decision making – it does not necessarily involve continued support or referral after a decision has been made. In directive counselling, the counsellor actively participates in the decision making process: non-directive counselling leaves the responsibility for the decision with the client.

Non-directive (or client/patient-centred) counselling is based on the belief that people can resolve their own problems without direct intervention by the counsellor. The counsellor encourages the person to express their feelings but does not suggest how the person might wish to change. By listening and reflecting back what the person reveals to them, the counsellor helps them to explore and understand their feelings. With this understanding, the person is able to decide what changes they would like to make in their lives.

Also refer to Senate Estimates Question E06-032 which relates to this question.

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Question: E06-210

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Hansard Page: CA 73

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Do you know when the AFPSS new training manual and curriculum referred in response to E06-006 will be available (E00039 relates).

Answer:

The Department anticipates the training manual should be available by the end of 2006.

Refer to Senate Estimates Question E06-039.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-254

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: FUNDING PROVIDED TO PREGNANCY COUNSELLING SERVICES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

When available, can the Department provide figures for the amount of funding provided to pregnancy counselling services, including direct and indirect funding and a breakdown by organisation, for 2005-06?

Answer:

Direct funding

The Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services (AFPSS) is the only pregnancy counselling service directly funded by the Australian Government. In 2005-06, a total of \$300,980 was provided to the AFPSS.

Indirect funding

The Family Planning Organisations are funded to provide a range of sexual and reproductive health activities including pregnancy counselling. The Australian Government decided on 29 March 2004 that funding for all Family Planning Organisations would be incorporated within the Public Health Outcome Funding Agreements (PHOFAs). It is the responsibility of the state and territory governments to allocate funds to meet the agreed outcomes under the terms of the PHOFAs.

As the PHOFA funding is broadbanded it is not possible to disaggregate the amount spent by the states and territories in delivering the nationally agreed outcomes. However, the funding levels of \$15.4 million to Family Planning Organisations that applied in 2004-05 indicate the level of expected ongoing commitment.

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Question: E06-046

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: RITALIN

Written Question on Notice

Senator Webber asked:

In 1993 the TGA approved Ritalin (methylphenidate) for use to treat ADHD despite advice from the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (ADEC) that included the following comments:

"The data package submitted by the sponsor is almost entirely composed of journal articles. The data to support the use of methylphenidate in the treatment of ADHD have not been generated as a result of a co-ordinated, structured drug development program but rather in a somewhat haphazard manner by the various research groups in various locations over a long period of time. As a result the data package to support this application is deficient in certain areas when compared with that usually required by ADEC and the Department."

and

"The data on safety are the most deficient. No evaluable data on laboratory testing has been provided. Data on the incidence of adverse reactions was provided in only four of the short-term placebo-controlled trials. Long term incidence data is confined only to the retrospective analysis of 250 children."

Given this on what basis did the TGA allow Ritalin to be approved for use in children to treat ADHD when the supporting safety data was criticised by the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (ADEC) as (most) "deficient"?

Answer:

In February 2006, documents containing the above information were released under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* to the Citizens Committee for Human Rights, a group founded in 1969 by the Church of Scientology.

The attribution of the first quote to the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (ADEC) is not correct. This text appears on page 12 of the clinical evaluation report for Ritalin, a document prepared by the clinical evaluator. The clinical evaluator then discusses the context of methylphenidate use, including (at the time) over 30 years of clinical experience and taking into account the international regulatory situation, and concludes: "Approval is therefore recommended for the use of methylphenidate hydrochloride in the treatment of Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder". This recommendation may be found on page 13 of the clinical evaluation report.

The second quote is taken out of context from item 3.10.6 of the ratified minutes of the 164th ADEC meeting. The quote referred to appears in the context of considering the evaluation report and is not *per se* a recommendation of, or advice from, the ADEC.

In the *Conclusions and Recommendation* section of the clinical evaluation report (page 12), the evaluator explains that the "...short term efficacy [of methylphenidate] in the treatment of symptoms of ADHD has been established through 25 separate small placebo-controlled trials involving a total of over 600 subjects. Long term efficacy was documented in two studies with approximately 100 subjects". In relation to the safety, a long-term safety study was provided.

The minutes of the 164th ADEC meeting record that the Chairman of ADEC "...drew attention to a written report from an Associate member who had reviewed the agenda item". This report made a number of points, including that the associate member "...was not overly concerned about the lack of long term safety data, provided that it continued to be recommended that the drug has little place in children under 6 years and is rarely needed beyond puberty in ADHD". The minutes go on to say "these recommendations were endorsed by the meeting and were in keeping with comments made by those present". Item 3.10.8 of these minutes contains a full summary of the report, and item 3.10.9 describes the agreement of the ADEC with the report and ADEC's qualified support for the indication for ADHD and narcolepsy.

The recommendation from this meeting, ADEC Resolution no 5129, states *inter alia*: "The application... should be approved, subject to restriction of the indications to attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and narcolepsy." A summary of the resolution can be found in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* No GN27, 14 July 1993, p. 2023.

The ADEC fully supported the TGA's approval of this application, and the expert clinical evaluator was in agreement. The decision was made in the context of (at the time) over 30 years of marketing experience with Ritalin in Australia.

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Question: E06-047

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: RITALIN

Written Question on Notice

Senator Webber asked:

In 2002 the TGA approved Ritalin LA (a higher dose form of methylphenidate than Ritalin) for general use despite advice from the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (ADEC) that included the following comment:

"The clinical evaluator draws attention to the increased risk of overdose posed by the Ritalin LA capsule compared with Ritalin immediate release tablets due to the increased strength of the LA formulation. There is also no safety data on Ritalin LA for longer than 12 weeks. However, bioequivalence of the registered Ritalin tablet and the proposed Ritalin LA capsule has been satisfactorily demonstrated indicating that significant safety difference between 2 products would be unlikely."

Why did the TGA allow Ritalin LA to be approved when the supporting safety data was criticised by the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (ADEC) as presenting an "increased risk of overdose" and despite the lack of "safety data for Ritalin LA for longer than 12 weeks"?

Answer:

In February 2006, documents containing the above information were released under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* to the Citizens Committee for Human Rights, a group founded in 1969 by the Church of Scientology.

This is not a quote from Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (ADEC). Rather, it appears to be an inaccurate excerpt from the Delegate's *Request for ADEC Advice*. The *Request for ADEC Advice* is a summary of the Evaluation Reports written by the TGA delegate responsible for the approval of the medicine, and describes the delegate's proposed action.

The ADEC considered this application at its 223rd meeting of 1–2 August 2002. The ADEC's recommendation for registration of Ritalin LA was published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* No GN34, 28 August 2002, p. 2311.

With regard to this application, the ADEC agreed that a lack of specific long term safety data on the new formation should be viewed in the light of the use of Ritalin itself in Australia since the '50s and the fact that Ritalin LA is bioequivalent to regular Ritalin.

Relevant ADEC comments from the minutes regarding the long-term safety of Ritalin LA include – “no new specific safety concerns were raised. The data did not indicate any differences to that obtained with the immediate release preparation. There were no safety data on the use of LA for longer than 19 weeks...It was concluded that long term administration – which was the usual issue with these medications – would not pose a safety concern given the experience with Ritalin and that bioequivalence was established”. The minutes also report that “On balance, given the long term administration with Ritalin tablets and the bioequivalence with MR capsules, the committee concluded that it would be reasonable to assume that extended use would not pose a safety issue.”

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Question: E06-048

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: RITALIN – ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Webber asked:

- a) Has the TGA taken any action in light of the reports in the Australian (page 1, 27 March 2006 "Child drugs linked to heart attack") of hundreds of serious adverse drug reactions (including a five-year-old who suffered a stroke after taking Ritalin and the sudden death of a seven-year-old) to ADHD stimulants but particularly Ritalin and Ritalin LA?
- b) As the information referred to was revealed through an FoI request, why were such extensive sections of the documents obtained in regard to ADHD stimulant approval blacked out?

Answer:

- a) There are three products in Australia currently approved for the management of ADHD - methylphenidate (immediate and extended release formulations; Ritalin, Concerta, Artige, Attenta and Lorentin); dexamphetamine; and atomoxetine (Strattera).

The TGA has monitored adverse drug reactions for medicines used to treat ADHD for 25 years now and has received 190 reports of adverse drug reactions of which only 25 were considered serious - ie. an average of one serious reaction report per year.

In some of these reports patients had experienced multiple symptoms, thus resulting in the 452 adverse drug reactions from the 190 reports.

Media reports have claimed that the documents received under FoI "reveal almost 400 serious adverse reactions" which is incorrect.

The TGA has no reports of sudden death in children related to these medicines.

There are explicit warnings in the product information for all three products advising care or contraindicating use in those with cardiovascular disease, depending on the product. Warnings about a range of side effects are also included.

As these medicines are commonly used in children, the TGA maintains a careful watching brief for any adverse reactions related to these medications. The Adverse Drug Reactions Advisory Committee has reviewed the safety of these medications, and will continue to monitor any adverse reactions related to their use.

Every medicine that is being taken at the time of an adverse event is classified as suspected of causing that adverse reaction. This does not mean that a medicine definitely caused a reaction.

The TGA has completed a review of these medicines and has recently strengthened warning statements about cardiovascular side effects in the product information and consumer medicine information.

The TGA has communicated directly with the United States Food and Drug Administration regarding reported side effects and impending regulatory action related to these medicines.

- b) Under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), an agency may delete exempt matter or irrelevant material (see Section 22 of the FOI Act). If you have questions about specific deletions in this request, you may wish to speak to the applicant in this request. Information about deletions, as well as review rights, is contained in the decision letter and attached schedule for the request.

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Question: E06-049

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: ADHD STIMULANT DRUGS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Webber asked:

- a) What action has the TGA has taken in response to the United States FDA (Food and Drug Authority) placing a black box warning on the non-stimulant drug Strattera (Atomoxetine) for liver damage and a bolded warning for suicide?
- b) What action has the TGA has taken in response to the United States and the FDA Drug Safety Advisory Panel calling for a black box warning on all ADHD stimulant drugs including Ritalin, Ritalin LA and Dexamphetamine?

Answer:

- a) Information on the hepatic effects of Strattera was added to the precautions section of the product information document for Strattera in December 2004. The Precautions section of the product information (PI) document also cross-references Hepatic Impairment to the Pharmacology, Pharmacokinetics, Special Populations and Dosage and Administration sections of the PI.

The Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) document advises that before taking Strattera patients should notify their doctors if they have or have had liver disease. In addition, the CMI states that in rare cases the drug can cause liver injury and advises patients to tell their doctor as soon as possible if they notice any of the following signs of liver injury – dark urine, yellowing of the skin or eyes, severe cramps in the stomach, or unexplained nausea, fatigue, lethargy, itching or flu-like symptoms.

The TGA considered the issue of strengthening the existing precautionary statements in the PI regarding suicidality and the inclusion of a black box warning relating to the issue of suicidality in children and adolescents treated with Strattera (atomoxetine) and consulted with the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (ADEC). As a result, a black box warning was added to the PI by the TGA on 14 March 2006.

- b) The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is aware that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sought the advice of its Drug Safety and Risk Management (DSARM) Advisory Committee at its February 2006 meeting on what studies should be undertaken to explore a possible association between the use of ADHD drugs in adults and reports of sudden death and serious adverse events. The DSARM Advisory Committee made recommendations about future studies of these medicines, but also recommended that black boxed warnings relating to cardiovascular adverse events be added to medicines used to treat ADHD. The US FDA has not taken action concerning this advice.

The US FDA sought advice from their Pediatric Advisory Committee (PAC) on 22 March 2006. This committee is constituted to make recommendations about warning statements for these medicines. It recommended amendments to the warnings on the labelling documents, but not the addition of black boxed warnings. The US FDA is considering this advice.

None of the medicines approved for the treatment of ADHD in Australia have black box warnings relating to cardiovascular adverse events in the PI documents. However, they do all have warnings about cardiovascular adverse events.

The TGA requested, and sponsor companies have provided, additional information on cardiovascular adverse events relating to ADHD medicines. The TGA also sought and received information from the sponsor of Strattera (atomoxetine), an ADHD medicine not included in the US FDA Advisory Committee recommendations. The TGA evaluation of this information is complete. The TGA has commenced discussions with sponsors and has requested strengthening of some warnings. It will also consult with relevant experts on ADEC and the Adverse Drug Reactions Advisory Committee.

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: BLACK BOX WARNINGS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Webber asked:

According to an article in the Australian on 17 December 2005 ("Take only as directed", page 24) in the period January to September 2005 the US FDA ordered pharmaceutical companies to add "black box warnings" to the packaging of 57 drugs. In the same period the TGA only issued 5 black box warnings, even though 20 of the drugs ordered to carry out black box warnings in the US are sold in Australia.

- a) What are the 15 drugs that are sold in the US with black box warnings that do not carry them in Australia and why do they not carry them?
- b) Has the TGA ensured patients prescribed these 15 drugs are made aware of the adverse side effects and if so how?

Answer:

- a) The TGA does not record which drugs sold in the US, with black box warnings in the US approved prescribing information document, do not carry black box warnings in the Australian prescribing information (PI) document.
- b) Warnings and information concerning the limitations of a particular prescription medicine are included in the Australian approved prescribing information of health professionals for that product. This document also includes information on side-effects which may occur, precautions for use, and situations when the medicine should not be used.

General information about a medicine can be found in the Consumer Medicine Information (or CMI) document, which is designed to assist patients to use the medicine properly and advise about possible adverse effects. CMIs may be obtained from the dispensing pharmacist or the sponsor company. The information provided in this document is not intended to replace the professional advice from a medical practitioner or pharmacist.

In relation to adding warnings on possible adverse side effects, the TGA monitors post market information on products, including action taken by other regulators. In some cases there may already be appropriate warnings in the Australian PI, or warnings may be added for new issues that may arise.

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Question: E06-051

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: NICNAS REGISTRATION COSTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Sherry asked:

- a) In 2004-2005 how much revenue was collected through registration with the NICNAS?
- b) How much revenue is projected to be collected in 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009?

Answer:

- a) The revenue collected in the financial year 2004-2005 from NICNAS registration was \$4,835,699.
- b) Based on forward estimates the NICNAS registration revenue is projected to be:
 - 2006-2007 - \$5,277,772
 - 2007-2008 - \$5,190,417
 - 2008-2009 - \$5,460,136

These revenue estimates have been approved by the NICNAS Industry Government Consultative Committee (IGCC), which oversees the efficient and effective utilisation of NICNAS resources. Industry is represented on IGCC by four major industry associations.

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Question: E06-052

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: NICNAS REGISTRATION COSTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Sherry asked:

- a) Does the Department have any data on the number of businesses who've registered with NICNAS to date?
- b) Can you break that figure down, according to the three different import values?
- c) How many of these businesses are importing products with a value of less than \$5,000?
- d) Is the Department aware of concerns from specialised importers of pens and ink for example, that the annual registration fee is higher than the profit made through selling some specialised pens?

Answer:

a) and b)

Yes. The number of NICNAS registrations broken down by Tier for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 registration years are shown below:

Year	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Total
2004-05	3492	729	284	4505
2005-06 (as at 14 June 2006)	4579	717	304	5600

- c) It is not NICNAS's practice to collect actual import and/or manufacturing values for relevant industrial chemicals based on a policy to ensure no unreasonable administrative cost to industry. NICNAS asks companies and individuals to estimate their Tier for registration purposes. First registration requires that the prescribed form is completed including actual value but this not mandated. Renewal forms simply require a self-estimate of Tier. In relation to import values, an examination of the data provided by the Australian Customs Service for 2004-05, estimates that eight hundred and twenty one (821) companies or individuals imported relevant industrial chemicals to a value less than \$5,000.
- d) Some pen and ink companies have raised concerns about the inclusion of pens for commercial sale in calculating the NICNAS Registration Tier. In 2004, NICNAS developed a guidance document for the pen and ink industry on this matter and has worked with a number of individual companies to resolve their concerns.

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Question: E06-053

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: NICNAS REGISTRATION COSTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Sherry asked:

When is the next periodic review of the registration costs and minimum threshold due?

Answer:

NICNAS registration fees and charges are reviewed annually to take into consideration any rise in the Consumer Price Index.

Cost recovery arrangements for NICNAS registration, in relation to the threshold values for each Tier of registration, were reviewed in 2004-05 to ensure they complied with Guidelines issued by the Department of Finance and Administration. NICNAS cost recovery arrangements are scheduled to be next reviewed during 2009-10.

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Question: E06-054

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: NICNAS REGISTRATION COSTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Sherry asked:

- a) How many businesses have been investigated by the NICNAS Compliance Group to date?
- b) Of those businesses investigated, how many were warned, fined or prosecuted?
- c) Wouldn't it make more sense to increase the minimum threshold, so the NICNAS Compliance Group isn't wasting time investigating businesses importing items of low import value - which would pose no threat to national security?

Answer:

- a) The NICNAS compliance team monitors all companies importing or manufacturing relevant industrial chemicals to ensure that they are registered in compliance with the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989*. For the registration year commencing 1 September 2005, as at 14 June 2006 NICNAS has made follow up enquiries into the registration obligations of one thousand six hundred and thirty six (1,636) companies or individuals. NICNAS has investigated five hundred and fourteen (514) companies or individuals this registration year.
- b) Of the companies that have been investigated this registration year, there has been one company warned for continuing to import relevant industrial chemicals whilst not registered. There have been no fines or prosecutions.
- c) The *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Low Regulatory Concern Chemicals) Act 2004* introduced mandatory registration of all persons introducing relevant industrial chemicals without a minimum threshold. The legislation passed through Parliament with the support of all parties. Within the current security climate, mandatory registration ensures that the Government can identify all legitimate importers and manufacturers of industrial chemicals. Further, mandatory registration was an initiative of the chemicals industry as a mechanism of ensuring all companies and persons who introduce industrial chemicals into Australia can be made aware of health, safety and environmental obligations in relation to the safe use of chemicals. The cost to small and medium size businesses has been set to be low. Compliance activities are tailored across the Tiers so that no undue cost is imposed on Tier 1 companies.

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Question: E06-099

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATIONS 2001

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

A review of the Gene Technology Regulations 2001 was concluded last year.

- a) When will the Government respond to the Review?
- b) Are there recommendations in the review that do not require legislation for implementation?
- c) When is it expected that recommended changes will be implemented - by legislation or otherwise - and what is the consultation process for these changes?
- d) When will the review of the Gene Technology Regulations be finalised?
- e) What is being done about the development of a government policy on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies through appropriate public consultation?
- f) Does the OGTR have a position on the use of GURTs?
- g) What has the position of the Australian Government been in terms of supporting the UN Convention on Biological Diversity's moratorium on GURTs?

Answer:

- a) The report of the Independent Review of the *Gene Technology Act 2000* (the Act) commissioned by the Gene Technology Ministerial Council (GTMC) was tabled in both Houses of Parliament on 27 April 2006. The Independent Review found that the Act and the national regulatory scheme have worked well over the last five years. The object of the Act – the protection of the health and safety of people and the environment – was being achieved. The Review found the Act to be rigorous with a high level of transparency in relation to the regulatory system. It also found that the regulatory framework set out in the Act is appropriate and is being applied effectively. While no major changes were required, the operational experience of the first four years had highlighted the need for some amendments to improve the operation of the Act at the margin. At the GTMC meeting of 27 April 2006, Ministers undertook to develop a joint response to the Review's recommendations regarding the operation of the Act on behalf of their governments. No timetable has been established for the response to the recommendations.

- b) Yes.
- c) At the GTMC meeting of 27 April 2006, Ministers undertook to develop a joint response to the Review's recommendations regarding the operation of the Act on behalf of their governments. No timetable has been established for the response to the recommendations.
- d) The Gene Technology Regulator is currently finalising her advice to the GTMC on proposed changes to the *Gene Technology Regulations 2001* for their consideration. Subject to approval by the GTMC the amendments might be tabled before the end of the year.
- e) Australia's position is that Genetic Use Restriction Technologies (GURTs) should be assessed on a rigorous, scientific, case-by-case basis and that Australia's regulatory system for gene technology achieves this objective (for more information refer to (f) and (g)).
- f) The OGTR supports the Gene Technology Regulator in administering the Act. The Act establishes a rigorous, scientific, case-by-case basis for the assessment of any risks to human health and safety or the environment posed by genetically modified organisms, including those with GURT traits. No applications have been received to release genetically modified plants with GURT traits in Australia.
- g) Australia's position is that GURTs should be assessed on a rigorous, scientific, case-by-case basis. This is consistent with the decision of the Convention's fifth Conference of the Parties recommending against the approval of the commercial field release of crops containing GURTs until potential risks and benefits posed by their commercial release have been scientifically assessed and the conditions for their safe use are confirmed. The recent decision at the eighth Conference of the Parties re-confirms that earlier decision, which is entirely consistent with Australia's domestic approach to GURTs, and was supported by the Australian delegation at the meeting. Australia does not consider that these decisions constitute a 'moratorium' on field testing of GURTs.

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Question: E06-162

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: TEBONIN

Hansard Page: CA 89 – 1 June

Senator Forshaw asked:

I understand there is a pharmaceutical product called Tebonin, which is marketed for the treatment of tinnitus. There have been some complaints made about the marketing of this product and the claims that have been made by the manufacturers and the distributors of this pharmaceutical.

- a) Are you aware of this issue?
- b) Have you been informed of concerns raised by a consumer group called AusPharm regarding this?

Answer:

- a) Yes. Tebonin is currently included on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods as a low risk 'Listed' medicine. It is indicated for a number of low level indications, including symptomatic relief of tinnitus. Consistent with Listed medicines for symptomatic relief, it also includes the label statement "If symptoms persist, consult your healthcare practitioner".
- b) AusPharm has provided the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) with information related to the advertising of Tebonin. The TGA is investigating this information in line with its usual procedure.

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Question: E06-163

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PRE AND POST MARKET REGULATORY ACTIVITY

Hansard Page: CA 88 – 1 June

Senator Forshaw asked:

Please provide the Committee with information on the TGA resources allocated to pre and post market regulatory activity.

Answer:

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) recovers the full cost of its activities within the scope of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* through industry fees and charges.

For the 2005-06 financial year, the estimated resources committed to pre-market activities is \$31.4 million (45 per cent of total resources). Post market activities are estimated at \$38.6 million (or 55 per cent of total resources).

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Question: E06-165

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: RU486

Hansard Page: CA 79 – 1 June

Senator Allison asked:

Please provide the Committee with some information on a typical time it would take for a doctor to be granted approval to import a Special Access Scheme drug.

Answer:

SAS approval is usually determined within 5 working days. If an import permit is also required under the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations, the permit is usually issued within 5 working days, making the total processing time approximately 10 working days.

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Question: E06-031

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

A webpage dedicated to the history of Pregnancy Help Australia, formerly the Australian Federation of Pro-Life Pregnancy Support Services before it was renamed more innocuously as the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services states:

“In order to explain and clarify our pro-life counselling stance that we will not refer directly or indirectly for abortion, I believe that if we send an abortion-seeking client to another professional or government or non-government agency or hospital for abortion counselling, and we do not know whether or not that person at the other end is going to be 100% pro-life, then I would regard that as a soft abortion referral. I believe that if we say to a client we don't refer for abortion, but we refer the client to the telephone book or some other neutral collection of information, then I would believe that that would be an indirect abortion referral. If we are a pro-life organisation, and we do believe that unborn life is precious, we have to be very careful along what path we steer our clients. The fact that they have already chosen that path anyhow doesn't make our steering any the less against what we are all about.” The website also states the Federation does not “advise, provide or refer, directly or indirectly for abortion or abortifacients”.

The Department has previously claimed that this Government-funded organisation is “committed to ensuring that the AFPSS meets the requirements of its funding agreement which is to provide independent non-directive pregnancy counselling” (Question: E06-001b).

- a) Does the Department consider the above quotes are consistent with the definition of “non-directive pregnancy counselling”?
- b) Does the Department believe that statements such as these are consistent with Pregnancy Help Australia's service agreement with the Department?
- c) Please provide me with a copy of Pregnancy Help Australia's service agreement with the Department.

Answer:

- a) & b) The above quote is historical and refers to a period of time prior to the Australian Government entering into an agreement with the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services (AFPSS). The AFPSS's current service charter, which states they are providing 'non-directive counselling', forms the basis for our agreement.
- c) A copy of Pregnancy Help Australia's Service Agreement is attached.

DEED OF VARIATION No 1

Between

The Commonwealth of Australia
as represented by
the Department of Health and Ageing (the Commonwealth)
ABN: 83 605 426 759

and

Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services Incorporated, trading as Pregnancy Help Australia, an association incorporated under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1985* South Australia (ABN 761 462 140 12), having its registered office at PO Box 307 HALL ACT 2618 ('the Participant').

RECITALS:

- A. The Parties wish to vary the agreement relating to family planning and sexual and reproductive health activities dated 19 July 2004 ("the Principal Agreement").
- B. Clause 1.6 of the Principal Agreement states that no variation will be effective unless it is agreed in writing between the Parties.

OPERATIVE PART:

1. The Parties agree to vary the Principal Agreement as follows:
 - 1.1 Delete Recitals B, C, and D, and replace with the following:
 - B. The Participant has applied for funding from the Commonwealth to undertake the Project in support of the aims of the Program;
 - C. The Commonwealth has agreed to fund the Participant to perform the Project in support of the Program on the following terms and conditions.
 - 1.2 Delete the following description of the Participant immediately preceding the RECITALS in the Principal Agreement:

Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services Incorporated an association incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act 1985 South Australia (ABN 761 462 140 12), having registered at PO Box 544, WODEN SQUARE, ACT, 2606 ('the Participant').

and replace it with the following:

Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services Incorporated, trading as Pregnancy Help Australia, an association incorporated under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1985* South Australia (ABN 761 462 140 12), having its registered office at PO Box 307 HALL ACT 2618 ('the Participant').

1.3 The Schedule of the Principal Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

SCHEDULE

A. PROJECT (clauses 1.1 and 3)

The Participant is funded to provide independent non-directive pregnancy counselling, and vocational training and education for counsellors in pregnancy support services and community outreach for high need population groups. These activities are to be provided in accordance with the Participant's Service Charter.

In performing the Project the Participant will deliver eight key outputs:

- Output 1:** Project plan and forecasted expenditure of funds
- Output 2:** Sexual and reproductive health counselling services
- Output 3:** Counsellor training
- Output 4:** Accreditation
- Output 5:** National Counsellor Training Conference;
- Output 6:** Agreed reporting narrative and statistical data proforma
- Output 7:** Collaborative national partnerships with other agencies that provide related services in fertility awareness.
- Output 8:** Fertility awareness education program
- Output 9:** Common service standards

Output 1: Project plan and forecasted expenditure funds plan

- The Participant must provide the Department with:
 - A project plan against the above eight Outputs for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2007.
 - A forecasted expenditure of funds plan against the above project plan for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2007. The project plan and forecasted expenditure of funds plan for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2007 must be approved in writing by the Department before the Participant may commence outputs 2-8.
 - The Participant must revise the project plan and forecasted expenditure of funds plan according to the schedule outlined in Item D and incorporate suggestions made by the Department into the Plans.
 - Once approved by the Department in writing the Project Plan shall form part of this Agreement and the Participant must perform the Project in accordance with the approved Project Plan.
 - Support from the staffed national office for the eight outputs in Item A.

Output 2: Sexual and reproductive health counselling services

- The Participant must provide throughout the Project Period independent, non-directive counselling services for women requiring support for an unplanned pregnancy including 1300 telephone line and the local services provided by affiliated agencies:
 - Identify what evidence-based guidelines or needs based assessments are used to identify client needs.
 - Collate data, identify and report on trends in types and volume of inquiries of counselling services provided.
 - Provide operational guidelines including days and hours of service available, expertise and standard qualifications of counsellors.

As part of the project plan and when accredited the Participant must:

- Identify and implement methods of accrediting all Federation Counsellors.
- The Participant must maintain and promote 1300 telephone line:
 - Continue to maintain 1300 number throughout the Project Period.
 - Identify and list areas where telephone line is promoted and how it is promoted.

Output 3: Counsellor training

- The Participant must develop, implement and monitor appropriate counsellor training to support 1300 telephone line and the local services provided by affiliated agencies:
 - Deliver and document the range of training provided by occupation, number of participants, type of activity, sex of participant, Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), and Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA).
 - This indicator to be reported on when counsellor training course is accredited.
 - Deliver and document the range of accredited training courses provided by occupation, number of participants, type of activity, sex of participant, SEIFA, and ARIA.
 - Report on outcome of subcommittee formed to assess current training status of the training program.
 - Maintain accreditation of counsellor training.

Output 4: Accreditation

- The Participant must gain and maintain accreditation as an Australian National Training Authority recognised Registered Training Organisation for training health educators, health professionals and other workers no later than the end of the Project Period:
 - Provide documentation that verifies the credentials of the organisation that accredits the Participant's training no later than the end of the Project Period.

Output 5: National Counsellor Training Conference

- The Participant must plan and coordinate the annual National Counsellor Training Conference:
 - Report on the process undertaken to develop and implement National Training Conference.
 - Report numbers attending by number of participants, sex of participant, SEIFA, and ARIA.

Output 6: Agreed reporting narrative and statistical data proforma

- The Participant must develop in consultation with the Department an agreed reporting narrative and statistical data proforma. Timing and reporting period to be negotiated with Department.

Output 7: Collaborative national partnerships with other agencies that provide fertility awareness and other related activities

- The Participant must develop collaborative national partnerships with other agencies that provide related services in fertility awareness and other related activities, such as the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church (Natural Family Planning), to ensure that campaigns, activities and projects are complementary.

Output 8: Fertility awareness education program

- The Participant must develop and implement fertility awareness education program for presentation in primary and secondary schools.
 - Report on the process undertaken to develop and implement Fertility Awareness Program.
 - Report numbers attending by number of participants, sex of participant, SEIFA, and ARIA.
 - Timing and reporting period to be negotiated with Department.

Output 9: Common service standards

- To assist the Department the Participant is to provide the following service standards:

- Reply to the Project Officer's telephone call, fax or e-mail within a two working day time period.
- Reply to the Project Officer's written communications within two working days from receipt at nominated mail address.
- If the timeframe is not suitable, contact the Department and indicate a revised timeframe.

B. BUDGET (clauses 1.1 and 3)

The Participant is to provide a forecasted expenditure of funds plan to the Department for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2007 by 1 August 2004. In addition, the Participant is to provide a forecasted expenditure of the additional funds of \$100,000 (GST exclusive) for the 2005-06 and 2006-07 financial years by June 2006. The forecasted expenditure of funds plan must meet the requirements set out in Item D. Once approved by the Department in writing the forecasted expenditure of funds plan shall form the Budget and be incorporated into and form part of this Agreement. The Budget must be revised annually as set out in Item D.

C. PROJECT PERIOD (clauses 1.1 and 3)

The Project Period commences upon execution of this Funding Agreement by both the Commonwealth and the Participant and will expire on 15 June 2007.

D. REPORTS (clauses 1.1 and 5)

The Participant will provide to the Department's Project Officer the following Reports by the dates specified in Table 1 below:

- Certificates of Currency for all insurances, as identified at Item H;
- Project plan and forecasted expenditure of funds plan;
- Six monthly Progress Reports;
- The Annual Reports; and
- The Final Report.

Acceptance by the Department of each Report will initiate a payment in accordance with Item E (Funds) of this Schedule.

For each Report, the Participant will provide the Department's Project Officer with one unbound paper copy, together with an electronic disk copy in a format specified by the Department's Project Officer.

All Reports must be provided to the Department in accordance with the information specified in clauses 5.4 and 5.5 of this Agreement and in the timeframe set out below.

Each report will cover all tasks identified against the Outputs in Item A, with financial statements for funds allocated for previous period.

Table 1

REPORTS	REQUIREMENTS	DUE DATE
Certificates of Currency	Certificates of Currency for all insurances, as identified At Item H	On signing of Agreement 1 August 2004
Project plan and forecasted expenditure of funds plan for 2004-05 to 2006-07	<p><i>Provide the Department with a project plan and forecasted expenditure of funds identifying how the Participant will undertake the seven outputs listed in Item A for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2007.</i></p> <p>This plan must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project titles, Outputs as identified in Item A; - Objectives: eg what the Participant is going to do; - Strategies eg how is the Participant going to do it; - Support eg what resources will the Participant need; - Details of subcontractors used to provide services; - Timing eg when will it start? when will it end; - Evaluation eg how will each Output be measured; and - Budget –ie a forecasted expenditure of funds Plan against each Output. <p>The Participant shall incorporate all suggestions for revision made by the Department into the final version of the Project Plan and the forecasted expenditure of funds plan. Once approved by the Department the project plan shall be incorporated into and form part of this Agreement and the Participant will be obliged to comply with the requirements set out in it. Once approved by the Department the forecasted expenditure of funds plan shall be the Budget.</p>	1 August 2004
Progress Report No 1	<p>The Progress Report is to contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An analysis of progress against the Project Plan. - An audited financial statement (as identified in clause 5.4 (c), (d) and (e)) against the Budget. - Any significant promotional material used or created in the course of the Project. - A copy of the Assets Register each reporting period in Table 2 below. 	1 August 2004
Annual Report	For the Departments information, the Participant must provide two hard copies of the Participant's 2003-04 Annual Report.	31 October 2004

Progress Report No 2	<p>The Progress Report is to contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An analysis of progress against the Project Plan. - An unaudited financial statement against the Budget. - Any significant promotional material used or created in the course of the Project. - A copy of the Assets Register each reporting period in Table 2 below. 	28 February 2005
Revised Project Plan and Budget for 2005-06 to 2006-07	<p>A revised Project Plan Budget must be resubmitted to the Department annually for approval.</p> <p>This plan must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project title, Outputs as identified in Item A; - Objective: eg what the Participant is going to do; - Strategies eg how the Participant is going to do it; - Support eg what resources the Participant will need; - Details of subcontractors used to provide services; - Timing eg when will it start? when will it end; - Evaluation eg how will each Output be measured; and - Budget ie a forecasted expenditure of funds plan against each Output. <p>The Participant shall incorporate all suggestions for revision made by the Department into the final version of the Project Plan and the forecasted expenditure of funds plan. Once approved by the Department the revised Project Plan shall be incorporated into and form part of this Agreement and the Participant will be obliged to comply with the requirements set out in it. Once approved by the Department the revised forecasted expenditure of funds plan shall become the Budget.</p>	1 May 2005
Progress Report No 3	<p>The Progress Report is to contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An analysis of progress against the Project Plan. - An audited financial statement (as identified in clause 5.4 (c), (d) and (e)) against the Budget. - Any significant promotional material used or created in the course of the project. - A copy of the Assets Register each reporting period in Table 2 below. 	1 August 2005
Annual Report	For the Departments information, the Participant, must provide two hard copies of the Participant's 2004-05 Annual Report.	31 October 2005
Progress Report No 4	<p>The Progress Report is to contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An analysis of progress against the revised Project Plan. - An unaudited financial statement against the Budget. - Any significant promotional material used or created in the course of the project. 	28 February 2006

	- A copy of the Assets Register each reporting period in Table 2 below.	
Revised Project Plan and Budget for 2006-07	<p>A revised Project Plan and Budget must be resubmitted to the Department annually for approval.</p> <p>This plan must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project title, Outputs as identified in Item A; - Objective: eg what you are going to do; - Strategies eg how you are going to do it; - Support eg what resources will you need; - Details of subcontractors used to provide services; - Timing eg when will it start? when will it end; - Evaluation eg how will each Output be measured; and - Budget ie a forecasted expenditure of funds plan against each Output. <p>The Participant shall incorporate all suggestions for revision made by the Department into the final version of the project plan and the forecasted expenditure of funds plan. Once approved by the Department the revised Project Plan shall be incorporated into and form part of this Agreement and the Participant will be obliged to comply with the requirements set out in it. Once approved by the Department the revised forecasted expenditure of funds plan shall become the Budget.</p>	1 May 2006
Progress Report No 5	<p>The Progress Report is to contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An analysis of progress against the 2005-06 to 2006-07 Project Plan. - An audited financial statement (as identified in clause 5.4 (c), (d) and (e)) against the Budget. - Any significant promotional material used or created in the course of the project. - A copy of the Assets Register each reporting period in Table 2 below. 	1 August 2006
Annual Report	For the Departments information, the Participant must provide two hard copies of the Participant's 2005-06 Annual Report..	31 October 2006
Progress Report No 6	<p>The Progress Report is to contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An analysis of progress against the 2006-07 Project Plan - An unaudited financial statement against the Budget. - Any significant promotional material used or created in the course of the project. - A copy of the Assets Register each reporting period in Table 2 below. 	28 February 2007

Final Report	The final report must include an evaluation of the Project Plan and Budget for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2007. The evaluation must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a comparison between the achievement of the outcomes and objectives of the Project against the expected objectives and outcomes for the Program; - an explanation as to why any (some) of the outcomes and objectives of the Project were not achieved; - recommendations on how any outcomes or objectives that were not achieved could be achieved in the future; - any significant promotional material used or created in the course of the Project; - any statistics collected in the course of the Project; and - a complete copy of the Assets Register. 	15 June 2007
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Table 2

Asset number	Description of Asset	Purchase price or total lease cost	Date of purchase or lease	Term of lease

E. FUNDS (clauses 1.1, 2 and 4)

The maximum amount payable by the Department to the Participant for the Project for the 2004-05 financial period is \$270,138.16 (GST inclusive).

Subject to indexation the amount payable for the 2005-06 financial year is \$325,138.16 (GST inclusive) and the amount payable for 2006-07 financial year is \$325,138.16 (GST inclusive).

Of the allocation for the 2005-2006 financial year \$55,000 (GST inclusive) is not subject to indexation.

The Funds will be paid as follows:

Date	Payment (GST exclusive)	Payment (GST)	Payment (GST Inclusive)	Deliverable
July 2004	61,395.04	6,139.50	67,534.54	Certificates of Currency for all insurances, as identified at Item H
October 2004	61,395.04	6,139.50	67,534.54	Acceptance of project plan and forecasted expenditure of funds plan for 2004-05 to 2006-07 and Progress Report No 1
January 2005	61,395.04	6,139.50	67,534.54	Receipt of 2003 - 04 Annual Report

April 2005	61,395.04	6,139.50	67,534.54	Acceptance of Progress Report No 2
**July 2005	61,395.04	6,139.50	67,534.54	Certificates of Currency for all insurances, as identified at Item H
**October 2005	61,395.04	6,139.50	67,534.54	Acceptance of project plan and forecasted expenditure of funds plan for 2005-06 to 2006-07 and Progress Report No 3
**January 2006	61,395.04	6,139.50	67,534.54	Receipt of 2004-05 Annual Report
March 2006	25,000.00	2,500.00	27,500.00	On signing the Deed of Variation No 1
**April 2006	61,395.04	6,139.50	67,534.54	Acceptance of Progress Report No 4
June 2006	25,000.00	2,500.00	27,500.00	Acceptance of forecasted expenditure of additional \$50,000 for 2006-07
**July 2006	73,895.04	7,389.50	81,284.54	Certificates of Currency for all insurances, as identified at Item H
October 2006	73,895.04	7,389.50	81,284.54	Acceptance of project plan and forecasted expenditure of funds plan for 2006-07 and Progress Report No 5
**January 2007	73,895.04	7,389.50	81,284.54	Receipt of 2005-06 Annual Report
**April 2007	72,895.04	7,289.50	80,184.54	Acceptance of Progress Report No 6
**June 2007	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	Acceptance of Final Report
**TOTAL	836,740.44	83,674.04	920,414.48	

** Subject to the above, the amounts payable for the 2005-2006 financial year and the amounts payable for the 2006-2007 financial year will be adjusted on 1 July 2005 for 2005-2006 financial year and on 1 July 2006 for 2006-2007 financial year. This adjustment for indexation will be in accordance with any percentage increase under the Wage Cost Index 1, as handed down by the Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

Acceptance by the Department of each Report will initiate a payment in accordance with Item E (Funds) of this Schedule.

The due date for each quarterly instalment is **seven days** after the first day of the month, in which payment is due. This payment is dependent on the Participant meeting the requirements in relation to the Outputs in Item A and the Reports in Item D of the Schedule.

Correctly addressed Invoices must be forwarded by the Participant to the Departmental Project Officer and must include the following information:

- Invoice Number
- Title of Services;
- Name of Organisation;
- ABN Number;
- GST exclusive amount, GST component and GST inclusive amount; and
- Date of Invoice.

F. PROJECT MATERIAL (clauses 1.1 and 8)

Not applicable

G. LIAISON OFFICERS (clauses 1.1, 6 and 23)

The Departments details are as follows:

Director
Family Planning Section
Targeted Prevention Programs Branch
Population Health Division
Department of Health and Ageing
MDP 13, GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601

This position is currently occupied by:

Ms Lyn Williams
A/g Director
Telephone number: (02) 6289 8190
Fax number: (02) 6289 3677
E-mail address: lyn.williams@health.gov.au

The Participants details are as follows:

Executive Officer
Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services
PO Box 307
HALL ACT 2618

This position is currently occupied by:

Anne Foster
Telephone number: 02 6226 8812
E-mail address: pregnancysupport@tpg.com.au

H. INSURANCE (clause 15)

The Participant shall affect and maintain:

- workers' compensation insurance for an amount required by the relevant or State and Territory legislation;
- public liability insurance to an amount of not less than \$10 000 000 (ten million dollars);
- professional indemnity insurance to an amount of not less than \$5 000 000 (five million dollars); and
- insurance over any Asset acquired pursuant to clause 10 of this Agreement for its full replacement value.

2. The Principal Agreement, as amended by this Deed of Variation, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties.

EXECUTED AS A DEED
SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
for and on behalf of the COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
By

(Print name)

(Signature)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
(Print the position held)

Date: 5 / 4 / 2006

in the presence of

(Witness's name)

(Signature)

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
for and on behalf of Support
(Print the Contractor's / Participant's name)

Australian Federation of Pregnancy Services Inc (trading as Pregnancy Help Aust)

By

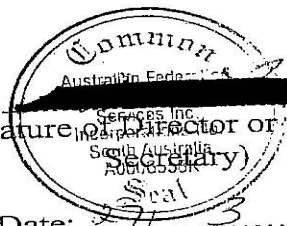
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(Signature of Director)
Date: 24 / 3 / 2006

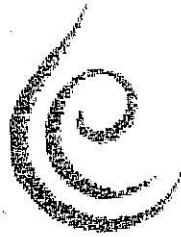
and

(Print the 2nd Director's or Company Secretary's name)
(PRESIDENT)

(Signature of Director or Company Secretary)
Date: 27 / 3 / 2006



**PREGNANCY HELP
AUSTRALIA**



**SERVICE
CHARTER**



Pregnancy Help Australia

The Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services Inc (trading as Pregnancy Help Australia) is a peak body for 29 pregnancy support services across Australia. These agencies provide a variety of services (counselling, information, material and practical support, accommodation, education etc) for women, their partners and their families and for others seeking information or support regarding pregnancy related issues. Pregnancy Help Australia also coordinates a 24-hour, 7 day a week 1300 Pregnancy Help Line through its affiliated agencies.

Vision

Pregnancy Help Australia

- supports agencies to be dynamic, compassionate organisations committed to the provision of professional services for all pregnancy related issues.
- provides counselling, information and support for women, their partners and their families when they are experiencing distress or hardship as the result of pregnancy or any pregnancy loss, through its agencies.

Mission

Pregnancy Help Australia is dedicated to ensuring that quality pregnancy support services are available to everyone.

Pregnancy Help Australia provides:

- free, non-directive counselling 24 hours per day 7 days per week for women, their partners and their families when they are experiencing any pregnancy issue including grief following pregnancy loss, through its agencies.
- support to individual agencies which offer positive choices for pregnant women, their partners and their families through non-directive counselling, education, action and services.

Services we provide

For affiliated agencies, Pregnancy Help Australia offers the following benefits:

- subsidised Counsellor Training Course, a course which builds on counselling skills of any level with a special emphasis on pregnancy support and help counselling. This course is presented Australia-wide to accommodate local requirements.
- partly subsidised attendance for their counsellors and other workers at the National Conference which is held annually.
- regular Newsletter.
- an opportunity to be part of a network of like-minded support workers for mutual support, sharing and encouragement.
- an opportunity to participate in the 1300 National Pregnancy Help Line after completion of the Counselling Skills Development for Pregnancy Help Workers course, or its approved equivalent.
- details of each organisation's services available to counsellors on the 1300 line for referral of clients to a local area.
- a national Professional Indemnity Insurance for counsellors accredited by the Federation, or those in the process of accreditation, when they are working for their agency or for the 1300 line.
Agencies can choose to be part of this insurance at no cost to the agency.
- assistance from the National Office with issues such as funding, insurance, resources, incorporation etc

For counsellors on the 1300 Pregnancy Help Line, Pregnancy Help Australia offers:

- an accredited training course covering all aspects of pregnancy support and help counselling, available free of charge to all prospective counsellors.
- accreditation as a counsellor within our organisation
- ongoing support and supervision.
- opportunities for regular professional development and in-service training (including partially subsidised attendance at the Annual National Conference).
- free Professional Indemnity Insurance cover.

For pregnant women, their partners and their families, and others seeking information or support with pregnancy related issues, Pregnancy Help Australia offers, through its agencies:

- counselling (telephone and/or face to face, one-off or ongoing)
- decision making counselling
- counselling those considering abortion
- post abortion counselling
- abortion grief counselling
- information and referral
- emotional support
- practical and material help (including, in some cases, assistance with accommodation)
- education programs

What you can expect from us

We provide members of the community with the opportunity to avail themselves of the services described above confident that they can expect:

- consistent quality of service
- confidentiality
- ethical, professional and compassionate service provision
- respect, courtesy and genuine helpfulness and consideration
- accessibility (24 hour, 7 day Pregnancy Help Line, counselling and support available for the cost of a local call from any area of Australia).
- provision of accurate and consistent information
- prompt and fair consideration of all complaints or suggestions

We will continue to improve our service through

- ongoing assessment of the services we offer in order to identify the needs of our clients
- identification of client needs resulting in more efficient and effective servicing of those needs
- ongoing professional development of staff, members of the governing Council and counsellors to ensure an adequate and consistent quality of service provision.
- ongoing development in our knowledge of and use of all available technology (media, IT, telecommunications) to ensure information about our service is readily available to all

If you have a complaint

If you have a complaint about any service you have received from Pregnancy Help Australia or one of its affiliated agencies we would like to hear from you.

Whether your complaint is regarding a call you have made to the 1300 Pregnancy Help Line or to some other issue concerning the services we provide, please contact the agency closest to you or the National Office of Pregnancy Help Australia (all numbers available at the end of this document). Either of these calls will initiate a process of dealing with your complaint in a fair and unbiased way.

Effective resolution of complaints and difficulties is important to us as we are committed to the care of our clients. Through the process of resolution of difficulties we also learn how to be more effective in our service provision.

How you can help us

- provide feedback about the services we have provided
- give us suggestions about other ways in which we could help you or someone in your situation

How you can contact us

Contact details for the National Office of Pregnancy Help Australia are as follows:

Pregnancy Help Australia

Location: 4 Middletons Lane, MURRUMBATEMAN NSW 2582

Postal address: PO Box 307, HALL ACT 2618

Telephone /Fax: (02) 6226 8812

Email: pregnancysupport@tpg.com.au

Visit our web site at <http://www.pregnancysupport.com.au/>

For 24 hour assistance phone the Pregnancy Help Line - 1300 139 313

The Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services Inc, trading as Pregnancy Help Australia, gratefully acknowledges the financial assistance of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.



Pregnancy Help Australia

PRIVACY POLICY

The Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services Inc (trading as Pregnancy Help Australia) is a caring and compassionate organisation that provides professional pregnancy related services. Pregnancy Help Australia is committed to protecting the privacy of those it deals with, including clients, professionals and volunteers.

Pregnancy Help Australia is subject to the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* and must comply with the National Privacy Principles ('NPPs') as set out in that Act. This Privacy Policy affirms our commitment to comply with those principles.

Members and counsellors

Pregnancy Help Australia holds personal information about the officers of our member organisations and the counsellors who assist Pregnancy Help Australia to deliver services in connection with the National Pregnancy Helpline. Pregnancy Help Australia collects and uses this information in order to communicate with its member organisations and to administer the National Pregnancy Helpline. This information may be shared within the organisation, but will not be disclosed to other parties other than in accordance with the Privacy Act.

Should you wish to access the personal information that Pregnancy Help Australia may hold about you, please contact the Privacy Officer (see contact details below).

The National Pregnancy Helpline

Pregnancy Help Australia does not hold personal information in relation to persons who make calls to the pregnancy helpline. Personal information that is recorded by the counsellors who staff the helpline is treated confidentially and is stored by the member organisations concerned. A list of our member organisations can be accessed at www.pregnancysupport.com.au

Personal information held by our member organisations is stored securely and is managed in accordance with the NPPs. You may gain access to personal information that our member organisations may hold about you in relation to a call made to the pregnancy helpline. Requests for access should be lodged with Pregnancy Help Australia's Privacy Officer who will identify the member organisation that holds the information and forward your request to it.

If you would like to know more about Pregnancy Help Australia's privacy policy, please contact the Privacy Officer, Anne Foster, at the National Office of Pregnancy Help Australia. Contact details are as follows:

PO Box 307, HALL, ACT 2618

Telephone/Fax: (02) 6226 8812

Email pregnancysupport@tpg.com.au

www.pregnancysupport.com.au



PRIVACY COMPLAINT FORM

**Pregnancy Help Australia
PO Box 307
HALL ACT 2618**

Name: _____

Preferred Contact Details:

Postal Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Email address _____

Collection Statement

I understand that this form and the information contained in it will be used for the purpose of considering my complaint against Pregnancy Help Australia. I am aware that this information will be used to facilitate resolving my complaint.

Details of Complaint

[Ask the person complaining to fill out or tell you the manner in which they believe their privacy rights have been infringed.]

Outcome

[How was the complaint resolved?]

Signed

Client **Privacy Officer**

Date **Date**

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-038

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

- a) In light of the evidence presented above, does the Department acknowledge that more must be done to ensure information provided by Pregnancy Help Australia is based on reliable research provided by such reputable organisations as the World Health Organisation or the National Health and Medical Research Council?
- b) If so, what will the Department do to ensure this?
- c) When I asked a similar question to the one above on notice in February, the Department said it “encourages organisations it funds to employ a strong evidence-based approach to developing resources”. Can the Department elaborate on what sort of evidence this refers to, and whether this must be based on WHO or NHMRC research?
- d) In the same answer, the Department also stated “In their service charter, AFPSS states that they provide “accurate and consistent information” to members of the community using their services. Has the accuracy and consistency of this information been tested? If so, how? What were the findings?

Answer:

- a-d) The Department encourages organisations such as the AFPSS to employ a strong evidence based approach to developing resources but does not prescribe the source of information.

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO
Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-094

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: SMOKING AND PREGNANCY ADVISORY GROUP

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

- a) How often has the National Smoking and Pregnancy Advisory Group met?
- b) Can we have copies of the meeting schedule and minutes?
- c) What is the action agenda for the Advisory Group?

Answer:

- a) The inaugural meeting of the National Advisory Group on Smoking and Pregnancy was held on 14 September 2005. Subsequent meetings have been held on 6 December 2005, 3 April 2006 and 27 June 2006.
- b) The agenda and minutes of the meetings are Committee-in-Confidence. However, the Chair of the Advisory Group has agreed to provide the outcomes from the meetings where these outcomes are not considered confidential (Attachment A).
- c) A number of activities are already underway under the Smoking and Pregnancy Budget Measure. These include:
 - extensive stakeholder consultation during a scoping study to inform the development of priority areas for the funding attached to this measure;
 - the development of a 'Pregnancy Lifescript';
 - a report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare on Smoking and Pregnancy using National Perinatal Data;
 - the development of a national standard data element on smoking during pregnancy; and
 - funding of a trial to reduce smoking among pregnant Indigenous women.

**OUTCOMES FROM MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP
ON SMOKING AND PREGNANCY**

14 September 2005

The Advisory Group discussed the background papers prepared by the Department.

The Advisory Group discussed the use of Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) during pregnancy including the international situation.

The Advisory Group considered projects and proposed projects from a number of organisations seeking funding under this initiative.

The Advisory Group asked the Department to commission a scoping study to inform priorities for funding under this initiative. The scoping study would survey organisations involved in tobacco cessation and pregnancy management including:

- Cancer Councils, the Quitlines, State and Territory Health Departments, Aboriginal Medical Services, drug treatment services, tertiary institutions, hospitals, Colleges, Divisions of General Practice and postgraduate medical courses training programs.

6 December 2005

The Advisory Group discussed subsidisation of smoking interventions. The Department undertook to determine which private health insurance companies covered smoking interventions.

The Advisory Group recommended that the Department engage a consultant to evaluate the Smoking Cessation Guidelines for Australian General Practice.

The Advisory Group considered projects and proposed projects from a number of organisations seeking funding under this initiative.

The Advisory Group recommended that the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare develop and publish a report on the National Perinatal Data.

The Advisory Group considered the scoping study report and agreed that further work and analysis was required.

The Advisory Group recommended that the Department contact relevant organisations to determine programs specifically targeting pregnant Indigenous women.

3 April 2006

The Advisory Group considered projects and proposed projects from a number of organisations seeking funding under this initiative.

The Advisory Group noted that IPSOS had been contracted to undertake qualitative research as a follow up to the initial scoping study but that research findings were not yet available.

The Advisory Group discussed the feasibility and cost of developing national clinical guidelines and recommended that a workshop be held to discuss this issue.

The Advisory Group agreed to the development of a pregnancy lifescrpt, using the same model as the chronic disease lifestyle scripts.

27 June 2006

The Department presented an update to the Advisory Group on the development of a pregnancy lifescrpt.

IPSOS presented findings from its qualitative research.

The Advisory Group discussed a number of recommendations resulting from the research and noted that a lack of clarity on the use of NRT during pregnancy was raised as an issue by a number of organisations running smoking interventions.

The Advisory Group discussed the need for national clinical guidelines around smoking and pregnancy. The Advisory Group agreed that the 'National clinical guidelines for the management of drug use during pregnancy, birth and the early development years of the newborn', developed by the New South Wales Department of Health, which were endorsed out of session on 2 December 2005 by the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy, would be ideal for this purpose.

The Advisory Group considered a proposal for a smoking intervention in Indigenous communities and agreed that the proposal be funded.

Summary of initiatives under the Smoking and Pregnancy Measure

- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Smoking and Pregnancy Report
- The scoping study
- Qualitative Research for the Smoking and Pregnancy Advisory Group
- Development of a Pregnancy Lifescrpt
- A randomised controlled trial of a high intensity intervention to reduce smoking among pregnant Indigenous women
- Evaluation of the Smoking Cessation Guidelines for Australian General Practice
- Development of national standard data elements on smoking during pregnancy

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-164

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: BLOOD

Hansard Page: CA 83-85 – 1 June

Senator Forshaw asked:

- a) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that include the requirement for manufacturers to declare whether blood is collected from paid donors.
- b) Have there been any cases of the TGA rejecting or failing to approve a batch of overseas blood plasma products? If so, can you provide the Committee with details on the products, the date, the size of the batch and the reason for failure?
- c) Have there been any cases of overseas blood plasma products being withdrawn from the Australian market because of problems with quality or adverse side effects?

Answer:

- a) A copy of the TGA adopted guideline from the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products entitled *Guideline on the Scientific Data Requirements for a Plasma Master File* is at Attachment A. Section 2.1.1 of this document under Characterisation of Donations requires that ‘For any organisation responsible for collection it should be specified whether the donors are non-remunerated or remunerated’.

Plasma Master Files are documents which describe the source of plasma used to produce plasma products. Plasma Master Files are provided to the TGA for all plasma products included on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (supplied in Australia).

- b) There have been no cases of the TGA rejecting or failing to approve a batch of overseas plasma product during 01/01/2000 to 02/06/2006. Two batches of a domestic product have been rejected during the same period.
- c) There has been one case where an overseas plasma product has been withdrawn permanently from the Australia market. In that case the product was removed from the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods because the sponsor declined to pay the required fees.

There have been a number of cases where batches of overseas and domestic plasma products have been recalled from the Australian market. The details of these cases are provided at Attachment B.



The European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products
Evaluation of Medicines for Human Use

London, 26 February 2004
EMEA/CPMP/BWP/3794/03

**COMMITTEE FOR PROPRIETARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS
(CPMP)**

**GUIDELINE ON THE SCIENTIFIC DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A
PLASMA MASTER FILE (PMF)**

DISCUSSION IN THE BIOTECHNOLOGY WORKING PARTY	July 2003
TRANSMISSION TO CPMP	July 2003
RELEASE FOR CONSULTATION of WORKING DOCUMENT	July 2003
DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS	End August 2003
DISCUSSION IN THE BIOTECHNOLOGY WORKING PARTY	September 2003 October 2003 December 2003 February 2004
ADOPTION BY CPMP	February 2004
DATE FOR COMING INTO OPERATION	End August 2004

- This document provides guidance on the structure and requirements for presentation of data on starting material in a Plasma Master File (PMF). This guidance shall also apply when the PMF certification scheme is not followed.
- The PMF structure follows Part III of Annex I of Commission Directive 2001/83/EC as amended. This Guideline supersedes EC III/5272/94 "Contribution to Part II of the Structure of the Dossier for Applications for Marketing Authorisation - Control of Starting Materials for the Production of Blood Derivatives" and takes into account the consultation on the draft document released for consultation in July 2001 Ref. CPMP/BWP/2053/01 draft (III/5272/94 rev 1)."
- Revised guidance on the data to be provided on epidemiology of infections transmitted by blood is in development, and will be the subject of a separate consultation.
- Directive 2002/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 setting standards of quality and safety for the collection, testing, processing, storage and distribution of human blood and blood components and amending Directive 2001/83/EC, entered into force on 8 February 2003. Member States have until 8 February 2005 for transposition of this Directive into their national legislation, with a further 9 months to maintain national provisions for existing blood establishments. Therefore, from 8 February 2005, Directive 2002/98/EC will apply for the collection and testing of human blood and plasma and these scientific data requirements will be updated accordingly.

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**GUIDELINE ON THE SCIENTIFIC DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A
PLASMA MASTER FILE (PMF)**

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INTRODUCTION AND PRINCIPLE OF A PMF

Commission Directive 2003/63/EC of 25 June 2003, amending Directive 2001/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use, introduces the concept of the Plasma Master File.

The PMF contains common information on plasma relevant to the manufacture of all human plasma-derived medicinal products for which this PMF is applicable.

This Guideline describes the structure and scientific data required to be submitted in a PMF.

Applicants or MAHs using the PMF certification system need to clearly identify and describe each PMF at the level of the blood-derived medicinal product marketing authorization dossier, and make cross-references between the PMF and the dossiers of any medicinal product to which this/these PMF(s) will apply. The use of more than one PMF is possible but adequate cross-reference is required. Any sub-agreements between manufacturers supplying starting material, and MAHs should be clearly identified and described. If MAHs intend to share PMFs they need to state this clearly and describe their agreements. Where information is specific to a particular product (e.g. immunisation scheme used for specific immunoglobulins) this should be included in section 2.3.S of the dossier for the relevant product and not in the PMF.

The procedure for the submission, evaluation and certification is described in the GUIDELINE ON REQUIREMENTS FOR PLASMA MASTER FILE (PMF) CERTIFICATION, EMEA/CPMP/BWP/4663/03.

Annual update

The PMF certification shall be updated and re-certified on an annual basis. The scientific documentation for the annual update should include the following:

- Update as described in annex 1 “check list on annual update”.
- Details of all changes applied for with the annual update
- A compiled updated PMF including:
 - All changes submitted during the year and with the annual update, including updated lists with highlighted changes, and specifying historic information where this is still relevant for batches that may be on the market e.g. the information on the period as active supplier.
 - Update in sections 1.1¹, 2.1.3 and 2.3.². In addition, when relevant, update on deletions of country(ies) and/or organisation(s)/establishment(s) used for blood/plasma collection, or in which testing of donation and plasma pools is carried out, and deletion of blood bag(s) may be submitted at the annual update. The reason for the deletion should be specified.
 - The newly available epidemiological data of the blood/plasma collection establishments together with its scientific evaluation.
 - Update of inspection/audit status of blood establishments³ (see annexes).
- Update on any quality defects or haemovigilance information.

¹ This product-list is also part of the application form and valid PMF certificate. This list should be kept up-to-date to allow a link between products and the plasma source.

² These are not considered variations but updated information to the previous PMF (initial/annual update).

³ ‘Blood establishment should mean any structure or body that is responsible for any aspect of the collection and testing of human blood or blood components, whatever their intended purpose, and their processing, storage and distribution, as defined in Article 3 of Directive 2002/98/EC

- A summary report of the look back results occurring during the year. This should include the following:
 - ▷ Cases for which it was retrospectively found that a donation should have been excluded from processing or has been excluded and a viral marker found retrospectively to be positive
 - ▷ The results of NAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification Technique) testing of plasma pools indicating how many positive pools/mini-pools were detected, how many positive donations were identified and how the donors were investigated).
- Participation in proficiency studies (viral marker testing and NAT testing).

1. GENERAL INFORMATION (SUMMARY)

1.1. Plasma-derived products' list

The Plasma Master File shall provide a list of the medicinal products for which the Plasma Master File is valid, whether the medicinal products have been granted a marketing authorisation or are in the process of being granted such an authorisation, with the relevant Supervisory Authority(ies) for each plasma-derived product. This list should also include medical devices incorporating stable derivatives of human blood or human plasma (Council Directive 93/42/EEC as amended) and medicinal products referred to in Article 2 of Directive 2001/20/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the implementation of good clinical practice in the conduct of clinical trials on medicinal products for human use.

The Plasma Master file relates to the following human plasma-derived products:

Common name of the plasma-derived product (e.g. F VIII, F IX, IVIg, Human albumin)	If relevant					Supervisory Authority(ies) ⁴ (indicate countries)
	Trade-name(s)		Marketing authorisation number(s),	Authorised by	[indicate if the authorisation is pending]	
	Medicinal product	Medical device				

If relevant, any agreements or contracts between suppliers of starting materials and MAHs or between MAHs if they share PMFs should be described.

1.2 Overall safety strategy

The overall strategy, which is used to ensure that the human plasma-derived medicinal products/medical devices/excipients etc., as relevant are produced from safe starting material, should be described. This description should take into account the epidemiological data on blood transmissible infections known for the donor population, the system of donor selection, screening of donations, minipool strategy if relevant, the testing of the plasma pools, inventory hold and "look-back" procedures. The description should be supported by diagrams, e.g. to describe the plasma donation test system and strategy of (mini/plasma) pool

⁴ EU Member State in which the manufacturer responsible for batch release is located, as defined in Article 16 of Regulation 2309/93

testing.

1.3. General logistics

A flow-chart, describing the complete supply-chain for plasma and intermediates (e.g. paste or cryoprecipitate), should be provided. This should include all relevant organisations⁵ involved in the collection, testing, storage and transport of blood or plasma and intermediates.

The relationship between collection establishments and testing laboratories should be clearly described.

2. TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON STARTING MATERIALS

The quality and safety of products derived from human plasma rely both on the source plasma material and the further manufacturing processes. Therefore, the collection, testing, storage and transportation of human plasma are major factors in the quality assurance of the manufacture of plasma-derived products. Collection of human plasma for further manufacturing as well as storage, testing and transportation should be subject to periodic inspections in order to ensure the expected product quality.

An exhaustive list of names and addresses of blood establishments in which collection, testing, storage and transport of donations and plasma pools is carried out, including any sub contractors should be provided using the tabular format given in the annexes II, III, IV and V together with the relevant supporting documents.

2.1. Plasma origin

2.1.1 Information on centres or establishments in which blood/plasma collection is carried out, including inspection and approval, and epidemiological data on blood transmissible infections.

a. Information on centres or establishments in which blood/plasma collection is carried out

See Annex II

An exhaustive list of names and addresses of blood/plasma collection establishments, including any sub-contractors should be provided as an appendix to this section.

Blood/plasma collection establishments should be inspected and approved by an EU/EEA competent authority.

Characteristics of donations

For any organization responsible for collection it should be specified whether the donors are non-remunerated or remunerated. The nature of any compensation for donation should be described if applicable. "A donation is considered voluntary and non-remunerated if the person gives blood, plasma or cellular components of his/her own free will and receives no payment of it, either in the form of cash or in kind which could be considered a substitute for money. This would include time off work other than that reasonably needed for the donation and travel. Small tokens, refreshments and reimbursements of direct travel costs are compatible with voluntary, non-remunerated donations." Council of Europe definition of non-remunerated⁶.

⁵ Organisation responsible for collecting: An organisation collecting individual plasma bags from various local blood/plasma collection establishments (e.g. Red Cross). In most cases, these organisations are responsible for the definition and the application of all the quality criteria.

⁶ Ref. Council Recommendation of 28 June 1998 "On the suitability of blood and plasma donors and the screening of donated blood in the European Community (98/463/EC).

b. Epidemiological data⁷ on blood transmissible infections

2.1.2 Information on centres or establishments in which testing of donations and plasma pools is carried out, including inspection and approval status.

See Annex III.

The test laboratory used for each collection site should be specified.

If confirmation tests are performed at separate laboratories full details should be supplied.

2.1.3 Selection/exclusion criteria for blood/plasma donors.

Confirm that selection/exclusion criteria for blood/plasma donors comply with Directive 2001/83/EC, Council Recommendation 98/463/EC and the requirements of the European Pharmacopoeia Monographs. Where appropriate, indicate compliance with CPMP guidance documents⁸, WHO and Council of Europe recommendations. In addition, specify any national requirements versus emerging infectious agents in a specific country and confirm that selection/exclusion criteria for blood/plasma donors are in compliance with such requirements.

2.1.4 System in place which enables the path taken by each donation to be traced from the blood/plasma collection establishment through to finished products and vice versa.

Describe the system in place, which enables the path taken by each donation to be traced from the blood/plasma collection establishment through to finished products and vice versa.

Give information on steps that would be taken if it was found retrospectively that donation(s) should have been excluded from processing ("look-back procedure"). See section 2.3.6 of the Guideline on Plasma-derived medicinal products, CPMP/BWP/269/95 (current version as published by the EMEA). This information should also be provided in the case of plasma-derived products supplied to third parties (e.g. albumin supplied for use as an excipient).

2.2 Plasma quality and safety

2.2.1 Compliance with European Pharmacopoeia Monographs.

Give the specification for the blood/plasma and confirm compliance with the Ph. Eur. Monograph for Human Plasma for Fractionation. Confirm compliance with any requirements for particular products for which Ph. Eur. Monographs exist.

2.2.2 Testing of blood/plasma donations and pools for infectious agents, including information on test methods and, in the case of plasma pools, validation data on the tests used.

Information should be provided

- on screening tests for markers of infection required according to Directive 2001/83/EC, as amended and the European Pharmacopoeia Monographs,
- on any other screening tests carried out.

⁷ Revised guidance on the data to be provided on epidemiology of infections transmitted by blood is in development, and will be the subject of a separate consultation.

⁸ <http://www.emea.eu.int/pdfs/human/ewp/309702en.pdf>.g. CPMP Position statement on Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease and plasma-derived and wine-derived medicinal products, (EMEA/CPMP/BWP/2879/02, current version)

Test	Test Performed on:		
	Individual Donation	Minipool (size) (if relevant)	Plasma Pool
HBsAg			
HIV 1 and 2 Antibody			
HCV Antibody			
HCV RNA			
B19 DNA			
List other Tests			

Criteria for acceptance or rejection of donation/pool and re-testing policy should be described (see also Council Recommendation 98/463/EC annex V).

When minipools of donations are tested, full details of this testing should be provided, including the size of the pool and minipools.

List of kits used for each test, including NAT testing.

Parameter	Test method	Brand name of the kit	Manufacturer	CE mark; reference number	Used for		Testing site
					Individual donations	Plasma pool/minipool	
HBsAg							
HIV 1 and 2 Antibody							
HCV Antibody							
NAT for HCV RNA							
B19 DNA							
Other tests							

If test kits are used which are not CE marked, adequate information on the kit and the reason for using a non CE marked kit are required.

Validation of testing methods

a. Testing of donations

Confirm that tests are carried out in accordance with the manufacturers' directions for use.

For each testing laboratory, provide a summary of information describing how blood/plasma collection establishments validate and check that tests are working properly. Copies of instructions for use of commercial kits and complete validation are not needed.

b. Viral marker testing of the plasma pool(s)

For every testing laboratory, provide a report on the validation of the screening tests used on each plasma pool.

For this validation, the following ICH guidelines should be taken into account: Validation of analytical methods: Methodology CPMP/ICH/281/95 and Validation of analytical methods:

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definitions and terminology CPMP/ICH/381/95.

Information on the sensitivity of the test for each marker as a function of pool size should also be included.

c. **NAT testing of the plasma pool(s)**

For every testing laboratory, provide a report on the validation of the NAT tests performed.

For this validation, the following methods and guidelines should be taken into account: General Methods of the Ph. Eur. 2.6.21, Nucleic acid amplification techniques and for specific viruses.

Provide information on sensitivity and specificity including the ability of the assays to detect different genotypes.

Results arising from participation in proficiency studies should be reported.

2.2.3 Technical characteristics of bags for blood and plasma collection, including information on anticoagulant solutions used.

Name of bag 1, 2, 3... etc	Manufacturer	Anticoagulant Solution ⁹	Specification ¹⁰		CE
			Bag	Solution	Mark; Reference number

Where the bag is not CE marked under Council Directive 93/42/EEC concerning Medical Devices, as amended, or licensed by other relevant health authorities the following information should be provided in an Appendix to this section.

Describe the material of the bag, the composition of the bag and its specification; confirm that materials comply with Ph. Eur., describe the sterilisation procedure including its validation. Where the bag contains an anticoagulant solution, give information on production and quality control as for a medicinal product and confirm compliance with Ph. Eur. requirements.

2.2.4 Conditions of storage and transport of plasma.

See Annex IV and V.

Describe the conditions for freezing and storage of plasma for every establishment responsible for collecting blood/plasma including the following:

- Sites/organisations which are involved in the storage and indicate whether they have been inspected by a Competent Authority.
- Compliance with Ph. Eur. with respect to freezing and storage.
- Conditions of storage (temperature and maximum time).

Describe the conditions of transport of plasma including the following:

- Transport flows from centres of collection to interim storage sites, if relevant, and further to fractionation sites.
- Organisations which are involved in the transport (own and contractors) and indicate whether they have been inspected by a Competent Authority.
- Conditions of transport (maximum time and temperature).
- Confirm compliance with requirements in the Ph. Eur. Monograph for Human Plasma

⁹ Indicate nature and composition

¹⁰ Indicate compliance of bag with Ph. Eur. and any other standards; confirm that any anticoagulant solutions comply with the Ph. Eur. Requirements for Anticoagulant and Preservative Solutions for Blood.

for Fractionation and if applicable, with any Ph. Eur. requirements for particular products.

2.2.5 Procedures for any inventory hold period.

- Provide details of any inventory hold procedure and provide the justification for the chosen period.
- Indicate whether donors are retested for markers of infection at the end of the inventory hold period, before the release of the donation.

2.2.6 Characterisation of the plasma pool.

Plasma pool preparation

Indicate the size of the plasma pool, describe the nature of the pool, and the method of sampling the pool for testing. It should be clarified as to whether or not the plasma pool is the same for all products.

Describe all relevant procedures, in-process tests and final controls on the plasma pool and the storage conditions of pool samples.

2.3 System in place between the plasma-derived medicinal product manufacturer and/or plasma fractionator/processor on the one hand, and blood establishments on the other hand, which defines the conditions of their interaction and their agreed specifications.

Confirm that a contract exists between the blood establishments on one hand and the manufacturer on the other hand to ensure the interaction between them. In addition, confirm that adequate criteria have been agreed between these organisations in order to allow action to be taken when appropriate.

It should be declared that all blood establishments have signed the contract mentioned above.

ANNEX I: CHECK LIST ON THE ANNUAL UPDATE

Checklist to be used with the Annual Update of the PMF

Change/Update	Submitted with annual update (AU) or Notified/Approved during the year (N or A)	Scope and reason for change	Type ¹¹	Variation Number ¹²	PMF procedural number	Date of Notification /Approval	Comment/ Implementation date	Implemented current PMF ¹³
Item: 1.1 Plasma-derived products' list								
Change								
Item: 2.1.1 Information on centres or establishments in which blood/plasma collection is carried out, including inspection and approval, and epidemiological data on blood transmissible infections								
Addition of country of blood/plasma collection centres or establishments								
Deletion of country of blood/plasma collection centres or establishments								
Change in the organisation								
Change in the name of organisation								

¹¹ Type IA/IB or type II as laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) 1085/2003

¹² Number of variation as per 1085/2003

¹³ Confirm that this change and the relevant data have been included in this current PMF annual update.

Change/Update	Submitted with annual update (AU) or Notified/Approved during the year (N or A)	Scope and reason for change	Type ¹¹	Variation Number ¹²	PMF procedural number	Date of Notification /Approval	Comment/ Implementation date	Implemented current PMF ¹³
Addition of organisation								
Deletion of organisation								
Addition of a new blood/plasma collection establishment for an organisation already included in the PMF.								
Addition of a blood/plasma collection establishment for an organisation not yet included in the PMF								
Deletion of a blood/plasma collection establishment								
Change of characteristics of donations								
Item: 2.1.2 Information on centres or establishments in which testing of donations and plasma pools is carried out, including inspection and approval status								
Addition or change of a site testing the donations within an organisation already included in the PMF								

Change/Update	Submitted with annual update (AU) or Notified/Approved during the year (N or A)	Scope and reason for change	Type ¹¹	Variation Number ¹²	PMF procedural number	Date of Notification /Approval	Comment/ Implementation date	Implemented current PMF ¹³
Addition or change of a site testing the donations within an organisation not yet included in the PMF								
Deletion of a site testing the donations within an organisation included in the PMF								
Addition or change of a site testing mini-pools/plasma pools within an organisation already included in the PMF								
Addition or change of a site testing mini-pools/plasma pools within an organisation not yet included in the PMF								
Deletion of a site testing mini-pools/plasma pools within an organisation included in the PMF								
Item 2.1.4. System in place which enables the path taken by each donation to be traced from the blood/plasma collection establishment through to finished products and vice versa								
Change in the system in place, which enables the path taken by each donation to be traced from the blood/plasma collection establishment through to finished products and vice versa								

Change/Update	Submitted with annual update (AU) or Notified/Approved during the year (N or A)	Scope and reason for change	Type ¹¹	Variation Number ¹²	PMF procedural number	Date of Notification /Approval	Comment/ Implementation date	Implemented current PMF ¹³
Change in 'look-back' procedure								
Item: 2.2.2 Testing of blood/plasma donations and pools for infectious agents, including information on test methods and, in the case of plasma pools, validation data on the tests used								
Change of test performed on donations/mini-pools/plasma pools (specification)								
Change in kits/methods to test donations/mini-pools/plasma pools								
Item: 2.2.3 Technical characteristics of bags for blood and plasma collection, including information on anticoagulant solutions used								
Addition of or replacement with a CE marked blood bag								
Addition of or replacement with a non-CE marked blood bag								
Changes of the composition, production, shelf life and control of non-CE marked blood bags								
Deletion of CE marked blood bag								

Change/Update	Submitted with annual update (AU) or Notified/Approved during the year (N or A)	Scope and reason for change	Type ¹¹	Variation Number ¹²	PMF procedural number	Date of Notification /Approval	Comment/ Implementation date	Implemented current PMF ¹³
Item: 2.2.4 Conditions of storage and transport of plasma								
Change in the sites/organisations involved in the storage and/or transport								
Change in storage and/or transport conditions								
Item: 2.2.5 Procedures for any inventory hold period								
Introduction/extension/ a more stringent procedure e.g. release only after retesting of donors								
Removal or reduction in length of period								
Item: 2.2.6 Characterisation of the plasma pool								
Change in plasma pool preparation (e.g. manufacturing method, pool size, storage, control procedures, sampling)								

**ANNEX II: INFORMATION ON CENTRES OR ESTABLISHMENTS
IN WHICH BLOOD/PLASMA COLLECTION IS CARRIED OUT**

Address	Sequential Number ¹⁴	Activity		Inspection by an EEA competent authority			Inspection by a non-EEA competent authority			Audit/Certification																
		Plasma-pheresis	Whole Blood collection	Member State	Date of last inspection	Final outcome (observations ¹⁵)	Country	Date of last inspection	Final outcome (observations ¹⁶)	Description ¹⁷	Name of organisation ¹⁸	Outcome	Date													
Organisation 1 responsible for collection																										
Country 1																										
Full address site 1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																							
Organisation 1																										
Country 1																										
Full address site 2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																							
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Full address site 3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																							
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Organisation 2 responsible for collection																										
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Full address site 2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																							
Organisation 2																										
Country 1																										
Country 2																										
Full address site 3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																							
Organisation 2																										
Country 2																										

¹⁴ Number should identify links between collection and testing, storage, distribution centers

¹⁵ Documented evidence of satisfactory outcome should be submitted (e.g. certificate, close-out letter, inspection report). If the final outcome is not satisfactory, a summary of the objections found during the last inspection, the follow-up and the appropriate corrective actions should be included.

¹⁶ Reference to any "Form 483" or "Warning Letter" in the USA should be included and relevant follow-up should be included.

¹⁷ Describe nature of and frequency of audit/certification

¹⁸ Specify name of organization carrying out the audit/certification.

**ANNEX III: INFORMATION ON CENTRES OR ESTABLISHMENTS
IN WHICH TESTING OF DONATIONS AND PLASMA POOLS IS CARRIED OUT**

Address	Specify the sequential number(s) of the collection centre(s) for which the testing is performed	Testing				Inspection by an EU competent authority			Inspection by a non-EU competent authority			Audit			
		Viral Marker		NAT testing		Member State	Date of last inspection	Final outcome (observations ¹⁹)	Country	Date of last inspection	Final outcome (observations ³⁰)	Description ²¹	Name of organisation ²²	Outcome	Date
		Donations	Plasma Pools	Donations	Mini Plasma Pools										
Organisation 1 responsible for collection															
Country 1															
Full address site 1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Organisation 1															
Country 1															
Full address site 2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Organisation 1															
Country 1															
Country 2															
Full address site 3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Organisation 1															
Country 2															
Organisation 2 responsible for collection															
Country 1															
Full address site 1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Organisation 2															
Country 1															
Full address site 2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Organisation 2															
Country 1															

¹⁹ Documented evidence of satisfactory outcome should be submitted (e.g. certificate, close-out letter, inspection report). If the final outcome is not satisfactory, a summary objections found during the last inspection, the follow-up and the appropriate corrective actions should be included.

²⁰ Reference to any "Form 483" or "Warning Letter" in the USA should be included and relevant follow-up should be included.

²¹ Describe nature of and frequency of audit/certification
²² Specify name of organization carrying out the audit/certification.
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**ANNEX IV: INFORMATION ON CENTRES AND ESTABLISHMENTS
IN WHICH STORAGE OF DONATIONS AND PLASMA POOLS IS CARRIED OUT**

Address	Specify the sequential number(s) of the collection centre(s) for which the storage is performed	Storage		Inspection by an EU competent authority			Inspection by a non-EU competent authority			Audit (Frequency and date of last audit)			Conditions of storage (temperature and maximum time) Compliance with Ph Eur with respect to freezing and storage	
		Freezer	Freezing Room	Member State	Date of last inspection	Final outcome (observations ²³)	Country	Date of last inspection	Final outcome (observations ²⁴)	Description ²⁵	Name of organisation ²⁶	Out come		Date
Organisation 1 responsible for collection														
Country 1														
Full address site 1 Organisation 1 Country 1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>											
Full address site 2 Organisation 1 Country 1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>											
Country 2														
Full address site 3 Organisation 1 Country 2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>											
Organisation 2 responsible for collection														
Country 1														
Full address site 1 Organisation 2 Country 1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>											

²³ Documented evidence of satisfactory outcome should be submitted (e.g. certificate, close-out letter, inspection report). If the final outcome is not satisfactory, a summary of the objections found during the last inspection, the follow-up and the appropriate corrective actions should be included.

²⁴ Reference to any "Form 483" or "Warning Letter" in the USA should be included and relevant follow-up should be included.

²⁵ Describe nature of and frequency of audit/certification

²⁶ Specify name of organization carrying out the audit/certification.

**ANNEX V: INFORMATION ON CENTRES AND ESTABLISHMENTS
IN WHICH TRANSPORT OF DONATIONS AND PLASMA POOLS IS CARRIED OUT**

Address	Specify the sequential number(s) of the collection centre(s) for which the storage is performed	Inspection by an EU competent authority			Inspection by a non-EU competent authority			Audit			Conditions of transport (temperature and maximum time) Compliance with Ph Eur with respect to freezing and storage	
		Member State	Date of last inspection	Final outcome (observations ²⁷)	Country	Date of last inspection	Final outcome (observations ²⁸)	Description ²⁹	Name of organisation ³⁰	Out come		Date
Organisation 1 responsible for collection												
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Organisation site 3												
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Organisation 2 responsible for collection												
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²⁷ Documented evidence of satisfactory outcome should be submitted (e.g. certificate, close-out letter, inspection report). If the final outcome is not satisfactory, a summary of the objections found during the last inspection, the follow-up and the appropriate corrective actions should be included.

²⁸ Reference to any "Form 483" or "Warning Letter" in the USA should be included and relevant follow-up should be included.

²⁹ Describe nature of and frequency of audit/certification

³⁰ Specify name of organization carrying out the audit/certification.
E/MEA/CPMP/BWP/3794/03

Attachment B

Date of notification	Product	Problem	Sponsor	Recall Number
18/05/2006	Albumex 20 2VI 10mL	During a worse case stability trial where the product was stored at 32 degrees for 18 months, a projection has shown that the aluminium content of the product may rise to levels of up to 25% above the maximum level stated in the product information (PI).	CSL	RN-2006-0391
07/04/2006	Octagam Human Normal Immunoglobulin 10ug (200 ml)	The batch number, expiry date and date of manufacture on the outer carton of the product are rubbing off and/or smudging such that the details are illegible. The issue of details rubbing off and/or smudging is not affecting the label on the primary container(vial) and as such the product tracability can still be maintained via the primary container. This recall for product correction is being undertaken as a staged process to ensure supply of this critical medicine is maintained.	Octapharma	RN-2006-0309
16/03/2006	Albumex 20 2VI 10mL	Due to possible elevated levels of aluminium in Albumex 20 2VI 10mL. Ongoing stability data obtained during storage at 32oC indicates a projected aluminium level will be >200 µg/L at the two year expiry.	CSL	RN-2006-0250

11/09/2003	Blood Recall. Process Related. Intragam P200. Batch No. 3740600182	Product in quarantine was released for use. The Intragam P200 was quarantined due to an increased level of adverse haemolytic reaction to this batch (P3740600182).	CSL	R-2003-1036
05/03/2003	INTRAGAM P Immunoglobulin-normal (HUMAN) 3g/50mL for intravenous use, injection vial. Batch No. 3740000140, Expires 15/7/04.	A temperature deviation was recorded during transport.	CSL	R-2003-0253
05/03/2003	INTRAGAM P Immunoglobulin-normal (HUMAN) 12g/200mL for intravenous use, injection vial. Batch No.3740000150, Expires 16/09/04.	A temperature deviation was recorded during transport.	CSL	R-2003-0254
06/05/2003	INTRAGAM P Immunoglobulin-normal (HUMAN) 12g/200mL for Intravenous Use injection vial. Batch No. 374000152	A temperature deviation was recorded during transport. This action was not initially identified to the TGA.	CSL	R-2003-0476
04/03/2002	Factor VII concentrate 500IU Code D74051, Lot No 05P0100F	Thrombin level outside of EP specification for the product.		R-2002-0204
23/11/2001	ALBUMEX 20 ALBUMIN (HUMAN) 2g/10mL injection vial.Batch 34700000009, expiry 16/11/01.	Supply of expired product by ARCBS-NT.	CSL	R-2001-0534

01/08/1997	SANDOGLOBULIN normal immunoglobulin 3g powder for injection bottle Batch 53622140 Expiry 1/99	The sponsor decided to recall the above batch of product following advice from the manufacturer that the batch may have been processed from the blood of a donor who has since been diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD). The recall is a precautionary measure - the sponsor advises that there is no evidence that CJD can be transmitted by blood or blood-derived products & TGA concurs.	Sandoz	R-1997-0101
01/12/1994	SANDOGLOBULIN normal immunoglobulin 6g powder for injection bottle BATCH 0.373.267.0	This product was prepared using the plasma from a donor who, after donating the plasma, developed CJD.	Sandoz	R-1994-0119
08/09/1992	Normal Serum Albumin NSA (human) 2g/10mL injection vial	Report from ADRAC of 4 cases of hypotension from the administration of B/N 673A-10201	CSL	R-1992-0128
05/06/1992	CSL PROTHROMBINEX powder for injection vial	The plasma supplied by the NSW Red Cross was found to infected with Hepatitis C virus.	CSL	R-1992-0088

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-166

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: RU486

Hansard Page: CA 76-77 – 1 June

Senator Barnett asked:

- a) Please advise the Committee of the approved protocol for the use of RU486 by Professor de Costa.
- b) Please provide the published literature or research that Professor de Costa relied on to support her application.

Answer:

- a) The TGA is unable to provide to the Committee details of the approved protocol for the use of RU486 by Professor de Costa because that information is confidential. The TGA contacted Professor de Costa to ascertain if she would permit the TGA to disclose the confidential information and she declined.
- b) The literature is attached.

[Note: the attachment was tabled in the Senate on 14.09.06 and has not been included in the electronic/printed volume]

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 31 May 2006

Question: E06-256

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: REPORT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE LEAK FROM STORAGE SITE IN NORMANDY, FRANCE

Hansard Page: CA 44 – 31 May

Senator Crossin asked:

In relation to a report that radioactive waste leaked from a storage site in Normandy in France into ground water used by dairy cattle resulting in radioactivity levels near the aquifer site being 90 times above the European safety limit and levels in the ground water being seven times higher than the safety limit:

- (a) Would or should ARPANSA take an interest in the report and look at the controls and mechanisms that were in place at that radioactive waste repository, at what has gone wrong and at what that might mean for a repository here in this country?
- (b) What formal and informal mechanisms exist to report such alleged incidents?

Answer:

ARPANSA takes note of all such studies and incidents, and of any relevant lessons to be learnt from overseas experience with safety of radioactive waste management and disposal. International best practice, which includes lessons learnt from overseas experience involving environmental controls and monitoring, will be used in formulating appropriate regulatory requirements on the management and disposal of Australia's radioactive waste.

The levels of tritium reported in these measurements taken in relation to the incident at the radioactive waste storage site in Normandy are indicative of low-level environmental contamination. Using the levels reported, conservative modeling by ARPANSA of environmental transport of the released radioactivity into groundwater which is then used as the sole source of drinking water, suggests that the tritium concentrations do not present a radiological hazard. The modeling also suggests that concentrations of plutonium released to the environment and into drinking water are negligibly low due to the insoluble nature of the plutonium. The buried plutonium would only present a radiological hazard if the covering of the repository is eroded away.

The siting and design of this French repository would not currently be considered adequate in Australia. Waste destined for disposal in an Australian near-surface repository will be required to be contained in long-term robust packaging (such as concrete containers), which will also prevent any occurrence similar to this French experience.

In the case of any significant release of radioactivity to the environment, the international community would be formally notified through the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) or International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) processes for the reporting of radiation accidents and incidents. For example, ARPANSA undertakes the role of Australia's National Competent Authority and Contact Point for the exchange of information under the IAEA Conventions on Notification and Assistance during a radiation emergency. ARPANSA would also receive formal and informal notification as a member of international expert committees such as the IAEA's safety standards committees on radiation protection, radioactive waste, nuclear safety and transport.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 31 May 2006

Question: E06-257

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: COMPARISON OF EMISSION LEVELS SET IN THE ARPANSA STANDARD FOR 3G MOBILE PHONE TOWERS.

Hansard Page: CA 47 – 31 May

Senator Nettle asked:

Can ARPANSA comment on how the emission levels set in the ARPANSA Standard for 3G mobile phone towers compare to emission levels set in China and Switzerland which are allegedly reported as being 10 times lower, in the case of China, and eight times lower, in the case of Switzerland?

Answer:

The ARPANSA “Radiation Protection Standard for Maximum exposure levels to radiofrequency fields - 3kHz to 300GHz” is a scientifically based standard developed after a careful review of other standards and of the scientific literature. The standard includes limits that align exactly with those given in the “Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields (up to 300 GHz)” published by the International Commission for Non-ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) and adopted as the basis for national standards or guidelines by a large number of countries and the European Union. These limits vary with the frequency of the radiofrequency fields in accordance with how the fields interact with the human body. The mobile phone system known in Australia as 3G, and known more widely as UMTS, operates at a frequency of 2.1 GHz, where the Australian limit for public exposure to electric fields is 61.4 volts per metre. The ARPANSA standard also includes provision for minimising RF exposure which is unnecessary or incidental to achievement of service objectives when this can be readily achieved at reasonable expense.

Switzerland has two different types of limit. It has “*exposure limit values*” based on scientific observations and protection against established harmful effects. This limit, for UMTS radiation is 61 volts per metre, in agreement with the Australian and ICNIRP limits. Since 1999, Switzerland has had in place stricter, precautionary, “*installation limit values*” applying to locations where people spend a lot of time. In the words of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health, these limits “are based not on concrete scientific results or suspicions, but on the technical possibilities, in order to keep long-term exposure low.” The *installation limit value* for UMTS radiation from base stations is 6 volts per metre and is therefore, in terms of electric field, 10 times stricter than the limit in the ARPANSA standard.

In a survey at ground level in the vicinity of base stations commissioned by ARPANSA in 2003, the highest level found from any of 60 base stations was less than 2 volts per metre and the highest level from any of the 35 base stations emitting 3G signals was less than 1 volt per metre.

As far as ARPANSA is aware, based on information available from the World Health Organization, the national standards in China pre-date the ICNIRP guidelines by 10 years and a revision was pending as of 2004. They include a limit for electric field exposure to the public at the frequency of UMTS radiation of 12 volts per metre. They also include “1st grade” and “2nd grade” limits for environmental electric fields equivalent to 6 volts per metre and 98 volts per metre, respectively.

In some countries, while the national government may adopt standards aligned with the ICNIRP guidelines, various other levels of government may adopt other limits based on social or political reasons and not in accordance with scientific findings.

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Additional Estimates 2005-2006, 31 May 2006

Question: E06-258OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: NUMBER AND NATURE OF COMPLAINTS MADE TO ARPANSA'S EMR HEALTH COMPLAINTS REGISTER.

Hansard Page: CA48 – 31 May

Senator Nettle asked:

How many complaints have been made to ARPANSA's EMR Health Complaints Register, what is the nature of the complaints and what kind of follow up has been done?

Answer:

The Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR) Health Complaints Register has received 30 reports since it commenced operation on 4 July 2003.

The sources of EMR reported, noting that some reports included more than one EMR source, were household 50Hz electric and magnetic fields (13 reports), mobile phones (8 reports), communications infrastructure (5 reports), mobile phone base stations (4 reports), cordless phones (3 reports), UHF 2-way radios (1 report), microwave ovens (1 report), security devices (1 report), transmission power lines (3 reports), distribution power lines (1 report), electricity industry (1 report), radar (1 report), welding (1 report), and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan (1 report).

Health effects reported, noting that the majority of the reports included more than one health effect, were: headaches (13 reports), body pain (10 reports), dizziness (8 reports), lethargy (8 reports), burning sensation (5 reports), depression (5 reports), disturbed sleep (5 reports), insomnia (5 reports), memory loss (5 reports), poor concentration (5 reports), ear ache (3 reports), nausea (3 reports), tinnitus (3 reports), anxiety (2 reports), cognitive problems (2 reports), glioblastoma (2 reports), heart arrhythmia (2 reports), irritability (2 reports), muscle spasms (2 reports), muscle stiffness (2 reports), numbness (2 reports), perceived noise (2 reports), poor vision (2 reports), profuse sweating (2 reports), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (1 report), bruising (1 report), conception problems (1 report), co-ordination problems (1 report), cyst above ear (1 report), digestive problems (1 report), eczema (1 report), empty sella syndrome (1 report), eye strain (1 report), miscarriage (1 report), nervous tension (1 report), non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (1 report), obsessive compulsive disorder (1 report), prostate cancer (1 report), seizure (1 report), vomiting (1 report) and weight loss (1 report).

There are insufficient complaints in any particular category to be useful in guiding research proposals at this time.

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Additional Estimates 2005-2006, 31 May 2006

Question: E06-259OUTCOME 1: POPULATION HEALTH

Topic: DEPLETED URANIUM PRODUCTION AND STORAGE

Hansard Page: CA 49 – 31 May

Senator Allison asked:

- a) Is the Northern Territory nuclear waste repository suitable to accept the sort of depleted uranium, presumably in a dispersed form, that is the product of enrichment of uranium for export?
- b) How much depleted uranium is produced, typically, in the enrichment process for nuclear power?
- c) How much depleted uranium is left per tonne of uranium such that we export?
- d) What would be the annual quantity of depleted uranium if all the uranium exported were exported in an enriched form on the basis of the current export figures and whether that would match the commercial demand for it in Australia? (In other words, would we need to store it or would we sell it to aircraft manufacturers or the like?)

Answer:

- a) Uranium can be disposed of by shallow ground burial provided the material is in inert solid form and the activity concentration of the waste is sufficiently low. The guidelines in the RHC Code of Practice for near-surface disposal in Australia recommend an activity concentration below 10 MBq/kg for shallow ground burial if the material is covered by 5metre of clean fill. If the uranium were in solid massive form the waste would have to be packaged such that the average concentration of the package was below the required concentration.

An enrichment plant producing thousands of tons of depleted uranium (DU) per year would require different consideration if this material were to be disposed of. The shallow ground burial facilities currently proposed in Australia are intended for the disposal of smaller quantities than this. Disposal of waste from a uranium enrichment facility would require a disposal facility of a different type than those that have been proposed to date.

- b) See (a).
- c) Depending on the degree of enrichment and the uranium assay of the tails, typically of the order of 90% goes to DU.
- d) Australia currently produces around 11,000 t/annum of uranium, so the amount of DU, if it were all enriched as assumed above in (c) would be of the order of 10,000 t/a. Commercial use of DU is fairly low, and almost all of it is stored.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-093

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: FUNDING FOR TOUGH ON DRUGS

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

Since 2003 several hundred organisations have received funds from the Tough on Drugs program through the NGO Treatment Grants Program and the Community Partnerships Initiative.

- a) How many Department staff are there to manage these two programs?
- b) What are the performance targets and timelines for both these programs?
- c) What are the reporting obligations and the requirements for acquittal of funding for both these programs?
- d) What are the reporting requirements for both these programs?
- e) How many reports is this each year?
- f) When the decision was made in 2005 to extend funding of the NGOTG programs for a further two years, were any changes made to the funding agreements?
- g) Could we have a list of organisations which get funding under both these programs and for each of these organisations, the total funding received?
- h) How is the effectiveness of these programs evaluated?
- i) How is the proper use of Government funds through these programs assessed?
- j) Are there any examples of funds being withdrawn from an organisation or an organisation not receiving further funding because:
 - The program was not considered effective
 - The program did not deliver against the required performance targets and timelines
 - Reporting was unsatisfactory
 - The program did not have sufficient clients

Answer:

- a) The two programs are managed by Drug Strategy Branch within Population Health Division and through State and Territory Offices (approximately 12 staff more or less full time plus others on and off). The divisional executive and the departmental executive also contribute to the management of the programs.

b) – d)

Under NGOTGP, funding was provided to non-government organisations (NGOs) to establish and operate new treatment services for users of illicit drugs with a particular emphasis on filling geographic and target group gaps, and to expand and upgrade existing services in order to strengthen the capacity of NGOs to achieve improved service outcomes and to increase the number of treatment places available.

The performance of individual services funded under the NGOTGP is measured against individually tailored targets and objectives set out in the schedule of each service's funding agreement. Each grant is monitored through the following reports:

- Financial reports, including Audited Financial Statements and a Statement of Compliance;
- Progress reports (6 month and annual);
- Final report; and
- Annual National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) data reports.

Specifically, each financial year a six monthly progress report, annual progress report, annual unaudited financial statement and annual audited financial statement (qualified accountants report), which includes a balance sheet for the whole organisation and Statement of Compliance, are required. The annual progress report is replaced by a final report when the funding agreement is terminating. Part of the annual reporting requirement is for the participant to provide data to the Alcohol and Other Drugs Treatments Services - National Minimum Data Set. Performance is also measured at the end of each existing agreement. An evaluation of the NGOTGP is planned for 2006-07.

The outcomes and objectives of the CPI are to encourage quality practice in community action to prevent illicit drug use and to build on existing activity occurring across Australia. The CPI contributes to the prevention and reduction of illicit substance use by young people, by motivating communities to work together to tackle illicit drug use. Funding agreements for each individual project outline the target group and expected outcome of the project. Projects are funded for up to two years.

Each organisation is required to provide progress reports and a final report on their project. Acceptance of the progress reports against the performance targets are linked to progress payments. Each progress report must include whether the objectives of the project are being met; what progress or achievements have been made in performance of the project; what difficulties in performing the project (if any) the organisations have encountered; and the proposed plan of action to be taken in respect of the performance of the project.

Organisations must have all accounts and records audited by an accountant at the end of each financial year, and must provide an audited financial statement to the Department of Health and Ageing.

e) Under the NGOTGP, each service is required to provide four reports, including a Statement of Compliance, each financial year. Two reports per year are required for organisations funded under CPI.

- f) New funding agreements have been established for the organisations funded under NGOTGP for 2006-07 and 2007-08. The new agreements are based on the Department's current standard funding agreement which has been revised since services originally entered into contracts with the Department, to include, for example, revised insurance requirements.
- g) A list of all organisations funded under the NGOTGP and CPI (from 2003-04 to 2005-06) are available at the Department of Health and Ageing website at www.health.gov.au

The following table includes organisations which receive funding under both NGOTGP and CPI.

<i>Name of organisation</i>	<i>NGOTGP</i> \$	<i>CPI</i> \$
Australian Vietnamese Women's Welfare Association	230,009	80,000
Centacare, NT	374,500	79,920
Drug Arm, Queensland	861,539	76,352
Drug Arm WA	300,000	80,000
Forster Foundation for Drug Rehabilitation	703,765	79,955
Holyoake Tasmania Inc	163,834	79,568
Inner South Community Health Services Inc	413,889	80,000
Manly Drug Education and Counselling Centre	176,545	79,549
Noongar Alcohol and Substance Abuse Service Inc	200,000	80,000
Salvation Army – Oasis Youth Centre	233,045	58,644
Taskforce Community Agency Inc	222,274	80,000
Ted Noffs Foundation Inc	1,069,129	149,838
Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre	438,896	60,500
Vietnamese Community in Australian Inc	266,927	80,000
Western Australia Substance Users Association	395,490	80,000
Youth Off the Streets Ltd	862,307	80,000

- h) It is an Australian Government requirement to review all lapsing programs before Cabinet considers extending funding past the lapsing date. Lapsing program reviews of the NGOTGP and CPI programs are due to be considered in the 2008-09 Budget.
- i) Proper use of Government funds by organisations funded under NGOTGP and CPI is assessed through Financial Reports and Audited Financial Statements.
- j) No.

MEDIA RELEASE

Minister for Health and Ageing

Tony Abbott MHR

17 May 2006

ABB070/06

PBS consultation

The Government today began formal consultations with the pharmaceutical sector about possible further refinements to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

The PBS is an excellent system for delivering good health outcomes, in ways that are fair to taxpayers, and the Government will do nothing to prejudice its effectiveness.

The Government would like to achieve further PBS savings by making greater use of generic drugs to allow "headroom" for the expensive, but cost-effective, innovator drugs that are likely to be subsidised by the PBS in the near future.

Possible measures that the Government has put on the table for discussion are:

- Preferred prescribing to ensure that patients always have access to medicines at no more than the co-payment. Preferred prescribing for bio-equivalent generic drugs would become normal practice, meaning that patients would always have access to medicines at pharmacies, at no more than the co-payment price.
- A two year phase-in for flow-on reference pricing changes for patented drugs that would allow sponsor companies to further demonstrate their cost-effectiveness.
- Compensation to pharmacists for changes to pharmacy income flowing from the impact of policy change on the PBS.
- Disclosure by manufacturers of the actual price at which drugs are sold.
- A mandatory 5 per cent price cut for new generic medicines that are listed on the PBS (as well as the existing mandatory 12.5 per cent cut for the first new generic in any reference pricing group).

The Government accepts that any change to the PBS has potential consequences and wants to avoid any changes which might disadvantage patients. That's why there will be no change without thorough discussion and input from the sector.

The impact on patients, doctors and industry of any changes will carefully be taken into account.

The Government has asked the sector to carefully consider the implications of any possible changes and, within a few weeks, will meet again with the sector to consider its response.

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PBS 20 day rule

Accessible at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/pbs-safetynet-20day>

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May – 1 June 2006

Question: E06-102

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PBS INDEPENDENT REVIEW

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

- a) Will the Independent Review be conducted by only one person?
- b) What is the role of the convenor?
- c) Have any companies filed an appeal with the PBS Independent Review?
- d) Have any companies indicated that they are likely to file an appeal with the PBS Independent Review?
- e) If such appeals (or do they call them applications?) are filed, will the Department and / or the PBAC be required to also file a response or to reply to questions from the Convenor or the Independent Reviewer?

Answer:

- a) In most cases a review will be conducted by a single reviewer. Where disparate issues are raised in a request for review and additional expertise is required a secondary reviewer may be appointed. Where a secondary reviewer is appointed the primary reviewer retains overall responsibility for the completion of the review.
- b) The convenor is responsible for maintaining a register of prospective reviewers, selecting and appointing reviewers, and for the overall management of the review process. The convenor does not contribute to the content or findings of a review.
- c) The independent review process is not an appeal mechanism and cannot overturn a recommendation of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC). To date one review has been requested and is currently in progress.
- d) No.
- e) The findings of a review are considered by the PBAC at a subsequent meeting and a recommendation is made by the PBAC in respect of the application for listing. The outcome of the PBAC's reconsideration of the application in light of the review will be made available through the release of a Public Summary Document.

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Question: E06-197

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: 12.5% REDUCTION POLICY ON NEW GENERIC DRUGS

Hansard Page: CA 20

Senator McLucas asked:

Could we have a list of each product name and those reference pricing groups and the drugs that have been affected?

Answer:

Please refer to the attached list of products and accompanying reference groups affected by the 12.5% reduction policy for August and December 2005 and April 2006.

Drugs/brands affected by 12.5% policy for 1 August 2005

Drug triggering 12.5% policy	Manufacturers of new brand	Reference Pricing Group	Referred drugs, including other brands	Manufacturer Name	Manufacturer Code	PBS Code	Brand name	Form/Strength		
Simvastatin	Bellwether Pharma Ltd	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Bellwether Pharma Ltd	BF	2013Y	Simvabell	Tablet 5mg		
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Bellwether Pharma Ltd	BF	2011W	Simvabell	Tablet 10mg		
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Bellwether Pharma Ltd	BF	2012X	Simvabell	Tablet 20mg		
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Bellwether Pharma Ltd	BF	8173E	Simvabell	Tablet 40mg		
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Bellwether Pharma Ltd	BF	8313M	Simvabell	Tablet 80mg		
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Chem Mart Pty Ltd	CH	2011W	Chem Mart Simvastatin	Tablet 10mg		
	Chem Mart Pty Ltd	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Simvastatin	Chem Mart Pty Ltd	CH	2012X	Chem Mart Simvastatin	Tablet 20mg	
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Simvastatin	Chem Mart Pty Ltd	CH	8173E	Chem Mart Simvastatin	Tablet 40mg	
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Simvastatin	Chem Mart Pty Ltd	CH	8313M	Chem Mart Simvastatin	Tablet 80mg	
		Douglas Pharmaceuticals	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Simvastatin	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	DP	2011W	Simvastatin DP	Tablet 10mg
			Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Simvastatin	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	DP	2012X	Simvastatin DP	Tablet 20mg

		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	DP	8173E	Simvastatin DP	Tablet 40mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	DP	8313M	Simvastatin DP	Tablet 80mg
	GenRx Pty Ltd	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	GenRx Pty Ltd	GX	2011W	GenRx Simvastatin	Tablet 10mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	GenRx Pty Ltd	GX	2012X	GenRx Simvastatin	Tablet 20mg

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Drug triggering 12.5% policy	Manufacturers/ brands	Reference Pricing Group	Referenced drugs, including other brands	Manufacturer Name	Manufacturer Code	PBS Code	Brand name	Form/Strength
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	GenRx Pty Ltd	GX	8173E	GenRx Simvastatin	Tablet 40mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	GenRx Pty Ltd	GX	8313M	GenRx Simvastatin	Tablet 80mg
	Hexal Australia	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Hexal Australia	HX	2013Y	Simvahexal	Tablet 5mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Hexal Australia	HX	2011W	Simvahexal	Tablet 10mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Hexal Australia	HX	2012X	Simvahexal	Tablet 20mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Hexal Australia	HX	8173E	Simvahexal	Tablet 40mg
	Terry White Chemists	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Hexal Australia	HX	8313M	Simvahexal	Tablet 80mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Terry White Chemists	TW	2011W	Simvastatin	Tablet 10mg

		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Terry White Chemists	TW	2012X	Terry White Chemists Simvastatin	Tablet 20mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Terry White Chemists	TW	8173E	Terry White Chemists Simvastatin	Tablet 40mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Terry White Chemists	TW	8313M	Terry White Chemists Simvastatin	Tablet 80mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Amrad Pharmaceuticals	AD	2013Y	Lipex 5	Tablet 5mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Amrad Pharmaceuticals	AD	2011W	Lipex 10	Tablet 10mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Amrad Pharmaceuticals	AD	2012X	Lipex 20	Tablet 20mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Amrad Pharmaceuticals	AD	8173E	Lipex 40	Tablet 40mg

Drugs/brands affected by 12.5% policy for 1 August 2005

Drug triggering 12.5% policy	Manufacturers of new brand	Reference Pricing Group	Referenced drugs, including other brands	Manufacturer Name	Manufacturer Code	PBS Code	Brand name	Form/Strength
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Amrad Pharmaceuticals	AD	8313M	Lipex 80	Tablet 80mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	2013Y	Zimstat	Tablet 5mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	2012X	Zimstat	Tablet 20mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	8173E	Zimstat	Tablet 40mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	8313M	Zimstat	Tablet 80mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	2011W	Zimstat	Tablet 10mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	2011W	Simvar 10	Tablet 10mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	2012X	Simvar 20	Tablet 20mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	8173E	Simvar 40	Tablet 40mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	8313M	Simvar 80	Tablet 80mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Merck Sharp and Dohme	MK	2013Y	Zocar	Tablet 5mg
		Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	Simvastatin	Merck Sharp and Dohme	MK	2011W	Zocar	Tablet 10mg

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Drug triggering 12.5% policy	Manufacturers of new brand	Reference Pricing Group	Referenced drugs, including other brands	Manufacturer Name	Manufacturer Code	PBS Code	Brand name	Form/Strength
		Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	2848X	Lamogine	Tablet 25mg
		Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	2849Y	Lamogine	Tablet 50mg
		Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	2850B	Lamogine	Tablet 100mg
		Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	2851C	Lamogine	Tablet 200mg
		Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Hexal Australia	HX	8063J	Lamitrin	Tablet 5mg
		Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Hexal Australia	HX	2848X	Lamitrin	Tablet 25mg
		Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Hexal Australia	HX	2849Y	Lamitrin	Tablet 50mg
		Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Hexal Australia	HX	2850B	Lamitrin	Tablet 100mg
		Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Hexal Australia	HX	2851C	Lamitrin	Tablet 200mg
		Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Menley and James	ME	2848X	Elmendos	Tablet 25mg
		Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Menley and James	ME	2849Y	Elmendos	Tablet 50mg

Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Menley and James	ME	2850B	Elmendos	Tablet 100mg
Antiepileptics	Lamotrigine	Menley and James	ME	2851C	Elmendos	Tablet 200mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	8505P	Nupentin 100	Capsule 100mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	1834M	Nupentin 300	Capsule 300mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	1835N	Nupentin 400	Capsule 400mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	8389M	Pendine 800	Tablet 800mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Alphapharm Medical	AL	1834M	Pendine 300	Capsule 300mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Alphapharm Medical	AL	1835N	Pendine 400	Capsule 400mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	8505P	Gantin	Capsule 100mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	1834M	Gantin	Capsule 300mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	1835N	Gantin	Capsule 400mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	8389M	Gantin	Tablet 800mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	DP	1834M	Douglas Gabapentin 300 mg	Capsule 300mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	DP	1835N	Douglas Gabapentin 400 mg	Capsule 400mg

Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	GenRx Pty Ltd	GX	1834M	GenRx Gabapentin	Capsule 300mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	GenRx Pty Ltd	GX	1835N	GenRx Gabapentin	Capsule 400mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Hexal Australia	HX	1834M	Gabahexal 300 mg	Capsule 300mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Hexal Australia	HX	1835N	Gabahexal 400 mg	Capsule 400mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Mayne Pharma Pty Ltd	MX	1834M	DBL Gabapentin	Capsule 300mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Mayne Pharma Pty Ltd	MX	1835N	DBL Gabapentin	Capsule 400mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Pfizer Pty Ltd	PF	8505P	Neurontin	Capsule 100mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Pfizer Pty Ltd	PF	1834M	Neurontin	Capsule 300mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Pfizer Pty Ltd	PF	1835N	Neurontin	Capsule 400mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Pfizer Pty Ltd	PF	8559L	Neurontin	Tablet 600mg
Antiepileptics	Gabapentin	Pfizer Pty Ltd	PF	8389M	Neurontin	Tablet 800mg
Antiepileptics	Levetiracetam	UCB Pharma	UC	8656N	Keppra	Tablet 1g
Antiepileptics	Levetiracetam	UCB Pharma	UC	8654L	Keppra	Tablet 250mg
Antiepileptics	Levetiracetam	UCB Pharma	UC	8655M	Keppra	Tablet 500mg

Antiepileptics	Oxcarbazepine	Norartis Pharmaceuticals	NV	8588B	Trileptal	Oral Suspension 60mg/mL, 250mL
Antiepileptics	Oxcarbazepine	Norartis Pharmaceuticals	NV	8584T	Trileptal	Tablet 150mg
Antiepileptics	Oxcarbazepine	Norartis Pharmaceuticals	NV	8585W	Trileptal	Tablet 300mg
Antiepileptics	Oxcarbazepine	Norartis Pharmaceuticals	NV	8586X	Trileptal	Tablet 600mg
Antiepileptics	Tiagabine	Mayne Pharma Pty Ltd	MX	8222R	Gabitril	Tablet 10mg
Antiepileptics	Tiagabine	Mayne Pharma Pty Ltd	MX	8223T	Gabitril	Tablet 15mg

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Drug triggering 12.5% policy	Manufacturers of new brand	Reference Pricing Group	Referenced drugs, including other brands	Manufacturer Name	Manufacturer Code	PBS Code	Brand name	Form/Strength
		Antiepileptics	Tiagabine	Mayne Pharma Pty Ltd	MX	8221Q	Gabitril	Tablet 5mg
		Antiepileptics	Topiramate	Janssen-Cilag Pty Ltd	JC	8371N	Topamax	Capsule 15mg
		Antiepileptics	Topiramate	Janssen-Cilag Pty Ltd	JC	8372P	Topamax	Capsule 25mg
		Antiepileptics	Topiramate	Janssen-Cilag Pty Ltd	JC	8520K	Topamax	Capsule 50mg
		Antiepileptics	Topiramate	Janssen-Cilag Pty Ltd	JC	8165R	Topamax	Tablet 100mg
		Antiepileptics	Topiramate	Janssen-Cilag Pty Ltd	JC	8166T	Topamax	Tablet 200mg
		Antiepileptics	Topiramate	Janssen-Cilag Pty Ltd	JC	8163P	Topamax	Tablet 25mg
		Antiepileptics	Topiramate	Janssen-Cilag Pty Ltd	JC	8164Q	Topamax	Tablet 50mg
		Antiepileptics	Vigabatrin	Aventis Pharma Pty Ltd	AV	2668K	Sabril	Oral Powder 500mg
		Antiepileptics	Vigabatrin	Aventis Pharma Pty Ltd	AV	2667J	Sabril	Tablet 500mg
Fluvoxamine	Hexal Australia	Psychoanalectics	Fluvoxamine Maleate	Hexal Australia	HX	8174F	Voxam	Tablet 100mg

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Citalopram Hydrobromide	Hexal Australia	Psychoanalectics	Fluoxetine Hydrochloride	GenRx Pty Ltd	GX	1434L	GenRx Fluoxetine	Capsule 20mg
		Psychoanalectics	Citalopram Hydrobromide	Hexal Australia	HX	8703C	Talohexal	Tablet 40mg
		Psychoanalectics	Citalopram Hydrobromide	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	8702B	Celapram	Tablet 10mg
		Psychoanalectics	Citalopram Hydrobromide	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	8220P	Celapram	Tablet 20mg
		Psychoanalectics	Citalopram Hydrobromide	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	8703C	Celapram	Tablet 40mg
		Psychoanalectics	Citalopram Hydrobromide	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	8220P	Talam	Tablet 20mg
		Psychoanalectics	Citalopram Hydrobromide	Chem Mart Pty Ltd	CH	8220P	Chem Mart Citalopram	Tablet 20mg
		Psychoanalectics	Citalopram Hydrobromide	GenRx Pty Ltd	GX	8220P	GenRx Citalopram	Tablet 20mg
		Psychoanalectics	Citalopram Hydrobromide	Hexal Australia	HX	8220P	Talohexal	Tablet 20mg
		Psychoanalectics	Citalopram Hydrobromide	Lundbeck Australia	LU	8220P	Cipramil	Tablet 20mg

Psychoanaeleptics	Citalopram Hydrobromide	Terry White Chemists	TW	8220P	Terry White Chemists	Citalopram	Tablet 20mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Escitalopram Oxalate	Lundbeck Australia	LU	8700X	Lundbeck Australia	Lexapro	Tablet 10mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Escitalopram Oxalate	Lundbeck Australia	LU	8701Y	Lundbeck Australia	Lexapro	Tablet 20mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Mirtazapine	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	8513C	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	Axit 30	Tablet 30mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Mirtazapine	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	8513C	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	Mirtazon	Tablet 30mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Mirtazapine	British Pharmaceuticals	BP	8513C	British Pharmaceuticals	Avanza	Tablet 30mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Mirtazapine	Organon Australia Pty Ltd	OR	8513C	Organon Australia Pty Ltd	Remeron	Tablet 30mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Moclobemide	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	1900B	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	Arima	Tablet 150mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Moclobemide	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	8003F	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	Arima 300	Tablet 300mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Moclobemide	Chem Mart Pty Ltd	CH	1900B	Chem Mart Pty Ltd	Chem Mart Moclobemide	Tablet 150mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Moclobemide	Chem Mart Pty Ltd	CH	8003F	Chem Mart Pty Ltd	Chem Mart Moclobemide	Tablet 300mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Moclobemide	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	DP	1900B	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	Clobemix	Tablet 150mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Moclobemide	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	DP	8003F	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	Clobemix	Tablet 300mg
Psychoanaeleptics	Moclobemide	GenRx Pty Ltd	GX	1900B	GenRx Pty Ltd	GenRx Moclobemide	Tablet 150mg

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Drug triggering 12.5% policy	Manufacturers of new brand	Reference Pricing Group	Referenced drugs, including other brands	Manufacturer Name	Manufacturer Code	PBS Code	Brand name	Form/Strength
		Analgesics	Tramadol Hydrochloride	Hexal Australia	HX	8525Q	Tramahexal SR	Tablet 200mg (sustained release)
		Analgesics	Tramadol Hydrochloride	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	8523N	Zydol SR 100	Tablet 100mg (sustained release)
		Analgesics	Tramadol Hydrochloride	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	8524P	Zydol SR 150	Tablet 150mg (sustained release)
		Analgesics	Tramadol Hydrochloride	Arrow Pharmaceuticals	AW	8525Q	Zydol SR 200	Tablet 200mg (sustained release)
		Analgesics	Tramadol Hydrochloride	CSL Limited	CS	8523N	Tramal SR 100	Tablet 100mg (sustained release)
		Analgesics	Tramadol Hydrochloride	CSL Limited	CS	8524P	Tramal SR 150	Tablet 150mg (sustained release)
		Analgesics	Tramadol Hydrochloride	CSL Limited	CS	8525Q	Tramal SR 200	Tablet 200mg (sustained release)
	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	Analgesics	Codeine Phosphate with Paracetamol	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	1215Y	Codapane Forte	Tablet 30mg - 500mg, 20
		Analgesics	Codeine Phosphate with Paracetamol	Alphapharm Pty Ltd	AF	8785J	Codapane Forte	Tablet 30mg - 500mg, 60
		Analgesics	Codeine Phosphate with Paracetamol	Chemists Own Pty Ltd	CO	1215Y	Dolaforte	Tablet 30mg - 500mg, 20

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Drug triggering 12.5% policy	Manufacturers of new brand	Reference Pricing Group	Referenced drugs, including other brands	Manufacturer Name	Manufacturer Code	PBS Code	Brand name	Form/Strength
		Obstructive Airway Disease	Ipratropium Bromide	GenRx Pty Ltd	GX	1542E	GenRx Ipratropium	Nebuliser solution single dose units 250 mcg in 1mL
		Obstructive Airway Disease	Ipratropium Bromide	GenRx Pty Ltd	GX	8238N	GenRx Ipratropium	Nebuliser solution single dose units 500 mcg in 1mL
		Obstructive Airway Disease	Ipratropium Bromide	Mayne Pharma Pty Ltd	MX	1542E	DBL Ipratropium	Nebuliser solution single dose units 250 mcg in 1mL
		Obstructive Airway Disease	Ipratropium Bromide	Mayne Pharma Pty Ltd	MX	8238N	DBL Ipratropium	Nebuliser solution single dose units 500 mcg in 1mL
		Obstructive Airway Disease	Ipratropium Bromide	Pharmacia and Upjohn	PU	1542E	Ipravent	Nebuliser solution single dose units 250 mcg in 1mL
		Obstructive Airway Disease	Ipratropium Bromide	Pharmacia and Upjohn	PU	8238N	Ipravent	Nebuliser solution single dose units 500 mcg in 1mL
		Obstructive Airway Disease	Ipratropium Bromide	Terry White Chemists	TW	1542E	Terry White Chemists Ipratropium	Nebuliser solution single dose units 250 mcg in 1mL
		Obstructive Airway Disease	Ipratropium Bromide	Terry White Chemists	TW	8238N	Terry White Chemists Ipratropium	Nebuliser solution single dose units 500 mcg in 1mL

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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-199

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PBAC RECOMMENDATION OF LOW DOSE ORAL CONTRACEPTION

Hansard Page: CA 26

Senator Allison asked:

- a) Was it the case that the price the PBAC recommended [for low dose oral contraceptives] was not acceptable to the drug companies, or was there another negotiation to bring that further down?
- b) Will you get back to me with regard to whether the negotiations were beyond the PBAC's recommendation on ultra-low dose contraception?

Answer:

- a) In 1998, the PBAC recommended that four low dose oral contraceptives be made available as pharmaceutical benefits. They recommended that these products be priced the same as existing PBS-listed oral contraceptives.

The sponsors of these products subsequently decided not to proceed with listing as they wanted a higher price for their products than that recommended by the PBAC.

In March 2004, consistent with an agreement with the pharmaceutical industry regarding recommendations more than five years old that have not been implemented, the PBAC agreed to rescind the recommendations for listing.

- b) The PBAC recommendation was made on the basis of cost minimisation compared to other oral contraceptives listed on the PBS. The negotiations did not go beyond the PBAC recommendation.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-101

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: HOME MEDICATION REVIEWS

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

- a) How many HMRs are done by pharmacists each year?
- b) Can we have a breakdown by year since 2001?
- c) Can this breakdown also be done by State and RRMA?
- d) How many pharmacists are involved in delivering these HMRs?
- e) Why is this number so low?
- f) Is the Department aware that pharmacy resistance is limiting the number of HMRs that are being done?
- g) Was there any change in the reimbursement/incentives for HMRs in the Fourth Pharmacy Agreement?
- h) Has the Department been lobbied by the PGA for an increase in the HMR payment?
- i) What is the Department's response to this request?
- j) Given the value of HMRs, what is being done to overcome pharmacists' resistance?

Answer:

- a) From the inception of the Program in November 2001, to 31 May 2006, 103,902 HMR services have been conducted through community pharmacy.

- b) Financial year breakdown of HMR services since November 2001:

2001-02	7,436
2002-03	18,227
2003-04	25,715
2004-05	26,477
<u>2005-06 (July – May)</u>	<u>26,047</u>
TOTAL	103,902

- c) Pharmacist HMR data are not collected by RRMA, or held routinely on a State by State basis.
- d) As at May 2006, 4064 pharmacies are registered with Medicare Australia as approved HMR providers.

- e) This number represents more than 81% of all community pharmacies. The number of services provided is determined by GP referral rates, as pharmacist HMR services are only provided on referral by a GP.
- f) The HMR program was evaluated in 2005. The evaluation found that there was broad support by pharmacists for the HMR program, but indicated that level of payment for HMR services may be a barrier to pharmacist uptake.
- g) The Fourth Community Pharmacy Agreement does not contain remuneration rates for professional programs or services provided under the Agreement. These rates are determined by the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- h) In March 2006 the PGA submitted a proposal to the Minister for Health and Ageing seeking changes to several Community Pharmacy Agreement programs, including a fee increase for HMR.
- i) The Minister determined that the pharmacist HMR fee-for-service would increase from \$140 to \$180 per review from 1 April 2006.
- j) The fee increase for HMR was announced on 31 March 2006. Ongoing arrangements for the HMR program will be considered by the Pharmacy Agreement Professional Programs and Services Advisory Committee established under the Fourth Community Pharmacy Agreement.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-103

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: VACCINE ARRANGEMENTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

At the November 2005 Estimates, The Department advised that 2 additional PBAC members would be appointed to enable sufficient expertise within the Committee to adequately assess vaccines and vaccination programs, and specifically the complex issues relating to 'herd immunity'.

- a) Have these additional members been appointed?
- b) (If so), Can you name them and outline their expertise in this regard.

The Department also advised at that time that specific guidelines for Vaccine/s Submissions to the PBAC were being developed. I understand that the expected deadline for completion of these guidelines was March this year (2006).

- a) Have these guidelines been completed?
- b) (If not), What are the outstanding issues to be resolved and when will they be completed?
- c) (If so), Are they available on the Department's website?
- d) What has been the consultation process associated with their development? What external expertise has been sought?

At the last Estimates (Feb 2006), Ms Corbett from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Branch, in response to a question from Senator Forshaw, stated that the PBAC would be "grappling with" what she called the 'new dimension' of economic analysis of vaccines and vaccination programs.

- e) Given a number of recent media reports that new vaccines for rotavirus and human papilloma virus (HPV) are shortly expected onto the Australian market, is the Department confident that the capacity exists within the Pharmaceutical Benefits Branch and the PBAC committee structures to have these appropriately assessed so as to have them available as soon as possible?

Since the decision was made to change the vaccines assessment process, the Department has also stated that assessment by the PBAC could lead to an outcome of funding under the National Immunisation Program or listing on the PBS.

- f) Could you explain how these outcomes would work in practice given they are distinctly different programs?
- g) Would a decision to fund under the National Immunisation Program be a slower outcome in terms of actually having vaccination programs up and running, that is, will there be any additional steps required once a positive PBAC recommendation is made?

Answer:

PBAC Members

- a) The Minister has recently appointed one new member to the PBAC who has expertise in vaccines.
- b) The new member is Professor David Isaacs, a paediatrician who is Clinical Professor at the University of Sydney, and Director of Clinical Education, Children's Hospital, Westmead. He is Senior Staff Specialist in the Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. His qualifications include BA (Camb), MB BChir (Camb), MD (Camb), MRCP (UK), FRACP. Professor Isaacs is also a member of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI).

Guidelines

- a) and (b)

The *Guidelines* specific to vaccines have been completed, and ratified by the Economics Sub-Committee (ESC) of the PBAC at its June 2006 meeting. The vaccine-specific appendix has been incorporated into the wider PBAC *Guidelines* document, an advanced draft of which has recently been completed. This is awaiting further consultation with major stakeholders and should be finalised late in 2006.
- c) The draft Guidelines are being prepared for upload to the website for consultation with industry and public.
- d) The Pharmaceutical Benefits Branch has contracted external evaluation groups to work on revisions of the various sections of the Guidelines, and has provided opportunities for expert groups such as the ATAGI, Medicines Australia Vaccines Industry Group (MAVIG) (both in relation to vaccines) and PHARM (in relation to Quality Use of Medicines - QUM) to provide comments on various sections during the revision process. The ESC and Drug Utilisation Sub-Committee (DUSC) members have also been consulted in relation to areas of their expertise. Medicines Australia and industry representatives have been consulted during the Guidelines' revision process.

- e) With augmentation of the PBAC membership to specifically include expertise in vaccines and infectious disease together with ATAGI cross membership, the Department is confident that such capacity exists. This capacity is reinforced by the involvement of both the Pharmaceuticals Benefits Branch and the Target Preventions Programs Branch of the Department of Health and Ageing.

National Immunisation Program

- f) The appendix for vaccines, which will be incorporated into the document *Guidelines for the Pharmaceutical Industry on Preparation of Submissions to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee*, outlines the circumstances in which a vaccine would be recommended for listing on the National Immunisation Program (NIP) or the Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule (PBS).

It would be expected that a vaccine would be proposed for funding under the NIP where there is expected to be an additional health benefit to the community beyond the individuals vaccinated, which would be improved by maximising coverage rates of the proposed vaccine in the identified individuals.

PBS listing might be favoured when the proposed vaccine is ‘discretionary’ for the majority of the population (for example to vaccinate an individual against a disease which is not sufficiently prevalent in Australia to justify maximising the use of the proposed vaccine), or the assessment of risk factors is less straightforward (for example, an assessment of immune system status is required).

A vaccine may be simultaneously listed on the PBS and funded under the NIP for different indications.

- g) Following a positive recommendation from the PBAC for listing on the NIP and then a positive funding decision by the Australian Government, implementation of an immunisation program will take approximately six months. This implementation timeframe is based on past experience and is necessary due to a number of factors.

Successful implementation of national vaccination programs involves close cooperation with state and territory governments, general practitioners and other immunisation providers, as well as the community as a whole. The Department needs to allow enough time to secure vaccine supplies and implement the initiatives. Communication activities, which also take time to implement, are imperative and can include: media releases; letters to paediatricians and or GPs; advertorial placements with general practitioner, seniors and lifestyle magazines; and editorial placements with selected suburban, regional and specialised press.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-202

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: SPECIAL PATIENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Hansard Page: CA 33

Senator Allison asked:

- a) Is it possible to give us some figures on how much has been paid in the special patient contributions on medicines so far?
- b) Do we know how many have sought and received exemptions through their doctor?

Answer:

- a) From the commencement of the 12.5% measure on 1 August 2005 to 31 May 2006, it is estimated that \$1,992,084 was paid in special patient contributions in respect of 362,914 prescriptions.
- b) In the same period, there were 261,315 prescriptions supplied with special patient contribution exemptions.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-255

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: LIST OF THOSE DRUGS THAT FELL BELOW THE GENERAL CO-PAYMENT
LEVEL ON 1 JANUARY 2005

Hansard Page: CA 95

Senator McLucas asked:

Could we get a list of those drugs that have fallen off the PBS?

Answer:

On 1 January 2005 the General Payment Co-payment increased from \$23.70 to \$28.60. At 1 January 2005, 141 PBS items were priced from \$23.70 to \$28.60. A list of these items is at Attachment A.

When an item is dispensed to a general patient that is priced at or below the general co-payment, no PBS subsidy is paid as the full cost of the item is met by the patient.

Each year, either due to indexation of the co-payment or price reductions in a PBS item or group of items, some PBS items will fall below the general co-payment and no longer attract a PBS subsidy when dispensed to a general patient. As no PBS subsidy is paid, data on these items is not held in the databases of Medicare Australia and no longer contributes to aggregate reports on prescription volumes and PBS expenditure.

Appendix 1
Drugs priced between \$23.70 and \$28.60 on 1 January 2005

ATC Level 1	PBS Code	Commonwealth Dispensed Price for Maximum Quantity	Drug Name	Form and Strength
Alimentary tract and metabolism	4117Q	\$ 24.06	ALUMINIUM HYDROXIDE with MAGNESIUM HYDROXIDE and SIMETHICONE	Tablet 400 mg-400 mg-30 mg
	1157X	\$ 27.24	CIMETIDINE	Tablet 200 mg
	1158Y	\$ 27.24	CIMETIDINE	Tablet 400 mg
	1159B	\$ 27.24	CIMETIDINE	Tablet 800 mg
	1156W	\$ 27.24	CIMETIDINE	Effervescent tablet 800 mg (as hydrochloride)
	8903N	\$ 24.12	RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Effervescent tablet 150 mg (base)
	8905Q	\$ 24.12	RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Syrup 150 mg (base) per 10 mL, 300 mL
	4978B	\$ 24.12	RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Effervescent tablet 150 mg (base)
	4980D	\$ 24.12	RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Syrup 150 mg (base) per 10 mL, 300 mL
	8931C	\$ 25.60	NIZATIDINE	Capsule 150 mg
	8933E	\$ 25.60	NIZATIDINE	Capsule 300 mg
	4967K	\$ 25.60	NIZATIDINE	Capsule 150 mg
	4969M	\$ 25.60	NIZATIDINE	Capsule 300 mg
	8507R	\$ 27.64	RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM MEBEVERINE	Tablet 10 mg (enteric coated)
	4328T	\$ 28.60	HYDROCHLORIDE MEBEVERINE	Tablet 135 mg
	4328T	\$ 25.46	HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 135 mg
	8226Y	\$ 27.05	ONDANSETRON	I.V. injection 4 mg in 2 mL
	1596B	\$ 27.05	ONDANSETRON	I.V. injection 4 mg in 2 mL

Suppositories 700 mg (for infants), 12
 Suppositories 1.4 g (for children), 12
 Suppositories 2.8 g (for adults), 12
 Suppositories equivalent to 5 mg prednisolone, 10
 I.V. infusion 278 mmol (anhydrous) per L (5%), 1 L
 I.V. infusion 278 mmol (anhydrous) per L (5%), 1 L
 I.V. infusion 154 mmol per L (0.9%), 1 L
 I.V. infusion 154 mmol per L (0.9%), 1 L
 I.V. infusion 1 L
 I.V. infusion 1 L
 I.V. infusion 31 mmol-222 mmol (anhydrous) per L (0.18%-4%), 1 L
 I.V. infusion 31 mmol-222 mmol (anhydrous) per L (0.18%-4%), 1 L
 Oral solution for children 50 micrograms per mL, 60 mL
 Capsule 100 mg
 Injection 100 mg in 5 mL
 Capsule 50 mg
 Tablet 200 mg
 Transdermal patch releasing approximately 5 mg per 24 hours

3265W	\$	24.32	GLYCEROL
3266X	\$	25.20	GLYCEROL
3267Y	\$	26.08	GLYCEROL
2554K	\$	27.89	PREDNISOLONE SODIUM PHOSPHATE
2245E	\$	23.95	GLUCOSE
5106R	\$	23.95	GLUCOSE
2264E	\$	23.95	SODIUM CHLORIDE
5212H	\$	23.95	SODIUM CHLORIDE
2266G	\$	28.02	SODIUM CHLORIDE
2286H	\$	23.95	COMPOUND SODIUM LACTATE COMPOUND
2281C	\$	23.95	SODIUM CHLORIDE with GLUCOSE
5214K	\$	23.95	SODIUM CHLORIDE with GLUCOSE
3164M	\$	26.70	DIGOXIN
2923W	\$	25.19	DISOPYRAMIDE LIGNOCAINE
3474W	\$	24.28	HYDROCHLORIDE MEXILETINE
1682M	\$	27.80	HYDROCHLORIDE AMIODARONE
2343H	\$	24.90	HYDROCHLORIDE
1515R	\$	27.09	GLYCERYL TRINITRATE

Blood and blood forming organs

Cardiovascular system

8010N	\$	27.09	GLYCERYL TRINITRATE	Transdermal patch releasing approximately 5 mg per 24 hours
8027L	\$	27.09	GLYCERYL TRINITRATE	Transdermal patch releasing approximately 5 mg per 24 hours
8273K	\$	24.89	ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	Tablet 120 mg (sustained release)
8229D	\$	27.53	NICORANDIL	Tablets 20 mg, 60
3145M	\$	26.04	CLONIDINE PRAZOSIN	Tablet 100 micrograms
1478T	\$	23.72	HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 5 mg (base)
4985J	\$	25.07	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 5 mg (base)
8923P	\$	25.07	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 5 mg (base)
4961D	\$	24.54	NIFEDIPINE	Tablet 20 mg (controlled release)
1906H	\$	23.74	NIFEDIPINE	Tablet 30 mg (controlled release)
8938K	\$	24.54	NIFEDIPINE	Tablet 20 mg (controlled release)
8534E	\$	24.92	LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 10 mg
4960C	\$	26.52	LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 10 mg
8939L	\$	26.52	LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 10 mg
1313D	\$	26.80	DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 10 mg
1148K	\$	27.05	CAPTOPRIL	Capsule 240 mg (controlled delivery)
1369C	\$	25.84	ENALAPRIL MALEATE	Tablet 25 mg
2458J	\$	26.63	LISINAPRIL	Tablet 20 mg
3051N	\$	24.76	PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE	Tablet 20 mg
8668F	\$	28.19	RAMIPRIL QUINAPRIL	Tablet 4 mg
1970Q	\$	26.21	HYDROCHLORIDE	Pack containing 7 tablets
1183G	\$	26.05	FOSINOPRIL SODIUM	2.5 mg, 21 tablets 5 mg and 10 capsules 10 mg
				Tablet 20 mg (base)
				Tablet 20 mg

8589C	\$	24.36	QUINAPRIL HYDROCHLORIDE with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE QUINAPRIL	Tablet 10 mg (base)-12.5 mg
8590D	\$	28.41	HYDROCHLORIDE with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	Tablet 20 mg (base)-12.5 mg
8247C	\$	27.33	IRBESARTAN	Tablet 150 mg
8297Q	\$	27.69	CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	Tablet 16 mg
8356T	\$	28.35	TELMISARTAN	Tablet 80 mg
8404H	\$	28.14	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	Tablet 150 mg-12.5 mg
8622T	\$	24.16	TELMISARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	Tablet 40 mg-12.5 mg
8721B	\$	28.05	FENOFIBRATE	Capsule 67 mg
4030D	\$	26.32	METRONIDAZOLE	Gel 7.5 mg per g (0.75%), 50 g
4342M	\$	24.20	MOMETASONE FUROATE	Cream 1 mg per g (0.1%), 45 g
4343N	\$	24.20	MOMETASONE FUROATE	Ointment 1 mg per g (0.1%), 45 g
8115D	\$	25.05	CABERGOLINE	Tablet 500 micrograms
6178E	\$	27.59	HUMAN CHORIONIC GONADOTROPHIN	Injection set containing 3 ampoules powder for injection 1,500 units and 3 ampoules solvent 1 mL
1953T	\$	24.50	PROPANTHELINE BROMIDE	Tablet 15 mg
2694T	\$	24.61	BETAMETHASONE ACETATE with BETAMETHASONE SODIUM PHOSPHATE	Injection 3 mg-3.9 mg (equivalent to 5.7 mg betamethasone) in 1 mL
5034Y	\$	24.61	BETAMETHASONE ACETATE with BETAMETHASONE SODIUM PHOSPHATE	Injection 3 mg-3.9 mg (equivalent to 5.7 mg betamethasone) in 1 mL
2990J	\$	24.61	TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE	Injection 10 mg in 1 mL
5233K	\$	24.61	TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE	Injection 10 mg in 1 mL

Dermatologicals

Genito urinary system and sex hormones

Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones and insulins

Injection 900 mg in 2 mL cartridge-needle unit (for use with Tubex Injector)
 Injection 900 mg in 2 mL cartridge-needle unit (for use with Tubex Injector)
 Injection 40 mg (base) in 1 mL
 Injection 2 g with 3.2 mL diluent
 Injection 0.5 mL
 Injection 500 mg (solvent required)
 Injection 1 g (solvent required)
 Tablet 2 mg
 Injection 3,000,000 i.u. in 0.5 mL single dose pre-filled syringe
 Tablet 7.5 mg
 Tablet 30 mg (controlled release)
 Sachet containing controlled release granules for oral suspension, 30 mg per sachet
 Tablet 30 mg (controlled release)
 Sachet containing controlled release granules for oral suspension, 30 mg per sachet
 Capsule 60 mg (controlled release)
 Capsule 60 mg (controlled release)
 Oral liquid 1 mg per mL, 473 mL

Antiinfectives for systemic use

8167W	\$	23.73	BENZATHINE PENICILLIN
5025L	\$	23.73	BENZATHINE PENICILLIN
1068F	\$	27.44	GENTAMICIN SULFATE
3090P	\$	23.83	SPECTINOMYCIN
3493W	\$	25.10	TETANUS VACCINE, ADSORBED
1079T	\$	27.78	CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE
1080W	\$	25.06	CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE
2547C	\$	27.40	MELPHALAN
6210W	\$	28.11	INTERFERON ALFA-2a
8561N	\$	23.80	MELOXICAM
1654C	\$	28.40	MORPHINE SULFATE
8146R	\$	28.40	MORPHINE SULFATE
5165W	\$	28.40	MORPHINE SULFATE
5243Y	\$	28.40	MORPHINE SULFATE
8492Y	\$	28.40	MORPHINE SULFATE
5065N	\$	28.40	MORPHINE SULFATE
5132D	\$	24.32	HYDROMORPHONE HYDROCHLORIDE

Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents

Musculo-skeletal system

Nervous system

8424J	\$	24.32	HYDROMORPHONE	Oral liquid 1 mg per mL, 473 mL
5248F	\$	28.40	HYDROCHLORIDE OXYCODONE	Tablet 20 mg (controlled release)
8386J	\$	28.40	HYDROCHLORIDE OXYCODONE	Tablet 20 mg (controlled release)
5320B	\$	24.86	HYDROCHLORIDE PARACETAMOL	Suppositories 500 mg, 24
5319Y	\$	24.86	PARACETAMOL	Suppositories 500 mg, 24
8144P	\$	26.70	SUMATRIPTAN SUCCINATE NARATRIPTAN	Tablet 50 mg (base)
8298R	\$	26.70	HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 2.5 mg (base)
8266C	\$	26.64	ZOLMITRIPTAN	Tablet 2.5 mg
1249R	\$	28.13	PHENYTOIN	Tablet 50 mg
1873N	\$	27.21	PHENYTOIN SODIUM	Capsule 30 mg
1874P	\$	28.13	PHENYTOIN SODIUM	Capsule 100 mg
3098C	\$	24.43	FLUPHENAZINE DECANOATE	Injection 25 mg in 1 mL
2765M	\$	24.43	HALOPERIDOL DECANOATE	I.M. injection equivalent to 50 mg haloperidol in 1 mL
2256R	\$	24.43	FLUPENTHIXOL DECANOATE	Oily I.M. injection 40 mg in 2 mL
4150K	\$	24.74	BROMAZEPAM	Tablet 3 mg
8512B	\$	25.71	FLUVOXAMINE MALEATE	Tablet 50 mg
1900B	\$	26.58	MOCLOBEMIDE	Tablet 150 mg
8290H	\$	26.74	LITHIUM CARBONATE MIANSERIN	Tablet 450 mg (slow release)
1628Q	\$	24.97	HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 20 mg
8503M	\$	26.68	ALBENDAZOLE	Tablet 200 mg
4087D	\$	24.35	BECLOMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE	Aqueous nasal spray 50 micrograms per dose, 400 doses set containing 1 pump pack (200 doses) and 1 refill (200 doses)
4092J	\$	24.41	BUDESONIDE	Aqueous nasal spray (pump pack) 64 micrograms per dose (120 doses)

Antiparasitic products, insecticides and repellents

Respiratory system

4090G	\$	24.78	IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	Aqueous nasal spray (pump pack) 42 micrograms (anhydrous) per dose (180 doses) Nebuliser solution single dose units 5 mg (base) in 2.5 mL, 30
2001H	\$	24.64	SALBUTAMOL SULFATE	Nebuliser solution single dose units 5 mg in 2 mL, 30
1251W	\$	26.82	TERBUTALINE SULFATE	Powder for oral inhalation in breath actuated device 6 micrograms per dose (60 doses)
8239P	\$	24.43	EFORMOTEROL FUMARATE DIHYDRATE	Oral pressurised inhalation in breath actuated device 50 micrograms per dose (200 doses), CFC-free formulation
8408M	\$	25.91	BECLOMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE	Oral pressurised inhalation 1 mg per dose (200 doses)
2872E	\$	28.05	SODIUM CROMOGLYCAT	Oral pressurised inhalation 1 mg per dose (200 doses), CFC-free formulation
8767K	\$	28.05	SODIUM CROMOGLYCAT	Eye drops 3 mg per mL (0.3%), 5 mL
8383F	\$	27.86	OFLOXACIN	Eye drops 3 mg per mL (0.3%), 5 mL
1217C	\$	27.86	CIPROFLOXACIN DORZOLAMIDE	Eye drops 20 mg (base)-5 mg (base) per mL (2%-0.5%), 5 mL
8567X	\$	26.95	TIMOLOL MALEATE CIPROFLOXACIN	Ear drops 2 mg (base)-10 mg per mL (0.2%-1%), 10 mL
4528H	\$	27.06	HYDROCHLORIDE with HYDROCORTISONE	
4708T	\$	24.76	DRESSING-GAUZE (ABSORBENT PAD)	
4729X	\$	25.16	BANDAGE-RETENTION-COTTON CREPE	Pads 10 cm x 10 cm, 100

Sensory organs

Various

4814J	\$	25.52	BANDAGE-RETENTION-COHESIVE-HEAVY	Bandage 15 cm x 1.3 m
4669R	\$	26.92	BANDAGE-ZINC PASTE	Bandage 7.5 cm x 6 m
4668Q	\$	26.48	BANDAGE-ZINC PASTE	Bandage 7.5 cm x 6 m
4670T	\$	26.08	BANDAGE-ZINC PASTE	Bandage 10 cm x 9.1 m
4688R	\$	27.86	DRESSING-FILM	Dressing 15 cm x 20 cm
4893M	\$	24.51	DRESSING-FILM	Dressings 10 cm x 12 cm, 10
4861W	\$	25.78	DRESSING-NON-ADHERENT	Dressings 10 cm x 10 cm, 10
4690W	\$	25.10	DRESSING-FILM ISLAND	Dressing 9 cm x 10 cm
4815K	\$	27.66	BANDAGE-TUBULAR (SHORT STOCKING)	Bandage, medium C/D size
4816L	\$	27.66	BANDAGE-TUBULAR (SHORT STOCKING)	Bandage, large D/E size
4661H	\$	27.66	BANDAGE-TUBULAR (SHORT STOCKING)	Bandage, small B/C size
4671W	\$	25.69	BANDAGE-TUBULAR (LIGHTWEIGHT)	Bandage, small limb size (red), 10 m
4676D	\$	25.82	PRESSURE REDUCING PRODUCTS	Sheet 10 cm x 10 cm x 3 mm

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-200

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: APPLICATIONS TO PBAC

Hansard Page: CA 30

Senator McLucas asked:

I want to ask about an issue Senator Allison raised which goes to the success rate for new applications to the PBAC. How many applications have been received over the last four years for new listings and new applications – that is, where a cost-benefit analysis has to be undertaken?

Answer:

For initial major submissions to the PBAC for new drugs or for a change to an existing listing over the past four calendar years (2002-2005):

- There have been 66 submissions using a cost-effectiveness approach and of these 30% were recommended.
- There have been 66 submissions using a cost-minimisation approach and of these 91% have been recommended.
- There have been 26 submissions using a cost-utility approach and of these 42% have been recommended.

A cost-minimisation approach proposes a similar health outcome and cost to what has been chosen as the comparator. A cost-effectiveness approach seeks to demonstrate an improved health outcome (against the comparator) and the measure is how much extra cost is required for this health gain. A cost utility approach also seeks to demonstrate an improved health outcome but it is expressed in terms of the value patients, professionals and the general public put on it e.g. quality-adjusted life-years.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-201

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: HIGH COST DRUGS

Hansard Page: CA 32

Senator McLucas asked:

How long does it take from the point at which the Department provides advice to the Minister on a high cost drug until it is approved?

Answer:

Not all high cost drug Cabinet Submissions are the same, so there can be different time-frames for each drug depending on a number of issues.

Following the Minister's approval of the submission, the submission is usually considered by the Cabinet within three to four weeks.

The Department endeavours to list high cost drugs as soon as possible after a positive recommendation from the Cabinet. However, listing of the drug is dependent upon the company working with the Department to finalise all requirements for listing, including a risk sharing arrangement, if required.

The listing of these high cost drugs normally occurs within two months of a positive recommendation by the Cabinet.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-100

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATION (CSO) - PAQ

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

On 17 March the Minister released a consultation paper setting out the administrative details of this scheme which go to ensuring that low volume and high distribution cost PBS medicines are available within 24 hours even in remote areas. Comments were due 31 March.

On 27 April the Department issued a Request for Expressions of Interest to administer the CSO. The Minister's release states that it has been decided that the CSO funding pool will be handled by a qualified group of independent experts.

- (a) Is there a report from the consultation process? Could we have a copy?
- (b) When is it expected that the tender process will be completed? Will this be done by July 1?
- (c) What type of group is expected to get the tender (ie one already or one that needs to be pulled together de novo)?
- (d) Will the wholesalers or the PGA or the PSA be eligible to submit a tender offer?
- (e) What is the expected cost of this tender?
- (f) Where will the funding for the tender come from?
- (g) Will it come from the CSO or the Pharmacy Agreement?
- (h) Will the CSO funds go only to wholesalers that deliver within a 24 hour time frame, or is it proposed to also pay wholesalers who deliver weekly?
- (i) What measures will be put in place to ensure that wholesalers don't 'game the system' and collect from the CSO for services they don't provide?

Answers:

(a) The responses received in relation to the Request for Comment were used to inform finalisation of the eligibility criteria for the CSO Funding Pool, as set out in the document 'Arrangements for the Operation of the Community Service Obligation (CSO) Funding Pool'. This paper was released on 2 June 2006, and can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/content/pharmacy-csofundingpool>

(b) It is expected that the tender process for the new CSO Administration Agency will be completed during August 2006. As the CSO will commence from 1 July 2006, the

Department is putting in place interim arrangements to make monthly payments to eligible wholesalers until such time as the CSO Administration Agency is operational.

(c) The Request for Expressions of Interest (REI) will gauge the capacity and willingness of organisations to perform the role of CSO Administration Agency. The Department is currently evaluating the responses received.

(d) The REI was advertised nationally, and was open to any interested organisation. However, respondents to the REI were required to declare any actual or perceived conflicts of interest, and provide advice on their management. Assessment of responses will be undertaken by a Departmental Evaluation Committee, and will include careful consideration of any such conflicts of interest.

(e - g) The Fourth Community Pharmacy Agreement specifies that the cost of the administration of the CSO Funding Pool will be met from within the Pool, up to a maximum of \$1 million per annum.

(h) Any pharmaceutical wholesaler may participate in the CSO Funding Pool if they meet specified CSO compliance requirements and service standards, on an ongoing basis. The service standards include (but are not limited to) a requirement for eligible wholesalers to demonstrate a capacity and commitment to Supply PBS Medicines to any Community Pharmacy within their CSO Jurisdiction, within 24 hours from the Regular Order Cut Off Time, where requested. If particular Community Pharmacies within the eligible wholesaler's Jurisdiction do not need a Daily delivery service, or do not need all of their orders filled within 24 hours, this would not have to occur.

Eligible wholesalers will not be able to supply some community pharmacies, such as those in very remote locations, with PBS medicines within 24 hours. A list of locations that fall outside the 24 hour supply time will be compiled for all wholesalers participating in the CSO funding pool. The requirement to supply PBS medicines within 24 hours will also not apply where there are circumstances preventing a wholesaler from meeting this requirement that, in the view of the CSO Administration Agency, are beyond the reasonable control of the wholesaler.

(i) The CSO Administration Agency will monitor the ongoing compliance of eligible wholesalers with the CSO compliance requirements and service standards, and provide regular reports to the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth will provide these reports to the Agreement Consultative Committee (ACC), established under the Fourth Community Pharmacy Agreement. The CSO Administration Agency will also be required to establish procedures for responding to complaints from pharmacists, consumers and any other entity regarding the performance of eligible wholesalers against the CSO compliance requirements and service standards.

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Question: E06-203

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PBS MODEL

Hansard Page: CA 95

Senator McLucas asked:

Could I get an understanding of what the underlying assumptions are underneath the model?

Answer:

The Government's Accrual Information Management System (AIMS) contains three Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) components – 'General', 'Concessional' and 'PB Other'.

- In essence, the 'General' and 'Concessional' components cover prescriptions issued in community pharmacies under Section 85 of the *National Health Act 1953* and comprise around 90% of all PBS expenditure.
- 'PB Other' covers a range of programs such as Section 100, Highly Specialised Drugs and drugs included in Doctor's Bags. These comprise the remaining 10% of PBS expenditure.

The PBS Model forecasts Government expenditure and prescription volumes for the General and Concessional components of the PBS spanning the four year Forward Estimates period.

- The Model does not deal with scripts that do not attract any Government benefit (ie. those that, while prescribed under the PBS, are priced below the general patient co-payment - currently \$29.50 – and so, when dispensed to a general patient, are paid for in full by the patient).

The PBS model generates a forecast of prescription type, prescription volume and related Government expenditure based on historical data on the use of groups of PBS drugs adjusted for population projections and policy change.

The Model's key output comprises tables of forecast monthly and annual Government expenditure and script volumes, broken down by concessional eligibility category and drug classification.

The Model is routinely updated annually. This process commences at the end of each financial year with preparation of the following data:

- monthly Medicare Australia expenditure and script volume data to the end of the last financial year;
- latest population data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics; and
- latest concession card coverage data.

Completion of the Model update is aimed at the point at which the Government's Additional Estimates (AE's) is finalised for the year.

At any point the Government can vary the Forward Estimates to reflect new policy (especially in the May Budget) and to allow for apparent new trends. These changes are then incorporated into the next update of the Model.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-198

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PBAC RECOMMENDATIONS

Hansard Page: CA 25

Senator Allison asked:

- a) How many [drugs] are awaiting ministerial approval at the present time that have been through the PBAC and recommended for listing?
- b) How many would be in that category? These are price-volume negotiations of some sort, are they?
- c) How many are there that are not in that category? How long have they been waiting approval? (new listed drugs)
- d) Are there any on the list of those still waiting for approval for anything longer than a reasonable period that are not high-cost drugs?

Answer:

- a) There are three meetings of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) per year (March, July and November). There are 13 PBAC recommendations from before the July 2006 meeting that have not been implemented. These are less than two years old. When a recommendation has not been implemented for two years, the sponsor is asked if it should be rescinded, or to give reasons if they wish it to remain active.

There are an additional 16 PBAC recommendations that are between two and five years old, where the sponsor has decided not to list at this stage, but wishes the PBAC recommendation to remain active as they intend to proceed with listing. None of the recommendation in either of these two groups is awaiting Ministerial approval. Recommendations that are more than five years old are rescinded by the PBAC, as agreed with the industry peak organisation in May 1995.

- b) and (c)

Of the 13 drugs noted at (a) above where there are recommendations that are less than two years old, two are expected to be listed in December 2006. Three other recommendations have been deferred by the sponsor for pricing reasons. In these cases the sponsor is disputing the PBAC recommendation to list their product on a 'cost-minimisation basis'. The PBAC recommends listing on this basis, where it is of the view that there is insufficient evidence of health gain to justify an increased price to that of a comparable product. The remaining products have not been listed because the sponsor has advised that they do not wish to proceed with listing at this time.

Sponsors will have a variety of reasons for deferring a listing, some related to the recommended listing price (as noted above), others to consider making a further submission (perhaps for a better targeted patient group), or for unspecified non-PBS reasons.

All the 16 recommendations that are between two and five years old remain active at the sponsor's request. For these recommendations the sponsor has not submitted information to enable a listing to be finalised or other factors have intervened to impact on the relevance of the PBAC recommendation.

- d) No. Any drugs that are not yet listed are awaiting a response from the sponsor as they are either considering their position, still negotiating or awaiting resolution of another matter unrelated to the PBS, such as registration or manufacturing issues.

Options for radiation oncology services in the Northern Territory

A report commissioned by the Government of the Northern Territory of Australia

August 2004

[Note: the report has not been included in the electronic/printed volume]

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Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 31 May – 1 June 2006

Question: E06-193

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: EYE HEALTH PROGRAM – MAY 2004

Hansard Page: CA 58

Senator Crossin asked:

Can I ask you about your response to the review of the implementation of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye Health program from May 2004.

What reforms of the visiting optometrists scheme have resulted from your departmental review?

Answer:

The review of the Visiting Optometrist Scheme (VOS) has recently been completed, and is expected to report to the Minister for Health and Ageing in July 2006.

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HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-105

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: MEDICARE ITEM TO FUND ANTENATAL CHECKS

Written Question Taken on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

On 9 January the Minister announced a new Medicare item to fund antenatal checks by nurses, midwives and registered Aboriginal Health Workers in rural and remote Australia.

a) Where is the funding for this item?

b) When will this item be introduced?

Answers

a) Funding for this item is under the Administered Appropriations Program 3.1: Medicare Services *Health Insurance Act 1973* – Medical Benefits .

b) The item is expected to be introduced on 1 November 2006.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-106

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: NEW MEDICARE ITEMS

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

On 1 May, at the same time that the Minister announced new Medicare for Indigenous and refugee assessments, he also announced new Medicare items to provide higher rebates for specialists in pain and palliative care, including rebates for case conferencing with other specialists.

- a) Where is the funding for these items?
- b) When will these items be introduced?

Answers

- a) Funding for the Indigenous and refugee assessments and the attendance and case conferencing items for pain and palliative specialists is provided under the Medicare Benefits special appropriation under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.
- b) These items were introduced on 1 May 2006.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-112

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

Written Question Taken on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

For the most recent year possible (2004-05 if not 2005-06), please provide the following:

- a) Total number of services
- b) Number of patients treated
- c) Total benefits paid
- d) Total fees charged
- e) Out-of-pocket costs per service

Answers

- a) In 2004-05 (year of processing), Medicare Australia processed claims for 2,007,218 psychiatric services.
- b) In 2004-05 (year of processing), 272,143 patients had claims processed by Medicare Australia for psychiatric services.
- c) In 2004-05 (year of processing), Medicare Australia processed \$214,105,773 in benefits for psychiatric services.
- d) In 2004-05 (year of processing), the total fees charged for claims for psychiatric services under Medicare was \$251,242,437.
- e) In 2004-05 (year of processing), the average out-of-pocket cost per service for non-hospital patient billed psychiatric services under Medicare was \$28.08.

Notes to the Statistics

These statistics relate to all Consultant Psychiatrist attendance items in Group A8 of the Medicare Benefits Schedule, together with Consultant Psychiatrist case conferencing Items 855, 857, 858, 861, 864, 866, and the electroconvulsive therapy item 14224. The statistics do not include mental health items which can be claimed by other groups of doctors.

The statistics relate to services rendered on a 'fee-for-service' basis for which Medicare benefits were paid by Medicare Australia in 2004-05 (year of processing). Excluded are

details of services to public patients in hospital, to Veterans' Affairs patients and services provided under other publicly funded programs.

The statistics on out-of-pocket costs, relate to non-hospital patient billed services only. The Medicare claims system does not contain information on private health insurance rebates for hospital services, nor does it store a flag to indicate which hospital services did not attract a supplementary rebate because the patient did not have private health insurance cover.

The benefits statistics and the out-of-pocket cost statistics include payments under Medicare Safety Nets.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-122

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: COSTS OF POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY (PET)

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

- a) How many MBS subsidised PET scans are done each year (from 1999 – present)?
- b) What is the cost to Medicare?
- c) What is the average out-of-pocket cost for patients?
- d) Has the Department looked at future PET costings? Could we have this information?

Answer:

a) and b)

Medicare – PET Items
Number of services and benefits paid
1999 to 2005 (Year of processing)

Year	Services	Benefits
1999	2,114	\$4,080,184
2000	2,451	\$4,839,664
2001	2,555	\$4,748,486
2002	5,664	\$6,580,476
2003	9,249	\$9,330,830
2004	10,431	\$9,350,915
2005	12,374	\$11,071,251
TOTAL	44,838	\$50,001,806

This information excludes details of services to public patients in hospitals, Veterans' Affairs patients and those patients who attended a facility which is unable to access Medicare benefits.

- c) Five of the seven facilities that have been providing Medicare eligible services since 2003 bulk bill all private patients.

For confidentiality reasons, it is not possible to release data relating to average patient contributions per service for the other two units.

- d) The department has not looked at future PET costings.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-168

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: RADIOTHERAPY FACILITIES

Hansard Page: CA 103

Senator Crossin asked:

When was the announcement made that money would be provided to Lismore?

Answer:

The announcement was made on 8 July 2004.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-025

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: MBS ITEM TO PROVIDE MEDICARE-FUNDED

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

The Government has allocated \$35.6 million over 4 years to this new MBS number. Can you provide details of what has been spent so far, a breakdown of what it has been spent on, and a breakdown of how the remaining amount has been allocated?

Answer:

Funding provided for the pregnancy support counselling Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items has been allocated over four years to 2009-10, as follows:

Pregnancy Support Counselling – MBS items

Resourcing	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m
Department of Health and Ageing	6.5	9.4	9.5	9.6
Medicare Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	6.6	9.6	9.7	9.8

As at 1 June 2006, there had been no expenditure.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-028

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: MBS ITEM TO PROVIDE MEDICARE-FUNDED

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

The Department's Q & A document, under the topic "What kind of information will practitioners be required to provide in counselling under the MBS item, states: "Counsellors will provide non-directive counselling to women facing an unintended pregnancy. They will be able to provide authoritative information on options for managing a pregnancy and assist a woman to make an informed decision".

Can you confirm that information on the abortion option will be provided?

Answer:

Using a non-directive approach, it is expected that GPs and allied health professionals providing pregnancy support counselling under Medicare will provide information about all options available to the patient.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-029

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: MBS ITEM TO PROVIDE MEDICARE-FUNDED

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

The Q & A document states that a specific MBS item descriptor will be finalised in consultation with the profession.

Can you please provide an update on this – has the item descriptor been finalised, and if not, when is this likely to be finalised? If yes, please provide details about the item descriptor.

Answer:

Item descriptors for the new pregnancy support counselling Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items will be finalised in consultation with relevant medical and allied health professions through the normal Medicare consultation arrangements.

It is expected that this process will occur between June and August 2006.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-108

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: PREGNANCY CHECKS ON MBS

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

On December 19, the Minister announced increased rebates for medical checks in pregnancy provided by both GPs and specialists.

- a) What is the additional cost to Medicare of these changes?
- b) Could we have breakdown of the costing by financial year, for both GPs and specialists.

Answers:

- a) It is estimated that the additional cost to Medicare will be around \$25.4 million over the five years to 2009-10.
- b) The estimated cost of this item by financial year is:

Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Total
Total	\$2.92m	\$5.67m	\$5.65m	\$5.61m	\$5.56m	\$25.41m

The breakdown by providing specialty cannot be provided as it is not available.

The forward estimates for this item were calculated at the aggregate service level.

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Question: E06-110

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO CLINICAL REVIEW OF IVF

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

This review was announced in May 2005. The report was delivered to the Minister in December.

- a) Has the Minister made a formal response to the IVF Review?
- b) What was that response? Can we have a copy?
- c) Can we have a copy of the report from the clinical review?
- d) What actions will be taken to address the recommendations of the report?

Answers

a) and (b)

The Committee that conducted the Review of Artificial Reproductive Technologies (ART) ('the Review') submitted its report on 1 March 2006. The Government has not yet formally responded to the report of the Review.

- c) The report of the Review is under consideration by Government and a decision has not yet been taken as to whether it will be released more widely.
- d) The Government response to the report of the Review is under consideration.

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Question: E06-169

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: PATHOLOGY MOU

Hansard Page: CA 107

Senator McLucas asked:

Is it true that there was a draft MOU dated 27 August that indicated \$17 ½ million [for pathology training positions] would be allocated over the life of the agreement, over five years, for training that had been agreed to between the Department and the pathologists and required the Prime Minister's tick-off but then got caught up in the election caretaker period?

Answer:

Yes. There were, however, a number of drafts of the MOU as negotiating positions developed. The final version contained an amount of \$3.75 million over the period 2004-2006, as agreed by all parties. The MOU was signed in September 2004, during the caretaker period.

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Question: E06-111

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: RADIATION THERAPY

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

- a) Could we have an update of the information on radiotherapy internship places provided in answer E06-089 from February?
- b) How does this information align with that provided in the answer (1) to Question on Notice 1299?
- c) When there is a built in attrition rate (answer to QoN 1299 says annual attrition rate of 25% for each new commencing place allocated), are the places lost over and above this replaced?
- d) How much money has been committed to date?

Answer:

- a) Column 1 of the following table shows the current information on radiotherapy internship places:

	1	2	3	4
State	Radiation Therapy 2006 Professional Development Year Places (PDY)	Medical Physics Registrar/Trainees commencing 2006	Radiation Therapy Undergraduate places 2005	Radiation Therapy Undergraduate places 2006
NSW	20	0*	0	12
VIC	2	0	0	10
QLD	7	2	0	5
SA	5	1*	5	5
WA	4	4	0	0
TAS	2^	0	0	0
ACT	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	41	8	5	32

Note:

* 1 position each has been offered to Riverina Cancer Care Centre, NSW and Adelaide Radiotherapy Centre, SA however funding agreements cannot be finalised until each centre receives accreditation from the Australasian College of Physical Scientists and Engineers in Medicine as training facilities.

^Tasmania has requested one additional Professional Development Year to be funded from 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006. This request has been approved by the department.

- b) The information provided in answer (1) to Question on Notice 1299 aligns with the undergraduate information provided in the table above (columns 3 and 4).
- c) The undergraduate positions that this question refers to are now administered by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST). DEST have advised that if the actual attrition rate is less than 25%, universities are expected to cover any additional places within their overall target. An example would be if the University of Newcastle has 100% retention rate in radiation therapy, then the University will be able to cover its three places (75% of 12) within its overall target. DEST is unable to provide information down to specific field of education levels.
- d) The total funding committed for the Radiation Therapists Professional Development Years for 2006 is \$697,200 (GST inclusive). This includes Tasmania's request for one additional Professional Development Year to be funded from 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006.

The current total funding committed for the Medical Physics Registrar for 2006-2009 is \$470,400 (GST inclusive).

The undergraduate positions are now administered by the Department of Education, Science and Training. The Department of Health and Ageing is unable to comment on commitments for this project.

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Question: E06-004

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: EYE HEALTH PROGRAM – MAY 2004

Written Question on Notice

Senator Crossin asked:

Concerns about the VOS were raised in the Review Report and these concerns have been noted by the Australian Government and will be addressed in a review of the VOS to be undertaken by the Department in 2004. The view expressed in the Review Report that the VOS should be better targeted towards areas of community need rather than driven by provider availability or preference is accepted, and will be considered by the Department in its review.

- a) What reforms of the Visiting Optometrists Scheme has resulted from the department's review?
- b) What access is there in say remote communities of the NT such as Wadeye to Optometrists?

Answer:

- a) The review of the Visiting Optometrist Scheme (VOS) has recently been completed. The Government has not yet completed its consideration of the review's findings.
- b) In 2003-04, 71% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care services in remote areas of the Northern Territory reported that their clients had access to optometrist specialist eye testing that was either provided directly by the service or facilitated by the service.

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Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-026

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: MBS ITEM TO PROVIDE MEDICARE-FUNDED PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Will Pregnancy Help Australia counsellors be eligible for the MBS rebate?

Answer:

Pregnancy Help Australia is the operating name of the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services, which receives Australian Government funding for free, volunteer-based pregnancy counselling. Services funded by other Commonwealth, State or Territory Government programs are generally not eligible for rebates under Medicare*, therefore, pregnancy support counselling services provided by an eligible allied health professional as an employee or contractor with Pregnancy Help Australia will not attract a Medicare rebate.

*Exceptions are where an exemption under subsection 19(2) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* has been granted to, for example, an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service or remote State/Territory health service. Eligible GPs and allied health professionals employed by, or contracted to these services can claim Medicare rebates where all relevant MBS requirements are met.

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Question: E06-104

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: CATARACT PROCEDURES

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

In writing (E06-084) we were told the following:

Following consultation with the Australian Medical Association (AMA) and relevant professional medical organisations, the Minister for Health and Ageing, on 12 September 2005, approved a recommendation to proceed with the restriction of approximately 60 items to in-hospital procedures, effective 1 November 2005. These items included items for cataract surgery.

That decision was rescinded a month later (15 March) (and backdated to Nov 1 2005) with a statement that the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists had revised their advice.

- a) Could you please tell me the time frame and the process whereby the decision was made to allow cataract surgery done on an outpatient basis to be eligible for the Medicare safety net?
- b) ie what happened after you told us on Feb 16 why outpatient cataract surgery was exempt
- c) When were answers E06-84 and E06-85 signed off in the Department? In the Minister's office?
- d) Did the Department or the Minister approach the College to change their advice?
- e) If so, when, and on what basis?
- f) Did the College contact the Department saying it wanted to change its advice?
- g) If so, when and on what basis?
- h) Could we have copies of all correspondence on this matter between the Department and the College (including correspondence prior to February, 2006)
- i) When did the Department advise the Minister that his advice of September 2005 should be reversed?
- j) Was cataract surgery the only change that was reversed?

Answer:

a) & b) On 7 March 2006, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) wrote to the Department and advised that it would be appropriate for cataract surgery to be provided as an out patient service, where this decision is made by the treating practitioner and where the service is performed at a quality accredited facility.

Following this advice, the Minister for Health and Ageing, on 9 March 2006 approved a recommendation to re-instate the 85% benefit level for cataract surgery with effect from 1 November 2005.

The amending regulation reinstating the 85% benefit level for cataract surgery in the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) became effective on 30 March 2006.

c) The answers to E06-84 and E06-85 were finalised and provided to the committee on 3 April 2006. The preparation and clearance of responses to Senate Estimates questions is an iterative process which involves some 'to-ing and fro-ing' to ensure that the final information provided to the Committee is accurate and up to date. Consequently the Department does not report on specific stages of this process.

d) & e) Following the removal of the 85% benefit level from the MBS on 1 November 2005, the Department received feedback from both patients and practitioners indicating that a number of patients were receiving appropriate cataract surgery in a hospital setting but were being managed on a day-basis as non-admitted patients.

As a result of this feedback the Department, through the Australian Medical Association (AMA), sought advice from RANZCO in February 2006, specifically in relation to the clinical appropriateness of cataract surgery being performed on non-admitted patients in a hospital or day hospital facility.

f) & g) On 7 March 2006, RANZCO wrote to the Department and advised that it would be appropriate for cataract surgery to be provided as an out-patient service, where this decision is made by the treating practitioner and where the service is performed at a quality accredited facility.

h) The Department did not write to the College on this matter at any time. All advice sought by the Department was sought through the AMA.

As noted at (a) and (b) above, the College wrote to the Department on 7 March 2006 advising that it would be appropriate for cataract surgery to be provided as an out patient service, where this decision is made by the treating practitioner and where the service is performed at a quality accredited facility. As this letter was written by the College, it would not be appropriate for the Department to release it.

- i) On 8 March 2006 the Department advised the Minister of the advice received from RANZCO, and on the basis of that advice recommended that the 85% benefit level for cataract surgery be re-instated in the MBS with effect from 1 November 2005.

- j) No. Following advice from the medical profession on the clinical appropriateness of the service for non-admitted patients, 19 MBS items have had the 85% benefit reinstated since 2004. Seven of these items were for cataract surgery. The 12 remaining items were for various procedures within the surgical operations component of the schedule.

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Question: E06-121

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: PET EVALUATION STUDY

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

- a) What is the current timeframe for the collection of results?
- b) What is the current anticipated time for completion of the report?
- c) What was the original timeframe?
- d) What has caused the delays?
- e) Has any of the data that has been collected been examined yet?
- f) Could it be that for some of the common indication (lung cancer, colorectal cancer) there might already be sufficient data to MSAC to review their position on the cost-effectiveness of PET in these indications?
- g) Is the review considering the data that is available from recent publications on the cost-effectiveness of PET?
- h) Can anything be done to accelerate the collection and analysis of data? For example, the Austin Hospital has had a PET scanner since 1992 and does over 2500 scans a year.
- i) How much data is needed? Is this about the amount of data or the timeframe?
- j) How much money does the Department spend on the collection of this data and its analysis? How much will the total study cost?

Answer:

- a) The reports containing the results of the PET Data Collection Program will be handed down progressively as detailed below:

Indication	Final Report Due
Colorectal Cancer	May 2006
Melanoma	July 2006
Ovarian Cancer	June 2006
Oesophageal / Gastric Cancer	September 2006
Head and Neck Cancer	April 2007
Lymphoma	May 2007
Glioma	May 2007
Sarcoma	Yet to be determined

- b) A final report of the PET Data Collection Program is due on 31 July 2007.
- c) The original data collection period was 1 August 2002 to 31 July 2005.
- d) Delays have occurred for a number of reasons:

- protocol development and ethics approval took longer than anticipated and delayed patient recruitment from August 2002 to December 2003;
 - collection of demographic data was delayed from August 2002 to March 2003 because of delays in data entry specifications; and
 - for a number of protocols, some facilities have taken longer than anticipated to recruit the required number of patients.
- e) Final reports for the colorectal cancer and melanoma indications were recently provided to the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC). MSAC has provided these to the independent evaluator to enable analysis to begin.
- f) The MSAC assessments will include systematic reviews of all relevant literature published for all identified indications since the 2000 PET review in terms of safety, clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness. However, analysis of the Australian data will be an important element of the assessment.
- g) The MSAC assessment will include systematic review of all the relevant literature published for all identified indications since the 2000 PET review in terms of safety, clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness.
- h) The collection of data cannot be accelerated because:
- the protocols for three indications (oesophageal/gastric cancer, head and neck cancer and lymphoma) include the assessment of changes in patient management post treatment. These patients have been recruited and finalisation of the data must wait until the patient has completed their prescribed treatment;
 - recruitment for the sarcoma protocol is continuing. Patients have been enrolled from facilities other than those initially identified to increase numbers; and
 - retrospective data is unable to be used because of the specific requirements of the protocols, for instance the requirement for a documented management plan, other examinations to have been performed prior to the PET scan and patient consent.

In terms of the analysis, the MSAC now intends to report progressively in three stages based on the availability of data. An advisory panel and contracted evaluator have been appointed in advance of the data being provided to facilitate timely analysis once the data is received.

- i) The data needs are identified in terms of the optimum sample populations, providing statistically significant data as follows:

Indication (protocol)	Total Recruited	Target
Colorectal	200	100
Melanoma	129	100
Ovarian	93	90
Oesophageal Gastric	138	100
Head & Neck	72	60
Lymphoma	94	60
Glioma	65	60
Sarcoma	42	44

The review will assess the strength of evidence for PET's safety, effectiveness and cost effectiveness. This assessment is not limited to the volume of data or the length of

follow up (timeframe). MSAC assessments include consideration of the following issues:

- the level of evidence (study design);
- the quality of evidence (efforts to control bias within the study);
- relevance of the evidence (the appropriateness of the outcomes measured);
- generalisability of the evidence (applicability of the study results to Australian clinical practice); and
- magnitude of treatment effect.

j) The total administered outlays on the PET data collection are:

- funding provided to facilities in support of data collection; \$10.4 million
- grant funding provided to Austin Health since August 2003; and \$ 6.6 million
- coordination (Australian and New Zealand Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine). \$ 2.3 million

The analysis is to be conducted by MSAC. There has been no cost incurred by the department for the MSAC assessment at this time.

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Question: E06-135

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

- a) Why the seemingly endless delay on this review, which was an undertaking given in 1999?
- b) What funding is provided to support this review?
- c) How much has been spent to date on this review?
- d) Since 2005 how many meetings of the stakeholders of this review (Department, AMA, Medicare Australia) have been held?

The list of bills proposed for introduction for the Winter Sittings 2006 includes Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review) Bill to enhance the administration of the PSR.

- e) Won't this legislation need to be informed by the review?
- f) So will the review be completed in time for this to happen?
- g) Do all cases of Medicare fraud that are referred to the DPP need to be first assessed by PSR?
- h) Under what circumstances would this not happen?

The Federal Court has found that the method used to catch fraudulent doctors was unlawful, and the case is now proceeding to the High Court.

- i) What is the PSR doing to overcome the problem with the procedures used?
- j) What is the likely cost to the PSR of the pending High Court case/s.
- k) Will the Bill to be introduced correct this problem?

Answer:

a) The Review held in 1999 recommended that the Scheme be reviewed within three years. The Minister at the time, Dr Wooldridge, agreed during debate on the Bill in June 1999 to undertake a review "over the next 12-18 months". However, in addition to the changes made to the *Health Insurance Act 1973* in 1999, there were further amendments made in 2002 following several Federal Court decisions. A Review conducted according to the original timetable would have been premature and would not have allowed the effectiveness of the revised arrangements to be properly assessed. Therefore the Review was delayed to allow sufficient time for the necessary data, including a comprehensive case history of court challenges, to be collected which would properly inform the review process.

b) The review of the Professional Services Review Scheme is being conducted by the Department of Health and Ageing. The Department has procured the services of a consultant to assist with the Review. The total contract amount is \$90,060 (GST inclusive)

c) The Department of Health and Ageing has made one payment of \$11,000 to the consultant to date (30 June 2006).

d) A Steering Committee was convened in early 2006, comprising representatives of the Department of Health and Ageing, the AMA and Medicare Australia. The Director of PSR is a co-opted member of the Steering Committee. There have been three meetings of the Steering Committee to 30 June 2006.

e) No. The changes proposed for the Winter Sittings are minor procedural adjustments identified since 2002 and were in train prior to the current review of the Scheme.

f) See answer e).

g) PSR does not deal with fraud issues. Fraud is the responsibility of Medicare Australia. If PSR, during the course of its normal review or investigation of a case suspects a fraud may have been committed, that part of the matter is returned to Medicare Australia for investigation. A suspicion of fraud is separate from and does not stop PSR's own processes of inquiry into inappropriate practice.

h) See answer to g).

i) The question raises two separate issues:

The first matter to which the question refers is *Mathews v Health Insurance Commission [2006] FCA 195*. Dr Mathews contended that the Committee had made several jurisdictional errors. Edmonds J dismissed all grounds except one. Critically, Edmonds J found that the Committee failed to strictly comply with the Sampling Determination.

The Court has ordered the Mathews case be referred to another Committee to be decided according to law. All the other cases will be argued on the basis that the respective Committees had drawn samples of services according to the methodology set out in the Sampling Determination.

The second matter to which the question refers is the case in the High Court of Australia in *Dimian & Wong v The Commonwealth of Australia (S124 of 2006)*. Drs Dimian and Wong are challenging the constitutional validity of the provisions of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*. This matter is still before the Courts and as yet no hearing date has been set.

j) The matter is being handled by the Australian Government Solicitor on behalf of the Commonwealth. The Department of Health and Ageing has committed up to \$100,000 to defend this action.

k) A simpler Sampling Determination is to be put to the Minister soon, providing a more streamlined process for sampling.

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Supplementary Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 May - 1 June 2006

Question: E06-141

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: ROUND THE CLOCK MEDICARE

Written Question on Notice

Senator McLucas asked:

For the Higher Medicare rebates for After Hours GP services program, please provide, since its commencement:

- a) What is the calendar year and financial year (including year to date) spending on the program?
- b) What is the number of services by calendar year and financial year (including year to date)?
- c) Who benefits from these additional rebates ie. what percentage of children (between 5-10 and 10-16), babies (0-5) and over 65s get the additional rebate?
- d) What is their location?
- e) How much was originally budget for this measure, per year, over the forward estimates?
- f) How much is budgeted now for this measure, per year, over the current forward estimates?
- g). How much has been spent so far, as a total, and per year (both calendar and financial) since is commencement?

Answer:

- a) A summary of the services and expenditure for the Round the Clock Medicare - higher rebates for after hours GP services is shown in the table below:

Medicare after hours services* processed to 30 April 2006

	No. of services (millions)	Expenditure for higher rebate (\$m)
2004-05	2.2	21.6
2005-06 (year to date)	3.6	36.8
2005	4.4	44.4
2006 (year to date)	1.4	14.0
Total	5.8	58.4

* Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items 1, 2, 97, 98, 601, 602, 697, 698 and 5000-5267.

- b) See answer to a) above.

- c) Approximately 12% of Medicare claims for after hours items in 2005 were for services provided to children aged 0-4 years, 7% to children aged 5-9 years, and 5% to children aged 10-14 years (0-4, 5-9, 10-14 are standard age categories for Medicare reporting). Approximately 14% of after hours services were provided to adults aged 65 years and over.
- d) Approximately 87% of Medicare claims for after hours GP services in 2005 were for services provided in urban areas (Rural Remote Metropolitan Area (RRMA) classifications 1 and 2) and 13% in rural and remote areas (RRMAs 3-7).
- e) The higher rebates for after hours GP services were announced as part of Round the Clock Medicare with allocations as shown in the table below:

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Allocation * (\$m)	42.1	83.8	91.7	102.4

* Allocation includes funding for direct costs and flow-ons to other areas of the MBS and PBS from Round the Clock Medicare - higher rebates for after hours GP services and the After Hours Other Medical Practitioners (OMPs) Program

- f) Funding for these programs now forms part of the Medical and Pharmaceutical Benefits Special Appropriations which are reported in total over the forward estimates period.
- g) See answer to a) above.

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Question: E06-027

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: MBS ITEM TO PROVIDE MEDICARE-FUNDED PREGNANCY COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

The Department's Question and Answer document on the Government's \$51 million package of pregnancy support measures states:

“Who can provide MBS pregnancy support counselling?

Counselling under the MBS item will be provided by a qualified general practitioner or allied health provider, following referral by a general practitioner. General practitioners providing the service will be approved by the General Practice Mental Health Standards Collaboration (GPMHSC) and be registered by Medicare Australia. Allied health providers recognised as mental health workers by Medicare Australia will also be able to access the item. Recognised mental health workers are predominately psychologists but can also include mental health nurses, social workers, Aboriginal health workers and occupational therapists.”

Clearly pregnant women and those who are mentally ill may both seek counselling for different reasons, but is the Department suggesting they have similar needs, and that a mental health worker (especially one who works in a one of the specific areas noted above such as Aboriginal health or occupational therapy) is the best person to counsel a woman regarding pregnancy options?

Answer:

- Patients seeking counselling for mental health, pregnancy support, or any other complex issue share a common need for an experienced practitioner who is skilled in appropriate counselling techniques.
- The Department has consulted with relevant professional groups and the Pregnancy Support Counselling Expert Advisory Committee on a range of issues associated with this item and the Government is currently considering this feedback.