

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 21 OCTOBER 2010

FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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| 235 | 6 | Cash | Appoint Women Register | <p>Senator CASH—Thank you for that. Could you find out for me, and you can take it on notice if you do not have the exact date here: what was the actual launch date of the AppointWomen register? Since the launch of the AppointWomen register, how many women have actually put their names forward on the website? How many government departments have utilised the AppointWomen register when seeking to make appointments? Do you know how many women have been successfully appointed to a board position or other government decision-making body from the AppointWomen register since the register was launched?</p> <p>Ms Moyle—I can tell you now that we do not know that information, unfortunately.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you also then take on notice to provide the committee with a list of all successful appointments.</p> | CA 10 |
| 236 | 6 | Cash | Appoint Women Register | <p>Senator CASH—Would you be able to take on notice to provide the committee with copies of those letters or any correspondence in relation to raising the awareness of the AppointWomen register?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—It might be quite a task, but I am pretty confident I have written fairly recently drawing the attention of portfolio secretaries to the Appoint register and the government’s commitment. I can certainly provide that.</p> | CA 11 |
| 238 | 6 | Cash | Appoint Women Register | <p>Senator CASH—In relation to the consultancy report, are you able to table a copy of that report?</p> <p>Ms Moyle—I am not sure that a final report was ever actually provided. If a final report was provided I would certainly do so.</p> | CA 11 |

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| 239 | 6 | Cash | Women on Boards | <p>Senator CASH—Minister, does the government have any plans to legislate for a quota of women on government boards?</p> <p>Senator McLucas—I do not think so.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Would you be able to take that on notice too?</p> <p>Senator McLucas—I will certainly take that on notice, if that is helpful.</p> <p>Senator CASH—You will be aware of comments made by the Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Elizabeth Broderick, following the release of the EOWA report that she will push for quotas on company boards. What is the government’s position on actually legislating for a gender quota on company boards?</p> <p>Senator McLucas—Once again, I will take that on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Minister, has the government commissioned any legal advice or other advice on whether or not it should legislate, or on the merits of legislating, for quotas on company boards?</p> <p>Senator McLucas—Not that we are aware of.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Are you able to take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator McLucas—If that is inaccurate I will ensure that it be corrected.</p> | CA 12-13 |
| 240 | 6 | Cash | Ministerial Council for Women | <p>Senator CASH—No. I need to be very clear because I have had a number of issues raised by people. Has that been discussed at COAG? I can put that to the minister. Has the government’s plans or potential plans to either abolish, downgrade or absorb into another ministerial council the ministerial council for women been discussed at COAG? Is it on the COAG agenda?</p> <p>Senator McLucas—I can find that out for you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes, would you. If there is any COAG communique in relation to this, would you be able to please provide it to this committee?</p> | CA 14 |

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| 241 | 6 | C. Brown | Women's Alliances | <p>Senator CAROL BROWN—I am very interested in the work that they will be undertaking. Are you able to provide me with a list of the work program that they currently have put together for each alliance?</p> <p>Ms Moyle—We have the work programs for the alliances, and we are just in the process of confirming with those alliances that they are happy for those work programs to be made available. Four of them already have said that they are quite happy; we are just waiting to hear back from some, so I am happy to provide you with the four that we have. As we get consent, we will give you the others.</p> | CA 18 |
| 180 | 5 | Fifield | Physical Disability Australia | <p>Senator FIFIELD—I understand that seven directors have resigned from the PDA board in the last two years and that various matters have been referred to ASIC and to FaHCSIA for investigation. Mr Shorten, when he had portfolio responsibility, might have referred some matters to FaHCSIA for investigation.</p> <p>Ms Bedford—Certainly, Mr Shorten asked us to work with PDA, and we have been doing that. The last report I have is that a number of those issues had resolved. The governance issues were settling. But I can get you an update on notice if you would like.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Was it brought to your attention in your inquiries into PDA that a number of directors of PDA were having difficulty accessing basic documents such as financial statements, travel claims which may have been made, or the employment contract of the executive officer?</p> <p>Ms Bedford—I do not have that detail with me. I know that there were a number of complaints by directors, and as I said before, we did talk to PDA about different people within PDA about those. I can provide more detail on notice.</p> | CA 21-22 |
| 181 | 5 | Fifield | Physical Disability Australia | <p>Senator FIFIELD—I will just try to work out in my own mind what the process is. You have directors who resign and put up a 29-page document to FaHCSIA and to government. The matter was inquired into and, in the view of FaHCSIA, the matter has been resolved, but nothing has been communicated to those who raised the matter in the first place.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—The key question there is: when was it resolved?</p> <p>Dr Hartland—We just need to find out precisely what has happened before we speculate on why we had in our minds it was resolved.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—Given its significance, we will try and get you that today if we can.</p> | CA 24 |

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| 182 | | Boyce | Unmet need for supported accommodation | <p>Senator BOYCE—Perhaps, Minister, you might take on notice for me whether you are intending to make public the methodology that has been agreed by the Commonwealth but is being used by the states; is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Bedford—No. New South Wales took the lead on developing that model with a working group of disability officers.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—We apparently now have an agreement on the sort of methodology to use to assess what unmet need is. I am asking if that document will be made public, please.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I do not think it is completed yet, just to clarify. I do not think that work is finished, is it?</p> <p>Ms Bedford—The model has been agreed, but the work is still ongoing around putting the data through that model.</p> <p>Senator McLucas—That is a MINCO document, so I will take advice.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—I would like the answer but I would also like to see what the agreed methodology is.</p> <p>Senator McLucas—Sure. It is a legitimate question. I will take advice. As I understand it, it is a MINCO document, so I do not know whether I will have the ability to release it.</p> | CA 28-29 |
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| 183 | 5 | Boyce | Supported accommodation assistance | <p>Senator BOYCE—Just one last question in the supported accommodation area: what is the maximum number of beds provided in any one building that has been built as a result of the MOU?</p> <p>Dr Hartland—We do not have the data in quite that form. We do have some—</p> <p>Ms Bedford—I can read out the—</p> <p>Dr Hartland—We do not have the data in quite the right form to be able to give that to you. They are not, by and large, very large facilities. They are in the range of four to seven beds perhaps.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—A range of four to seven?</p> <p>Ms Bedford—Or smaller. There are some that are smaller than that—one or two places. I can read out what we have got if that would be helpful, but—</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—How long is that going to take you? Is it something that could go on notice?</p> <p>Ms Bedford—It would be better to go on notice.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—Okay. My concern here is to ensure that community inclusion principles are being observed and that we have enough information from the states to know that. Thank you.</p> | CA 29 |
| 184 | 5 | Siewert | PHaMS Sites at or near capacity | <p>Senator SIEWERT—I am wondering if you have any more detail around which of the services are at capacity or near capacity.</p> <p>Ms Winkler—There are a large number of those organisations. What we have done in the past for the committee is provide a table that identifies the number of services at capacity within each state. We have that information available that we could provide to you.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—Okay, if you could provide that. That is services at capacity within each state?</p> <p>Ms Winkler—Yes, at or nearing capacity.</p> | CA 30-31 |
| 185 | 5 | Siewert | PHaMS Screening Tool | <p>Senator SIEWERT— The other question on this is about the screening tool that is used. I am wondering if it is possible for us to have a copy of the screening tool.</p> <p>Ms Winkler—Yes, it is possible for you to have a copy.</p> | CA 32 |

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| 186 | 5 | Fifield | Overseas DSP | <p>Senator FIFIELD—Sure. This scenario is one that I wrote to Mr Shorten about when he was the minister. It may also be the one that Senator Siewert has raised. I wonder if the minister at the table—I know it is not his portfolio—could take on board to examine this particular situation where you do have an individual on the DSP whose parents are in a guardianship situation, the parents’ work takes them overseas for a period of time, which is not the decision of the individual concerned, but that individual forfeits their DSP if they are overseas for more than 13 weeks.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—Sure.</p> | CA 34 |
| 187 | 5 | Boyce | State of our Schools Survey | <p>Senator BOYCE—My first question I would ask of DEEWR but I was told to also see what FaHCSIA had to say on the subject. There was a survey this year by the Australian Education Union called <i>State of our schools</i> survey, which found that 70 per cent of government school principals thought they were less than adequately supported to educate students with disabilities. Is the department aware of this survey?</p> <p>Dr Hartland—No.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—Can you sort of—</p> <p>Dr Harmer—Senator Boyce, what Dr Hartland means is that he is not—</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—I realise that you are not responsible for the funding. Yes, sorry, Dr Harmer?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—When you say FaHCSIA, Dr Hartland is not aware.</p> <p>Dr Hartland—No.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—Maybe we could take on notice whether someone else in the organisation is.</p> | CA 35 |

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| 188 | 5 | Boyce | People with disability accommodation | <p>Senator BOYCE—Is it possible to tell me how many people with disabilities live in accommodation of more than 10 people together, nationally and state by state?</p> <p>Ms Bedford—I could take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—Would you be able to provide that information?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I am not sure. It is not our responsibility, but we will try.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—The problem is that this is being handled state by state, yet the idea of deinstitutionalisation was certainly not a state issue but a national issue. It would appear that there are still thousands of people who reside in very old fashioned accommodation. One woman in Toowoomba talks about her ‘room’ being delineated by the curtain. She has no personal possessions whatsoever apart from a photo of her family. This has been home for this woman for nearly 60 years. We must be able to do better.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We will try to get the information. We will take it on notice. We will do our best.</p> | CA 36 |
| 081 | Cross | Fifield | Meetings between the Greens and departmental officers | <p>Senator FIFIELD—Have any meetings been arranged between officers of the department or portfolio ministers and Greens members of parliament on policy issues in the new parliament?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I would need to take that on notice. Not that I am aware of.</p> | CA 36-37 |

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| 082 | Cross | Fifield | Election Commitments | <p>Senator FIFIELD—Thank you for that. Were there any of what became the Labor Party’s election commitments announced during the election campaign which were costed before the caretaker period?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I would have to take that on notice. We would be able to provide you with an answer to that. I do not think we did. We certainly did not provide any policy advice or costing of election commitments to the current government during the caretaker period. We adhered to the guidelines strictly.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—I am sure that is the case.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We would have provided information to the department of finance, who is the responsible agency for costing both government and opposition election commitments during the campaign. We would have certainly done that.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—No doubt. I appreciate your taking it on notice. The question was: were there any things which subsequently became election commitments which were costings formulated before the caretaker period?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I do not recall any, but we will check.</p> <p>Ms Black—Because we do not know when the caretaker period starts, as you would understand.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—No, I appreciate that. Again, I am not suggesting there is anything improper.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I doubt it, but we will just double check.</p> | CA 38 |
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| 083 | Cross | Fifield | Election Commitments | <p>Senator FIFIELD—Thank you for that. Again, this is something that you might want to take on notice, but are you able to provide the status of each election commitment from the 2010 election where—</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We would be working currently on all of the commitments that are in our portfolio. There are various processes, depending on the nature of the commitment. You want the status? I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Yes, just where things are at. I know not long has transpired.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We will take it on notice and see what we can come up with.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—If you can, that would be lovely. Also for the 2007 election commitments within the portfolio?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We would have to take that on notice also.</p> | CA 38 |
| 084 | Cross | Fifield | Caretaker Requests | <p>Senator FIFIELD—Given that, I guess as a matter of logic, the information provided could not be construed as advice to government, because it is not looking at policy options or providing analysis—it is simply factual information—is it possible for that log or register to be provided?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I would need to take that on notice about whether it is something we could provide. It is a fairly unusual request. I take it that what you are after is the communication between the office and the department for the whole of the caretaker period—is that right?</p> | CA 39 |

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| 085 | Cross | Fifield | Hospitality | <p>Senator FIFIELD—Could you update us with the department’s hospitality spend since the budget estimates.</p> <p>Mr Hunter—Since the budget estimates, so the total for 2009-10—</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I do not think we have the figures between the budget estimates and now. What we have is for the year, and we have a figure of \$233,000 for the year to date.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Okay, including sustenance?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—It is an aggregated figure. I must say that we gave you a split in a question on notice, but in preparing for these Senate estimates I am not confident that we have the coding right across the two categories. We are working on that. I may have to update that figure.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—You are working on the coding—okay. If you could take that on notice and provide the coding, that would be good.</p> | CA 40 |
| 086 | Cross | Fifield | Stationary in the Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries Offices | <p>Senator FIFIELD—Different jurisdictions use different terms. Do you have a breakdown of the cost of stationery over the financial year?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—Yes, we do it by financial year, and we will have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Black—We would have to take that on notice. A lot of it is electronic as well. We use electronic letterheads et cetera, so we do not print everything.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—It is actually not an easy figure to get, I suspect, because of that, but we will do our best.</p> <p>Ms Black—Yes, I will do my best and take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Okay. Could you do that by minister and by parliamentary secretary. Also, could you advise the type of stationery—the type of paper and the type of envelopes.</p> | CA 41 |
| 087 | Cross | Siewert | Administrative Arrangements Order | <p>Senator SIEWERT—Is it possible to tell me now—or you can take it on notice—how many staff you have lost from the department with the restructure?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We will take that on notice. It is not very many, but we will let you know.</p> | CA 41 |

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| 091 | 1 | Bernardi | Paid Parental Leave Review | <p>Senator BERNARDI—Let us deal with the formal reporting requirements, because I am interested in how often the department is going to be advised or updated in a formal manner about the progress of the review. I would like you to be able to get that information for me. It does not have to be now, you can take it on notice. But I would like to know whether those milestone reports, if you like, are going to be made public.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I suspect the decision will not have been made yet about whether or not they are going to be public. It would be a matter for the government whether they are. We could take it on notice, but I suspect the minister will not have decided yet.</p> <p>Mr Warburton—It is not a matter that we have raised with her, no.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—Once again, I would be interested in knowing the schedule of reporting dates so that we can continue to follow it up.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We can provide that.</p> | CA 45 |
| 092 (two part question – joined to 93) | 1 | Bernardi | PPL Evaluation Questionnaire | <p>Mr Warburton—They will then be doing similar work with people who have received paid parental leave to see whether it has affected their behaviour and how it has affected their behaviour. We will need to look at questions such as do they take longer away from work to look after their children, how much time do they take off, and are they more likely to stay connected with their employers. There is a range of other things the evaluation will do. It will look at how the scheme was implemented. We are trying to work out whether it has been effective, and step one of that is: did you really implement what you said you were going to implement? You need to know that so that you can draw proper conclusions about it. There is another part of the work, which will look at how employers have responded and how employer provision of paid parental leave may change over time.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—I do not need those details now, but I appreciate them. Are you able to table the initial questionnaire that has been developed either today or on notice? ...</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—I am interested in when it is available, if you are able to table the initial questionnaire when it is finalised. I am interested in the reporting—</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We will take your advice on that. We will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—I would like the reporting dates, please, and if you can establish whether the reports will be made public.</p> | CA 47 |

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| 93 (two part question – joined to 92) | 1 | Bernardi | PPL Evaluation Questionnaire | <p>Mr Warburton—They will then be doing similar work with people who have received paid parental leave to see whether it has affected their behaviour and how it has affected their behaviour. We will need to look at questions such as do they take longer away from work to look after their children, how much time do they take off, and are they more likely to stay connected with their employers. There is a range of other things the evaluation will do. It will look at how the scheme was implemented. We are trying to work out whether it has been effective, and step one of that is: did you really implement what you said you were going to implement? You need to know that so that you can draw proper conclusions about it. There is another part of the work, which will look at how employers have responded and how employer provision of paid parental leave may change over time.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—I do not need those details now, but I appreciate them. Are you able to table the initial questionnaire that has been developed either today or on notice? ...</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—I am interested in when it is available, if you are able to table the initial questionnaire when it is finalised. I am interested in the reporting—</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We will take your advice on that. We will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—I would like the reporting dates, please, and if you can establish whether the reports will be made public.</p> | CA 47 |
| 094 | 1 | Bernardi | PPL Evaluation | <p>Senator BERNARDI—So this was a single tender, those 19 people. Are the names of the 19 individuals on the public record?</p> <p>Ms Dickenson—No.</p> <p>Mr Warburton—They are not on the public record at this stage.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—You will be able to track them down and let me know, will you?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We will take that on notice, too. I am not sure whether we have to get permission from the contractor about individuals. I do not see any reason why we would not be able to give it to you, but I would just like to take it on notice and take advice on it.</p> | CA 48 |

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| 095 | 1 | Bernardi | Communities for Children Plus Sites | <p>Senator BERNARDI—All right. There is \$3.7 million allocated for family support services, and Cardinia is one of the eight Communities for Children Plus sites that has received this money. How was the amount of money chosen for each of the particular eight sites?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—Just bear with us until we get the right person and the right piece of paper.</p> <p>Ms Carroll—Just to clarify, you were after how the funding amount was arrived at for each of the Communities For Children Plus sites?</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—Yes.</p> <p>Ms Emerson—I will have to take that on notice. I just do not have that information with me, I am sorry.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—Okay. I would be interested in a breakdown of how the \$3.7 million for Cardinia is to be spent.</p> | CA 50 |
| 096 | 1 | Bernardi | Communities for Children Plus Committee System | <p>Senator BERNARDI—Have all of those representatives been chosen?</p> <p>Ms Emerson—I would have to take that on notice.</p> | CA 51 |
| 291 | | Siewert | | <p>Senator SIEWERT—Is the work that you have been doing going to be contained in a type of report that can be released for public information?</p> <p>Ms Stehr—That would be a matter for the minister to consider. We have not had that discussion at this point in time.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I am happy to pass that on.</p> | CA 53 |
| 097 | 1 | Siewert | Family Relations Support Program | <p>Senator SIEWERT—Can I go back to an issue that we have visited a couple of times, and that is the number of people who were choosing to provide information voluntarily. What is the percentage at now?</p> <p>Ms Emerson—I will have to take on notice the overall percentage. But the technical issues we had with 1 July also coincided with the new system about being able to get the de-identified data into place. Hopefully by next estimates we will actually have some meaningful comparisons for you. I think that is probably best.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—Can you take it on notice, but if you cannot get it I will obviously be asking at the next estimates.</p> | CA 55 |

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| 098 | 1 | Furner | Forgotten Australians | <p>Senator FURNER—Are there any other forms of interaction occurring?</p> <p>Ms Essex—We also have strong interaction with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship in relation to former child migrants. I would have to take on notice all of the interactions. There has been quite a lot of interaction and discussion, both with the care leavers themselves and with state governments. I am happy to take that on notice and get you some detail around that.</p> <p>Senator FURNER—Thank you. What is involved in the interaction with immigration?</p> <p>Ms Essex—I will take the detail on notice, just because there has been quite a lot of interaction over the last 12 months and I would hesitate to leave anything out.</p> <p>Senator FURNER—I appreciate that.</p> | CA 56 |
| 100 | 2 | Payne | Housing Ministers Conference | <p>Senator PAYNE—Will both ministers attend Commonwealth and state housing ministers conferences or will they pick and choose?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I do not think that has been decided yet.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Could you take that on notice.</p> | CA 63 |
| 101 | 2 | Payne | COAG Meeting | <p>Senator PAYNE—Do you know the date of the next COAG meeting that is going to be considering some of these housing issues?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I think the next COAG meeting is scheduled for December, but I am not sure of the dates yet.</p> <p>Mr Tongue—A date has not been set, but there is some expectation in the bureaucracy that it might be.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Christmas COAG?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I am not sure. I need to be careful. I would need to take it on notice. Certainly a date has not been set. There have been discussions about an end of year or early new year COAG.</p> | CA 64 |

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| 088 | Cross | Payne | Electorate Level Reporting | <p>Senator PAYNE—I have two quick questions to follow up on question 30. When do you expect to finalise the implementation of that improved locational data collection, and is it data that will be publicly released when it is finalised?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I will take both of those on notice.</p> | CA 67 |
| 102 | 2 | Furner | Increased employment for the NAHA Program | <p>Senator FURNER—Concentrating on employment as a result of the program, what has been the result of any increased employment, in particular for apprentices?</p> <p>Ms Croke—We have advice from Treasury that they have indicated to us about 15,000 positions.</p> <p>Senator FURNER—Do you have a state based breakdown on that sort of apprenticeship?</p> <p>Ms Croke—No, I do not, here.</p> <p>Senator FURNER—Will you have a look at that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Croke—Certainly, we can do that.</p> <p>Mr Innis—I would not be surprised if Treasury’s estimate does not have a state-by-state component to it, but we would be very happy to check.</p> | CA 68 |
| 103 | 2 | Furner | Social Housing Dwellings | <p>Senator FURNER—Do you have figures in respect of the dwellings in regional centres at all?</p> <p>Ms Croke—Yes, we do. We know that around 41 per cent of the dwellings will be in regional locations.</p> <p>Senator FURNER—Once again, on notice, can I get a breakdown in terms of those locations?</p> | CA 69 |

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| 104 | 2 | Payne | Social Housing Dwellings | <p>Senator PAYNE—What proportion of the 17,000 is near completion? That would give us a better idea.</p> <p>Mr Tongue—Of the 17,000-odd, 4,000 have been completed. We can take on notice, if you like, to give you a breakdown of the data, say, by state—unless Sean has it.</p> <p>Mr Innis—I can do the breakdown by state now.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—What proportion is near completion? I think that would give us a much better idea of what will be achieved in the next 2½ months.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I do not think we have that currently, do we?</p> <p>Mr Innis—We monitor this—</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—I thought Mr Tongue just said that you did. You said that you had a breakdown of the stages they are at.</p> <p>Mr Innis—Certainly we monitor the program monthly, so we rapidly get an understanding of construction to completion. Whether we actually have a category that goes to ‘almost complete’ and ‘only just started’, I am not certain.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Even lockup would give us an idea.</p> <p>Mr Tongue—We will see what we can dig out of the states in order to give you some comfort.</p> | CA 74 |
| 105 | 2 | Ludlam | Social Housing Funding | <p>Senator LUDLAM—That was the number you gave us before; okay. We are most of the way through. Ms Croke, you are reading these statistics from a document. Are you able to table the document that you are reading from? I notice that you have a fair bit there and I do not want to tie up the committee’s time in getting you to read them one by one.</p> <p>Mr Innis—We would need to table a variation of the document, but we are happy to take it on notice.</p> | CA 74 |

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| 106 | 2 | Payne | Homelessness | <p>Senator PAYNE—I want to ask about the answer to question on notice No. 95 and some of the statistical information that was provided in it. You will see in the table that there is a significant drop in the number of young people assisted in group work between 2007-08 and 2008-09. It goes to 7,146, which is a pretty low level over the last five years. Has the department done any analysis of why that is the case? Have they gone somewhere else?</p> <p>Mr Tongue—No. I think I will have to take that one on notice because the number of young people assisted in group work dropped and then, in 2009-10, went up to 14,000. So clearly there is either a counting issue or a technical issue.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—So there are some quite significant changes in those numbers. Has the department done any analysis around any of that? Are you saying to me that, in 2009-10, 14,253 young people were assisted in group work from a number of 7,146 in 2008-09? I do not understand that.</p> <p>Mr Innis—We would need to take that question on notice, noting that these programs respond to what presents.</p> | CA 75 |
| 107 | 2 | Payne | Homelessness | <p>Senator PAYNE—There are actually two figures in that answer. For Reconnect, there is a percentage of clients with a positive change in their overall situation or individual goals met and a percentage of clients with an improved level of engagement with family, friends or peers and decreased social isolation. Is the second one there as well?</p> <p>Mr Innis—I have a range of information about who was assisted by Reconnect in 2009-10. I am not sure that it lines up entirely with your questioning, but I am happy to provide information. For example, I have the proportion of young clients who were homeless at intake in 2009-10; it was almost 25 per cent.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—I was just trying to match my question with the answers that the department gave in question 96: two categories for Reconnect and one category for HOME Advice. That is all I was trying to do. But, if you have more information for me, that would be very gratefully received and I would love you to take that on notice, please.</p> <p>Mr Innis—We would be happy to do that.</p> | CA 76 |

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| 108 | | Ludlam | White paper and national homelessness legislation | <p>Senator LUDLAM—Some time before the end of the year, are you able to—not you, obviously—put something into the public domain indicating where your thinking is at? Obviously, a lot of people are working on this and a lot of people are hanging on the outcome. <u>Are you able to give some sort of undertaking that before the end of this year, you will put something not just to the folk that you are consulting with directly but into the public domain about what the outcome is likely to be?</u></p> <p>Senator Arbib—I am happy to attempt to do that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—It might be really sketchy but it should be whatever you are able to do. I think people at least have earned the right to have some kind of update as to progress, because that is now nearly a year old.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I accept that and, as I have said, I will attempt to do that for you and for the sector.</p> | CA 76 |
| 110 | 3 | Fifield | VIC Bushfire Reconstruction | <p>Senator FIFIELD—Those matters will be further clarified?</p> <p>Ms Carroll—Yes.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Can you take on notice to provide that further clarification as to what the role of Minister Macklin is and FaHCSIA?</p> <p>Ms Carroll—We will give you a detailed background.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—That would be appreciated, and I will read with interest your final report. Thank you for that.</p> | CA 78 |

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| 111 | 3 | Boyce | Saver Plus Program - Mirrabooka | <p>Senator BOYCE—So does that mean there actually are 100 or 120 in each program or that is your maximum?</p> <p>Mr Riley—It is 120 in each program. They may go through in a number of different streams. One group may start in June, another group may start in July, but it is a total of 120 in that site.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—But you are saying here more than 120; the media release of 9 June says ‘more than 120’.</p> <p>Mr Riley—My understanding is it is 120 maximum per site.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—Could you perhaps check that and confirm that discrepancy and advise me how that discrepancy comes about?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—Is it not possible that at any one time in the pipeline, given they start at different times, you might have more than 120, but it would still be funded by the 120 limit?</p> <p>Mr Riley—That is certainly correct.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—I do not know a lot about the program, but if people can start continuously—and they might still have funding for 120 in the period—at any point in time you might get more or less.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—In that case, as I said, the question I am asking is: what is the exact number? Would you be able to give me the exact number at three or four recent points in time?</p> | CA 81 |
| 112 | 3 | Boyce | Saver Plus Program | <p>Mr Riley—Certainly. I can tell you that nationally the funding agreement is for 7,600 clients over the two-year period, but that is nationally in the 60 sites.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—Currently, how many clients are there?</p> <p>Mr Riley—I do not have the information of how many are in the system at the moment, for the reasons that Dr Harmer outlined.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—Perhaps, again, you could give me that at a couple of points in time, and since you are doing it, if you could give me a state by state breakdown that would be useful as well.</p> <p>Mr Riley—Certainly.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—Or site by site, whichever is appropriate.</p> | CA 81 |

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| 113 | 3 | Boyce | Saver Plus Program | <p>Senator BOYCE—Are there any restrictions on what the funding can be spent on?</p> <p>Mr Riley—Within the normal conditions of a FaHCSIA funding agreement there are some limitations. I would have to take on notice to give you the detail of those.</p> | CA 82 |
| 114 | 3 | Boyce | Saver Plus Program | <p>Senator BOYCE—That was going to be my next question: where it was publicly available. Who commissioned the evaluation?</p> <p>Mr Riley—I understand it was the Brotherhood of St Laurence and the ANZ at the time.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—You might like to amend that on notice if necessary. Are you saying you are certain or you are not entirely sure?</p> <p>Mr Riley—I am saying it is before the Commonwealth became involved with the project, so I did not have a direct involvement at the time.</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—Could you perhaps also tell us—and you will probably need to take this on notice as well—over what period of time did the evaluation look at the saving habits of participants? Over more than three years or just three years?</p> <p>Mr Riley—I will take that on notice.</p> | CA 83 |
| 115 | 3 | Boyce | Community Response Taskforce | <p>Senator BOYCE—It met three times in 2009 and the last time was 10 August 2009, according to the information that I have.</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I think they have had other meetings subsequent to that, but I will confirm that.</p> <p>Ms Carroll—We could take that on notice.</p> | CA 84 |
| 116 | 3 | Siewert | Income Management Letters | <p>Senator SIEWERT—I want to know, though, did you see that letter? Did the department see that letter?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb—I will need to take that on notice. I apologise. I have only been in this position a couple of weeks.</p> | CA 87 |

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| | | Siewert | | <p>CHAIR—Do you have a copy of the letter? Because we are talking about ‘the’ letter and that worries me in terms of the volume of correspondence—</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb—Centrelink are willing to provide the copies.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—I would appreciate a copy.</p> <p>CHAIR—About the same letter?</p> | CA 87 |
| 117 | 3 | Siewert | Income Management Evaluation Process | <p>Senator SIEWERT—It is going out for October. When will comments close?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb—I do not have that detail, I am sorry. I can give you an answer on notice, if that is all right.</p> | CA 88-89 |
| 120 | 4 | Fierravanti-Wells | Outcome 4 Advertising Spend | <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—No, I am not expecting them to make any comment. I might just move on to government advertising. How much was the final spend in the department for outcome 4 last financial year? Dr Harmer, if you do not have those figures, you can take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—Yes, I think we will have to take it on notice. The people who would have that were here this morning.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Perhaps if I could just put that on the record.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Again, perhaps if I could just ask that you take on notice the amount spent on advertising the Secure and Sustainable Pensions changes last financial year.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We would certainly be able to give you that.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I understand the budget estimate gave a figure of about \$1.2 million, but if you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—It would be very close to that.</p> | CA 93 |
| 121 | 4 | Fierravanti-Wells | Outcome 4 Staff Travel Expenses | <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—If you could also take on notice any plans for further government advertising in relation to outcome 4. You probably need to take on notice as well how much the department spent last financial year on outcome 4 staff travel and how much the department spent this financial year on outcome 4 staff travel.</p> <p>Dr Harmer—We would certainly have to take that on notice.</p> | CA 93 |

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| 118 | 3 | Fierravanti -Wells | Income Managem ent | <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Can I just move to income management? How many seniors have been affected by income management in the Northern Territory/Cape York?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—That would have been the previous people.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I see. Can I put this on notice and then that way they can—</p> <p>Dr Harmer—You could put that on notice. We could answer the question.</p> | CA 94 |
| 109 | 2 | Siewert | State Housing Rent Increases | <p>Senator SIEWERT—In the pension increase there was generally a moratorium by state agencies, for example, housing agencies, not to increase their rent. That moratorium has finished and there are a number of states that are now raising their rent, and I know there has been a lot of media around it and I have had a lot of phone calls and emails about it. Have you spoken to any of the states subsequently or has there been any contact or discussion with the states about keeping their rises to normal rises, not jumping in and taking all of that increase?</p> <p>Dr Harmer—It would be done by the housing people, but we may know the answer.</p> <p>Ms Winzar—The short answer is that some states are still considering whether they will extend the moratorium. A couple I think have decided that they will do that. I think New South Wales was one that was inclined to do that. I think we are still waiting on advice from a number of the other states, but I am happy to consult with my housing colleagues and provide that information on notice.</p> | CA 97 |
| 080 | cross | Abetz | Asylum seekers/ Refugees | Please list <i>all</i> government assistance that both groups qualify for, including (a) housing and (b) social security. | Written |
| 178 | 5 | Boyce | Gender equity – Women and disability | Women with Disabilities Australia” is the national organisation focused on women with disabilities. What is government doing to support NGO's like this? | Written |
| 179 | 5 | Boyce | Gender equity – Women and disability | Are you able to provide disaggregated statistics on the supported employment of people with disability? | Written |

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| 177 | 5 | Boyce | Gender equity – Women and disability | Of the federal funding allocated to disability service providers, approximately 2/3rds is directed towards providing services for male clients. How does the federal government justify this allocation? | Written |
| 231 | 6 | Boyce | Gender equity – Women and disability | Are you able to provide me with disaggregated statistics on Australia’s progress on the elimination of violence against women, particularly women with disabilities? | Written |
| 230 | Outcome 6 | Boyce | Women | Is the Office for Women aware of any work that has been done on the issue of the psychological violence and emotional abuse suffered by people who have been involved in cults? If so, please provide details. | Written |
| 255 | 7 | Boyce | Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure – Palm Island | <p>When the Labour Government came to power in 2007 there was waiting for them a war chest of \$762 million dollars for Aboriginal housing. The Coalition’s Minister for Aboriginal and Islander Affairs, Mal Brough, had released a plan for an estate of 46 houses on Palm Island.</p> <p>As of October 2010 not one of these houses has been built.</p> <p>1. Can the Department provide any and all information as to why they still haven’t been built, almost 4 years later?</p> <p>2. -----</p> | |
| 256 | 7 | Boyce | Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure – Palm Island | 3. Is it true that the housing situation on Palm Island is unsatisfactory and that up to 20 people share a single dwelling? | |
| 257 | 7 | Boyce | Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure – Palm Island | <p>Four ‘temporary’ structures have been placed on the island. They are in kit form and are not much bigger than the average garden shed. It’s claimed that these ‘temporary’ structures are homes and cost \$300,000 each.</p> <p>1. Does FAHCSIA describe these structures as homes?</p> <p>2. What did they each cost to build on Palm Island?</p> | |

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| 258 | 7 | Boyce | Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure – Palm Island | 3. If the Department regards them as homes, how many people are they designed to house, how many rooms do they have and what are their basic dimensions? | |
| 259 | 7 | Boyce | Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure – Palm Island | 4. I am informed that Palm Island has a registered electrician and four registered plumbers, were any local/indigenous tradespeople used in the construction? 5. If not, why not? 6. Were any local/indigenous people from Palm Island employed in any way on this project? | |
| 260 | 7 | Boyce | Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure – Palm Island | 7. When is the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, going to release the desperately needed funding for permanent housing on Palm Island? | |
| 004 | Cross | Cash | Office for Women – Security Clearances | 1. What level of security clearance do staff of the Office of Women have? 2. What is the highest level of security clearance in the Office of Women? 3. One of the roles of the Office of Women is to advise on legislative issues relating to women. a. Please advise what current legislative issues are being advised on? b. How many persons are deployed in respect to each area of advice? | Written |

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| 190 | 6 | Cash | Women's Forums | <p>4. A role of the Office of Women is stated to be to provide the principal focus on consultation between the women's sector and Government and represent Government at national and international forums on women's issues such as the UN. Please advise:</p> <p>a. What national and international women's forums representatives from the Office of Women have attended since November 2007?</p> <p>b. In relation to each Forum:</p> <p>I. Provide the names of those who attended;</p> <p>II. How were the attendees selected and by whom? Were there selection criteria, if so, what were they?</p> <p>III. what was the person's role at the relevant Forum;</p> <p>IV. What was the cost of each attendee at the relevant Forum?</p> | Written |
| 191 | 6 | Cash | Panel of Experts | <p>5. As part of the Office of Women's Outcome strategy it is stated that "the office has developed and will support a panel of experts to provide advice across government. This work will continue to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of policy and programming". Please advise:</p> <p>a) Who is on the panel of experts?</p> <p>b) How were they chosen and by whom?</p> <p>c) What work have they done to date?</p> <p>d) What indicators are in place to measure whether the work undertaken by the panel of experts is actually improving the effectiveness and efficiency of policy and programming?</p> | Written |
| 003 | Cross | Cash | Office for Women - Staffing | <p>6. How many staff does the Office of Women currently have on a full-time, part-time and non-outgoing basis?</p> <p>7. How many staff are employed at SES levels?</p> <p>8. How does this compare to staffing last year?</p> <p>9. Does the Office of Women currently have any staffing vacancies? If so, please provide particulars.</p> | Written |

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| 192 | 6 | Cash | Assessment by stakeholders of the contribution of the Office for Women to national debates affecting general equality | <p>10. With reference to the performance indicator “Assessment by stakeholders of the contribution of the Office for Women to national debates affecting general equality”. Please advise:</p> <p>a) Who are the stakeholders and please provide a list of them.</p> <p>b) How is their assessment received i.e. written, verbal?</p> <p>c) When it is received?</p> <p>d) Please provide a copy to date of all assessments received from stakeholders by the Office of Women since November 2007</p> <p>e) How does the assessment contribute to the achievement of this key performance indicator?</p> | Written |
| 193 | 6 | Cash | Percentage and number of women contacting the national online and 1800 service | 11. I refer to the performance indicator “percentage and number of women contacting the national online and 1800 service”. In the 2010/2011 Budget Statement it was stated that “There is no data presently available to report on the appropriateness and timeliness of referral”. Please advise to date the status of this performance indicator and the workings of the national online and 1800 service. | Written |
| 194 | 6 | Cash | Appoint Women Website | <p>13. When was the AppointWomen website launched?</p> <p>14. How many staff from the Office of Women work on the AppointWomen register?</p> | Written |
| 195 | 6 | Cash | Appoint Women Website | 15. What has the annual budget of the AppointWomen website been each year since it was launched? | Written |
| 196 | 6 | Cash | Appoint Women Website | 16. What steps does the Office of Women take to promote the AppointWomen website and are there associated advertising or promotion costs? | Written |
| 197 | 6 | Cash | Appoint Women Website | <p>17. How many women are currently registered with AppointWomen?</p> <p>18. Since the launch of the AppointWomen Register how many women have gone through the website?</p> | Written |

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| 198 | 6 | Cash | Appoint Women Website | <p>19. How many Government departments utilise the AppointWomen website when seeking to make appointments?</p> <p>20. How many women have been successfully appointed to a board position or other government decision making body from the AppointWomen register in each year since the website was launched?</p> <p>21. Please provide a list of the successful appointments.</p> | Written |
| 199 | 6 | Cash | Appoint Women Website | <p>21. Does the Department consider the Appoint Women register to be successful? On what basis does it believe this?</p> | Written |
| 200 | 6 | Cash | Strengthening Office for Women | <p>22. At chapter 13, point 26, of Labor's 2007 National Platform it states that it will "strengthen the Office of the Status of Women." What measures has Labor taken over the past three years to strengthen the Office for Women?</p> | Written |
| 201 | 6 | Cash | Legal Actions | <p>23. Were any legal actions commenced against EOWA since July 2009 to date, and if so will the Minister provide relevant particulars.</p> | Written |
| 201 | 6 | Cash | Legal Actions | <p>24. Did EOWA commence any legal actions against any party since July 2009 to date, and if so will the Minister provide relevant particulars.</p> | Written |
| 203 | 6 | Cash | Leadership for Women | <p>25. The Department funds different programs in relation to local government leadership for women. What have the programs relating to local government leadership for women in rural areas accomplished?</p> <p>26. How are these programs evaluated?</p> | Written |

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| 204 | 6 | Cash | Sports Leadership Grant | <p>27. I refer to the sports leadership grants for women:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many applications were received for 2009/2010 b) How many applications were received for 2010/2011 c) How many persons were successful in 2009/2010 d) For the year 2010/2011 when will the successful applicants be announced? e) Please provide a list of successful applicants for 2009/2010 including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) the category of scholarship applied for; ii) the amount of the grant provided; and iii) the amount of any previous sport grant received by a successful 2009/2010 applicant iv) The Federal electorate of each successful applicant. f) Of the applicants for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 how many were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; ii. From a culturally or linguistically diverse background; or iii. Persons with a disability g) Why are applications only received on-line? Does this prejudice a potential applicant's opportunity to apply? h) What governance procedures are in place to ensure that a successful applicant actually complies with the requirements in the grant? i) Did all applicants for 2009/2010 attend an Australian Sports Commission sports leadership workshop? If not, why not? | Written (transferred to the Australian Sports Commission – PM&C) |
| 205 | 6 | Cash | "Making it Fair" Report Recommendations | <p>29. With reference to the House of Representatives, Standing Committee on Employment and Workplace Relations, Report, <i>Making it Fair</i>, dated November 2009 to which the Agency made a submission and ask in respect of Recommendation 32: <i>That the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act 1999 be repealed and the functions of the office be incorporated in the proposed Pay Equity Act</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Agency support the recommendation? 2. Has the Agency undertaken any research, received any advice or commissioned any consultancies to enquire into this issue? 3. What would be the impact of such a change? 4. What are the underlying public policy issues that would support such a change? 5. What are the advantages of such a change? 6. What are the disadvantages of such a change? 7. What policy decisions have been made on this issue and what the proposed timelines are? | Written |

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| 206 | 6 | Cash | “Making it Fair” Report Recommendations | <p>30. In respect of Recommendation 41: <i>That the Office for Women be located within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>, does the Agency support recommendation 41 to relocate the Office of Women to PM and C?</p> <p>a) What would be the impact of such a change?</p> <p>b) What are the underlying public policy issues that would support such a change?</p> <p>c) What are the advantages of such a change?</p> <p>d) What are the disadvantages of such a change?</p> <p>e) What policy decisions have been made on this issue and what are the proposed timelines?</p> | Written |
| 207 | 6 | Cash | “Making it Fair” Report Recommendations | <p>31. In respect of Recommendation 43: <i>That the Minister for the Status of Women provide an annual statement to Parliament on Australia’s progress in improving women’s economic and financial independence which includes an analysis of the pay equity situation in Australia.</i></p> <p>a) Please provide an overview of the progress made in the last 12 months in improving women’s economic and financial independence?</p> <p>b) Does the Government agree with the recommendation and if so when does the Minister intend to release this statement.</p> | Written |

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| 208 | 6 | Cash | Reducing Violence Against Women and their Children Report | <p>32. I refer to the report of The National Council's Plan for Australia to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children, 2009-2021 published in March 2009:</p> <p>a) In relation to Recommendation 1 (Vision and commitment): That the Australian Government commit to a vision for Australia where <i>"women and their children live free from violence, within respectful relationships, and in safe communities"</i>. What new programs has the Government initiated to address the issues raised in Recommendation 1, since the tabling of this recommendation? What was the financial commitment in respect of those new programs?</p> <p>b) In relation to Recommendation 2: <i>That the Australian Government supports the realisation of this vision for Australia's women and children through a long-term, strategic and sustained commitment. This commitment would be effected through a series of three-year implementation plans to 2021 to be developed in partnership with government, business and the community, built on research and evaluation, and that will incorporate the outcomes of measures already implemented.</i> What specific action has been taken to achieve this objective? What outcomes have been achieved to date?</p> <p>c) The National Council raised a number of issues in recommendation 3 which states: (Clear outcomes, strategies and actions): <i>That the Australian Government agree that realising this vision requires that: Communities are safe and free from violence; Relationships are respectful; Services meet the needs of women and their children; Responses are just; Perpetrators stop their violence; Systems work together effectively.</i> What specific action has been taken to achieve this objective? What outcomes have been achieved to date?</p> <p>d) In relation to Recommendation 5 (Clear outcomes, strategies and actions) <i>That the Australian Government note that the Council has identified a set of actions for the next 12 years aimed at achieving the Plan of Action's outcomes and executing its strategies, and agree to: urgently implement the priority actions that the Council considers represent the minimum investment to effect change; start work on the other early actions identified in the first three-year implementation plan; review actions in developing the second and subsequent three-year implementation plans.</i></p> <p>I. What action has the Government taken since the tabling of the Report to urgently implement the priority actions that the Council considers represent the minimum investment to effect change?</p> <p>II. What action has the Government taken since the tabling of the Report to start work on the other early actions identified in the first three-year implementation plan?</p> <p>III. Does the Government agree to review actions in developing the second and subsequent three-year implementation plans?</p> <p>IV. What specific action has been taken to achieve this objective?</p> <p>e) What outcomes have been achieved to date?</p> | Written |
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| 209 | 6 | Cash | Director of EOWA | 33. When did Anna McPhee resign as Director of the EOWA? 34. On what date was Ms Steele appointed Acting Director of EOWA. 35. Why does the EOWA still have an Acting Director and not a permanent director? 36. What is the process for appointing a permanent Director and who is specifically responsible (by position and name)? | Written |
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| 210 | 6 | Cash | Director of EOWA | 37. What steps has the EOWA undertaken to appoint a permanent Director? 38. When does the EOWA expect to appoint a permanent Director? | Written |
| 211 | 6 | Cash | Review of EOWA Act | 39. Is the Department aware of plans by the Government to make any changes to its policies based on the review of the EOWA and Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act? | Written |
| 212 | 6 | Cash | Pay scales | 42. What is the effect of rolling the performance bonus into base ongoing salary 43. Does this practice give an effective pay rise outside the agreed band and have the potential of moving an employee through the recognised pay scales at an accelerated rate? If not what is the policy that underpins such a practice. | Written |
| 213 | 6 | Cash | Paid Maternity Leave and Paid Primary Carers Leave entitlements | 44. Are the Paid Maternity Leave and Paid Primary Carers Leave entitlements in line with the Australian Public Service and how do they compare with industrial awards? | Written |

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| 214 | 6 | Cash | Women's Leadership Programs | <p>45. With reference to the various women's leadership programs that have been previously funded and the programs included in the 2010-2011 budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please advise particulars of the amount of the grant in respect of each current program and the organisation to which it was paid, the project completion date? b. Please provide details of the various women's leadership programs funded for each of the financial years ended, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and the respective completion dates? c. Were any projects not completed by the original completion date and if so why, and what action was taken in respect to the failure of the organisation to comply with the agreed completion date. d. What governance procedures are in place to ensure the funding provided for a particular organisation is used for the purpose of the grant? e. How many women participated in the leadership programs that you funded in the past financial year? | Written |
| 215 | 6 | Cash | National Online and 1800 Counselling Service | <p>46. I refer to the selection of a service provider to operate the new National Online and 1800 Counselling Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide details of the organisation/s contracted to this role and the terms of the contract/s, including the tender details b. What is the estimated cost of this service for the financial year 2010 -2011? c. How does the service link into similar services that are provided in the respective States and Territories? d. How many operators are employed to provide the services and in what locations are they established. e. How many categories are used to record the calls received by a call centre. f. How many calls in each category were recorded in 2000-2010? This is answered for the period June 2006 – May 2009? | Written |

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| 216 | 6 | Cash | Respectful Relationships | <p>47. With reference to the Respectful Relationship Program in schools:</p> <p>a. What are the criteria for funding of this program?</p> <p>48. With reference to the Respectful Relationship Program in schools:</p> <p>a. what is the criteria for funding of the program?</p> <p>b. Please provide details of the funded projects and the relevant sites in Round 1, and 2 and any other projects funded outside Round 1 and 2.</p> <p>c. What criteria is applied to determine if the Respectful Relationships projects are efficiently and effectively delivered.</p> <p>d. What empirical evidence is available to indicate the projects are efficiently and effectively delivered?</p> | Written |
| 090 | 1 | Cash | Family Violence Services | <p>49. With reference to the 42 Specialised Family Violence Services funded through a Family Support Program in 2009 2010:</p> <p>a. In which locations were these services provided.</p> <p>b. What was the extent of the funding for each of these locations?</p> <p>c. Which Specialised Family Violence Services locations will be funded in 2010-2011 and what is the anticipated funding for each of these locations.</p> <p>d. What governance procedures are in place to determine that the funding achieves value for money for the services provided?</p> <p>e. What key performance indicators are employed to determine the extent of value for money for the services provided?</p> | Written |
| 217 | 6 | Cash | Reducing Violence Against Women and their Children Report | <p>50. With reference to the <i>Time for Action: The National Council's Plan for Australia to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2009-2021</i>:</p> <p>a. What criteria does the Department employ to determine the social marketing strategy which is to be implemented in conjunction with state and territory governments?</p> <p>b. How much funding was expended on the social marketing strategy during 2010 – 2011?</p> <p>c. How much is anticipated to be expended in each of the next four years.</p> <p>d. How much did each of the respective state and territory governments provide as contributory funding in 2009-2010 and how much will they provide as contributory funding in each of the next four years.</p> | Written |

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| 218 | 6 | Cash | Year of Women in Local Government | 51. As 2010 is being celebrated as the year of women in Local Government what involvement has the Office of Women had in celebrating this occasion. 52. What funding has the Government contributed to the year of women in Local Government? | Written |
| 219 | 6 | Cash | Year of Women in Local Government | 53. How has this funding been distributed and who or what organisations have received funding. 54. What was the amount of funding provided to individuals or organisations. | Written |
| 220 | 6 | Cash | Appointment of Women | 55. Since November 2007 what has been the annual increase in the appointment of women? | Written |
| 221 | 6 | Cash | Appointment of Women | 56. In the forward by the Minister to the Women on Australian Government Boards Report 2008 – 2009 it is stated: “There has been strong commitment from some Ministers and significant advances in the new appointments of women in some portfolios.” Who are these Ministers and please set out the significant advances in the new appointments of women in some portfolios. | Written |
| 222 | 6 | Cash | Women on Australian Government Boards Report 2008 | 57. In the introduction to the Report is stated that “ <i>At the October 2009 Commonwealth, State, Territory and New Zealand Ministers' Conference on the Status of Women (MINCO), Ministers welcomed the attention to address and improve the representation of women on government, private and community boards, noting the inadequate performance of the private sector in promoting women to their boards and senior leadership positions. Women’s Ministers will work together to explore a variety of solutions to improve the representation of women on boards during 2010</i> ”: a. What has been done to date by the various State and Federal Ministers to explore a variety of solutions to improve the representation of women on boards during 2010? b. What has been achieved to date? | Written |
| 223 | 6 | Cash | White Ribbon Campaign | 58. How much funding was provided for the White Ribbon Campaign in each of the financial years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010? 59. What are the criteria used to determine how this funding is distributed. | Written |

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| 224 | 6 | Cash | Victims of People Trafficking Program | 60. Given that the Office for Women Work Plan involves Administering the Support for the Victims of People Trafficking Program what was the amount of funding allocated to the program in each of the financial years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010? 61. What are the criteria used to determine how this funding is distributed. | Written |
| 225 | 6 | Cash | UN Commission on the Status of Women meeting | 62. What was the extent of the involvement of the Office for Women in supporting the former Minister's attendance at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meeting in 2009? 63. Who accompanied the former Minister to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meeting in 2009? | Written |
| 226 | 6 | Cash | UN Commission on the Status of Women meeting | 64. What was the cost to the Office for Women in supporting the former Minister's attendance at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meeting in 2009? | |
| 227 | 6 | Cash | Strategic Research Plan | 65. In 2008-2009 the Office of Women was developing a strategic research plan to support the strategic priorities of the Office for Women and the broader research directions of FaHCSIA. a. Please provide a copy of the current Office of Women strategic research plan? b. How does the current strategic research plan differ from the previous strategic research plan? | Written |
| 228 | 6 | Cash | National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children | 66. What is the current status of funding for The National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children? 67. What specific programs are currently being pursued in The National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children? | Written |
| 229 | 6 | Cash | National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children | 68. How does the Office of Women assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the funded programs? | Written |

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| 001 | Cross | Fielding | Red Book | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a returned Labor Government (the so-called 'Red Book')? 2. Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief? 3. If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? 4. If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department? 5. Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions? | Written |
| 002 | Cross | Fielding | Blue Book | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a newly elected Coalition Government (the 'Blue Book')? 7. Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief? 8. If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? 9. If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department? 10. Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions? | Written |
| 232 | 6 | Fifield | Violence against women – accessibility of domestic violence shelters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does FaHCSIA have a management and/or funding role in domestic violence shelters for women? | Written |
| 233 | 6 | Fifield | Violence against women – accessibility of domestic violence shelters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many shelters are there across Australia? • How many of these shelters are accessible for people with a disability? | Written |

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| 234 | 6 | Fifield | Violence against women – accessibility of domestic violence shelters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the Department aware that some women with a disability who suffer from domestic violence have been turned away from shelters because they are not accessible? • What plans are in place to make sure that domestic violence shelters are made accessible for people with a disability? | Written |
| 122 | 5 | Fifield | Better Start for children with a disability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is this commitment being funded? • Please provide the list of savings offsets that the Labor Party's election policy document claimed would fully fund this policy over the forward estimates • How many children in Australia under the age of six have been diagnosed with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sight impairments ○ Hearing impairments ○ Cerebral palsy ○ Down syndrome ○ Fragile X syndrome | Written |
| 123 | 5 | Fifield | Better Start for children with a disability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is going to be on the panel of approved service providers and how will they be selected and appointed? | Written |
| 124 | 5 | Fifield | Better Start for children with a disability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will the membership of the panel be finalised? | Written |
| 125 | 5 | Fifield | Better Start for children with a disability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will people be approved for funding? | Written |
| 126 | 5 | Fifield | Attitudes website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is this commitment being funded? | Written |

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| 127 | 5 | Fifield | Attitudes website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What sort of content will be developed for the website? • How will the people with disability to edit the website be selected? | Written |
| 128 | 5 | Fifield | Attitudes website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a breakdown of the budget for the website. i.e. the line items that the total funding of \$500,000 is planned to be spent on | Written |
| 129 | 5 | Fifield | Attitudes website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The commitment talks about people with a disability being given “a national voice” through this new website Does that mean that, if they so wish, people with a disability can use this website to be critical of government policy and/or decisions of FaHCSIA? Or will comments be censored? | Written |
| 130 | 5 | Fifield | Attitudes website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When is the website expected to be up and running? | Written |
| 005 | Cross | Fifield | Number of employee with a disability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide the number of FaHCSIA employees with a disability – provide total numbers as at 1 July for the years 2006 through 2010 inclusive please | Written |
| 006 | Cross | Fifield | Number of employee with a disability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What strategies are currently being pursued to increase the number of people with a disability employed in FaHCSIA? | Written |
| 007 | Cross | Fifield | Number of employee with a disability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has FaHCSIA been doing to actively encourage other departments to increase their numbers of employees with a disability? | Written |
| 008 | Cross | Fifield | Number of employee with a disability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is FaHCSIA’s human resources function given support and training on how to design jobs so that people with a disability are able to apply? | Written |

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| 131 | 5 | Fifield | National Disability Parking Permits Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an update on how the implementation of the National Disability Parking Permits Scheme is progressing • How many people have received their new permits? | Written |
| 132 | 5 | Fifield | National Disability Parking Permits Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a plan as to how long after the scheme's commencement in each State and Territory that enforcement activities will begin? i.e. the issuing of fines for failing to display correct permits? • Will there be a grace period to enable people to properly transition to the new scheme? | Written |
| 133 | 5 | Fifield | National Disability Parking Permits Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were Queensland's 'red' disability parking permits previously able to be used interstate? | Written |
| 134 | 5 | Fifield | National Disability Parking Permits Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it the case that under the previous disability parking schemes, of all States and Territories, Queensland was the only one to distinguish the degree of incapacity when assessing eligibility for 'blue' and 'red' disability parking permits? | Written |
| 135 | 5 | Fifield | National Disability Parking Permits Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it the case that most, if not all, other states only distinguished between 'permanent' and 'temporary' incapacity in permit holders? | Written |
| 136 | 5 | Fifield | National Disability Parking Permits Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the new national system now exclude Queenslanders with less severe, yet permanent, disabilities (i.e. red permit holders) because of the previous eligibility requirements in place in Queensland? | Written |
| 137 | 5 | Fifield | National Disability Parking Permits Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can current 'red' permit holders in Queensland apply to the new national scheme and be assessed on new criteria, or will their status as 'red' permit holders exclude them from further consideration? | Written |

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| 138 | 5 | Fifield | National Disability Strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Department arranged for the Draft National Disability Strategy to be listed on the agenda for the next COAG meeting? • When did the Department do so? • How much time does the Department anticipate being allocated to discuss the Strategy? • Will officers from FaHCSIA be attending to brief COAG Members on the Strategy? | Written |
| 139 | 5 | Fifield | National Disability Strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please outline the consultation process around the Strategy? Was a uniform approach taken across Australia, or was it done differently in different States? Why? | Written |
| 009 | Cross | Fifield | Disability traineeship Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an update on the traineeship program for FaHCSIA employees with a disability • How many participants are there? • Has there been much turnover since last Estimates? | Written |
| 140 | 5 | Fifield | Autism Specific Early Learning Centres | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are all centres now up and running? • Please provide the dates on which each centre opened | Written |
| 141 | 5 | Fifield | Autism Specific Early Learning Centres | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an update on the enrolment levels for the Autism Specific Early Learning Centres | Written |
| 142 | 5 | Fifield | Autism Specific Early Learning Centres | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the Department have an indication of any unmet demand for the centres? | Written |
| 143 | 5 | Fifield | Autism Specific Early Learning Centres | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any plans to build more centres? | Written |

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| 144 | 5 | Fifield | Autism Specific Early Learning Centres | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the Department been asked to develop and/or cost any such proposals? | Written |
| 145 | 5 | Fifield | Autism Specific Early Learning Centres | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the Government consider the current service levels and number of places provided to be adequate? | Written |
| 146 | 5 | Fifield | Leaders for Tomorrow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is this commitment being funded? | Written |
| 147 | 5 | Fifield | Leaders for Tomorrow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will mentors be approached and selected? | Written |
| 148 | 5 | Fifield | Leaders for Tomorrow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The commitment says \$3 million will be allocated to support up to 200 people with disability – that equates to \$15,000 per person. What is the funding for? Admin costs of the program? Payments to the mentors? Provide details and amounts please | Written |
| 149 | 5 | Fifield | Leaders for Tomorrow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What happens to the 200 program participants after the 12 month program? Is there follow-up, support for them to gain employment etc? In other words, how will participants take advantage of the skills they gain through this program? | Written |
| 150 | 5 | Fifield | Leaders for Tomorrow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When does the Department expect the program to be up and running? | Written |
| 151 | 5 | Fifield | \$1M for digital playback devices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is this commitment being funded? | Written |

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| 152 | | | \$1M for digital playback devices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the libraries to receive playback devices be selected? | Written |
| 153 | 5 | Fifield | \$1M for digital playback devices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What measures will be put in place to ensure that these grants are not used for Labor pork-barrelling? | Written |
| 154 | 5 | Fifield | \$1M for digital playback devices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many digital playback devices will be provided under this commitment? | Written |
| 155 | 5 | Fifield | \$1M for digital playback devices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will FaHCSIA purchase equipment and provide it to libraries, or will libraries receive funding to purchase items themselves? | Written |
| 156 | 5 | Fifield | \$1M for digital playback devices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has FaHCSIA considered the need for additional items to support the digital playback devices, such as headphones and supporting software? | Written |
| 157 | 5 | Fifield | \$1M for digital playback devices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When does the Department expect the \$1m to be fully expended and the playback devices up and running in libraries? | Written |
| 158 | 5 | Fifield | Autism advisers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many autism advisers are funded under the Helping Children With Autism package? | Written |
| 159 | 5 | Fifield | Autism advisers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many are currently employed across Australia? i.e. are there any vacancies? • What has the turnover rate for autism advisers been? | Written |
| 160 | 5 | Fifield | Autism advisers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When does their funding expire? • Has FaHCSIA been asked to cost any proposals to renew or to increase their funding? | Written |

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| 161 | 5 | Fifield | Autism advisers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the Minister guarantee that the Government will continue funding Autism advisers? | Written |
| 162 | 5 | Fifield | Accessible Community Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is this commitment being funded? | Written |
| 163 | 5 | Fifield | Accessible Community Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have application guidelines for the grants been developed? Will FaHCSIA consult with local governments and disabilities stakeholders before finalising the grant program guidelines? | Written |
| 164 | 5 | Fifield | Accessible Community Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When does the Department expect to open applications for grants? How many grant rounds will there be? | Written |
| 165 | 5 | Fifield | Accessible Community Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When does the Department expect the first round of grant applications to be paid to local governments? | Written |
| 166 | 5 | Fifield | Accessible Community Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What measures will be put in place to ensure that these grants are not used for Labor pork-barrelling? | Written |
| 010 | Cross | Fifield | Efficiency dividend | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has FaHCSIA started implementing the Government's savings election commitment of a maintaining the annual efficiency dividend on departmental expenses at 1.25 per cent? If not, why not? If yes, give details. | Written |
| 011 | Cross | Fifield | Efficiency dividend | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will any FaHCSIA agencies be seeking an exemption to implementing the efficiency dividend? | Written |
| 012 | Cross | Fifield | Efficiency dividend | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will FaHCSIA implement the efficiency dividend? Give examples of the types of cuts FaHCSIA will make (i.e. no more pot plants in departmental buildings). | Written |
| 013 | Cross | Fifield | Efficiency dividend | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will there be cuts to staff? If yes, give details. | Written |

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| 014 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the total expenditure on staffing for the Department and for all portfolio agencies? | Written |
| 015 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the SES and non-SES breakdown? | Written |
| 016 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers? • How many SES were employed in the Department and portfolio agencies on 10 May 2010? | Written |
| 017 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many SES were employed in the Department and portfolio agencies as of today? • What is the breakdown by each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? • What is the gender breakdown by each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? • What is the breakdown by location for each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? • What is the breakdown by each level of ongoing staff and non ongoing staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? | Written |
| 018 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has been the general staffing trend in your department and portfolio agencies since the 2007 election (for example SES numbers and recruitment has increased by X per cent because of Y). | Written |
| 019 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What have been the changes in staffing levels since Budget Estimates 2010? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the Budgetary implications? In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? What functions these staff performed have been sacrificed and why? | Written |
| 020 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there expected changes to current staffing levels over the next 12 months? If yes, provide details including a breakdown of each level staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band) detailing the changes. Will this be different to what was reported in the 2010-11 Budget? • | Written |
| 021 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this? Will staff reductions be used to achieve the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend? | Written |

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| 022 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how have staff been identified for such offers? Are there such plans for the future? | Written |
| 023 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many permanent staff recruited since Budget Estimates 2010? What level are these staff? Where is their location? | Written |
| 024 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since Budget Estimates 2010, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? | Written |
| 025 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the current efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts since Budget Estimate s2010? If so, where and at what level? | Written |
| 026 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. | Written |
| 027 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the Department/agency has been identified in the 2010 election as delivering efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, savings commitments included reducing program funding, rationalising grants etc how will these impact the department and staffing) . | Written |
| 028 | Cross | Fifield | Staffing levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions or increases are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc. | Written |
| 029 | Cross | Fifield | Electoral reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? What data will be included? | Written |
| 030 | Cross | Fifield | Electoral reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did the Department prepare electorate level reports for the Government Ministers for the 2010 election? What data is included in these reports? How often is this updated? Why is this material not publicly available? Please provide copy of latest reports. | Written |
| 031 | Cross | Fifield | Electoral reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007? | Written |

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| 032 | Cross | Fifield | Consultancies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much has the Department spent on consultancy services since Budget Estimates 2010? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). • How can the Department justify this expenditure? | Written |
| 033 | Cross | Fifield | Consultancies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since Budget Estimates 2010? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts awarded? Provide total figures since Budget Estimates 2010 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD. | Written |
| 034 | Cross | Fifield | Consultancies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website? Are the figures available on that site correct? | Written |
| 035 | Cross | Fifield | Consultancies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has there been any changes in the consultancies are planned for this calendar year since Budget Estimates 2010? If yes, have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. | Written |
| 036 | Cross | Fifield | Consultancies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could the Department provide a complete list of current consultancy services. For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use. For each consultancy, please indicate why the Department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves. | Written |
| 037 | Cross | Fifield | Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. | Written |
| 038 | Cross | Fifield | Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details. | Written |

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| 039 | Cross | Fifield | Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details. | Written |
| 040 | Cross | Fifield | Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details. | Written |
| 041 | Cross | Fifield | Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. | Written |
| 042 | Cross | Fifield | Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details. | Written |
| 043 | Cross | Fifield | Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details. | Written |
| 044 | Cross | Fifield | Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details. | Written |
| 045 | Cross | Fifield | Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. | Written |
| 046 | Cross | Fifield | Advertising and Marketing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How much has the Department and portfolio agencies spent on advertising and marketing since Budget Estimates? | Written |
| 047 | Cross | Fifield | Advertising and Marketing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could the Department provide a complete list of current contracts. Please indicate the rationale for each service provided and its intended use. | Written |
| 048 | Cross | Fifield | Advertising and Marketing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What communications programs has the Department and portfolio agencies undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken? For each program, what is the total spend? | Written |

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| 049 | Cross | Fifield | Discretionary grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since Budget Estimates 2010? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. • | Written |
| 050 | Cross | Fifield | Discretionary grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants? | Written |
| 051 | Cross | Fifield | Commissioned reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio since Budget Estimates 2010? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members • How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? | Written |
| 052 | Cross | Fifield | Board appointments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? • What is the gender ratio of appointments made to boards since Budget Estimates 2010? | Written |
| 053 | Cross | Fifield | Board appointments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you implementing the Government target of 40 per cent women appointed to Boards? | Written |
| 054 | Cross | Fifield | FIO Requests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests? | Written |
| 055 | Cross | Fifield | FIO Requests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many FOI requests has the Department received since December 2007? • How many have been granted or denied? | Written |
| 056 | Cross | Fifield | FIO Requests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests? | Written |
| 057 | Cross | Fifield | FIO Requests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Department/agency received any FOI requests for its Incoming Government Brief ('Red Book')? If yes, when and will it be released? | Written |

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| 058 | Cross | Fifield | FIO Requests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the Department/agency received any FOI requests for its Incoming Government Brief ('Blue Book')? If yes, when and will it be released? | Written |
| 059 | Cross | Fifield | Reviews | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since Budget Estimates 2010? | Written |
| 060 | Cross | Fifield | Reviews | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> when those reviews were provided to Government, estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review. | Written |
| 061 | Cross | Fifield | Reviews | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many reviews are ongoing? How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates? What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency? Will any of these reviews cease due to the 2010 Election? | Written |
| 062 | Cross | Fifield | Government Payment of Accounts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the department paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) | Written |
| 063 | Cross | Fifield | Government Payment of Accounts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? | Written |

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| 064 | Cross | Fifield | Administrative Arrangement Orders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please detail what changes have occurred in the FaHCSIA portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 September 2010. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage or whether refurbishment or additional space will need to be leased to accommodate new staff. Alternatively, will agencies be left with empty office space due to loss of staff). Please provide details ○ Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band. | Written |
| 065 | Cross | Fifield | Administrative Arrangement Orders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were there any changes in the FaHCSIA portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 October 2010. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage). Please provide details. ○ Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band. • | Written |
| 066 | Cross | Fifield | Administrative Arrangement Orders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please describe what, if any, Administrative Arrangements Orders occurred in your portfolio between November 2007 and July 2010? Please detail the costs associated with these. | Written |
| 067 | Cross | Fifield | Media Subscriptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. | Written |
| 068 | Cross | Fifield | Media Subscriptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers | Written |
| 069 | Cross | Fifield | Media Subscriptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. | Written |

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| 070 | Cross | Fifield | Travel Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed a whole-of-government coordinated procurement arrangements for travel and related services. How has this applied to the department and its portfolio agencies? Please explain the changes that have occurred in FaHCSIA and portfolio agencies in relation to its travel and related services | Written |
| 071 | Cross | Fifield | Travel Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is purchasing of travel and related services less expensive under the new arrangements? Is purchasing of travel and related services more efficient under the new arrangements? Have savings been achieved in the portfolio because of the new arrangements? | Written |
| 072 | Cross | Fifield | Travel Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How much did the department and portfolio agencies spend on travel in 2008-09, 2009-10 and to date this financial year. | Written |
| 073 | Cross | Fifield | Travel Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have staff within the department and portfolio agencies found the new arrangements? For example is it more efficient to arrange travel? | Written |
| 074 | Cross | Fifield | Commonwealth Property Management Framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed the establishment of Commonwealth Property Management Framework. How has this applied to the department and its portfolio agencies? | Written |
| 075 | Cross | Fifield | Commonwealth Property Management Framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the implementation of this Framework lead to savings in your portfolio? Please provide details. | Written |

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| 076 | Cross | Fifield | Whole of Government Departmental Efficiencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies? | Written |
| 077 | Cross | Fifield | Whole of Government Departmental Efficiencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you provide details of how these efficiencies will be achieved? Please provide specific examples. | Written |
| 078 | Cross | Fifield | Whole of Government Departmental Efficiencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the implementation of the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend impact on your department or portfolio agencies ability to meet the efficiencies outlined in the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook? | Written |
| 079 | Cross | Fifield | Whole of Government Departmental Efficiencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff to meet the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies in your portfolio? If so, please provide details? Are there such plans for the future? | Written |
| 167 | 5 | Fifield | Karonga Special School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are you aware of any funding submissions from Karonga School in Sydney? Have these submissions been successful in receiving funding? If the submissions were not successful, please outline why not. | Written |

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| 168 | 5 | Fifield | Disability Services – unmet need | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the Department aware of reports prepared by State and Territory Governments detailing the unmet need in disability services? | Written |
| 169 | 5 | Fifield | Disability Services – unmet need | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the Department provided with copies of these reports? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If not, has the Department requested copies of these reports? ○ If any State or Territory government has refused to provide a copy of these reports, what were the reasons given? • | Written |
| 170 | 5 | Fifield | Disability Services – unmet need | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why does the Department not publish these reports on its website? • | Written |
| 171 | 5 | Fifield | Disability Services – unmet need | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the interests of open and transparent government, will the Department commit to sourcing these reports from State and Territory governments and publishing them on their website on a regular basis? • | |
| 099 | 2 | Siewert | Rent Assistance | Since 1997 a special “sharers” rate for Rent Assistance has been applied to Youth Allowance, Newstart and Age Pensioners sharing. Please provide a breakdown of the number of people currently affected by this rule and the rationale for its use. | Written (Transfer from DEEWR) |
| 172 | 5 | Siewert | PHaMS on the APY Lands | 1. In which communities on the APY Lands did the Personal Helpers and Mentors program operate in 2009/10? | Written |
| 173 | 5 | Siewert | PHaMS on the APY Lands | 2. In which communities is the program currently operating? Are there any plans to expand the delivery of this program to other APY communities before the end of this financial year? | Written |
| 174 | 5 | Siewert | PHaMS on the APY Lands | 3. How many clients did the APY PHaMs program case manage in 2009/10? 4. How many clients is the APY PHaMs program case managing at this time? | Written |

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| 175 | 5 | Siewert | PHaMS on the APY Lands | 5. How many Individual Recovery Plans have been developed as part of the APY PHaMs program and how many of these plans are still current? | Written |
| 176 | 5 | Siewert | PHaMS on the APY Lands | 6. How often are the Individual Recovery Plans reviewed? How many of these reviews were completed in 2009/10? | Written |
| 254 | 7 | Siewert | Interpreters | 1. Please provide an update on progress on the National framework for interpreters. 2. Why did funding for interpreters only go in COAG sites? | Written |
| 242 | 7 | Siewert | Muckaty | It has been confirmed over the phone by FaHCSIA Department staff that the Minister received a letter dated April 14, 2010 from Traditional Owners of Manuwangku/Warlmanpa Land Trust who are opposed to the Muckaty radioactive waste dump proposal. This letter states objection to the waste dump proposal and requests the Minister act to move the boundary between the Northern Land Council and Central Land Council jurisdictions so that Muckaty is situated within the CLC region. Signatories to the letter state they have never received a response to their letter or request for action, despite numerous phone calls to inquire about the matter before, during and after the federal election period. 1. Can the Department confirm that the Minister received this letter dated 14 th of April 2010? | Written |
| 243 | 7 | Siewert | Muckaty | 2. Has the Minister or Department contacted the Northern and/or Central Land Councils to seek advice on this matter or notify of an intended response to the Traditional Owners or intention to act on the request for a boundary shift? | Written |
| 244 | 7 | Siewert | Muckaty | 3. Why has the Minister not directly responded to the letter signatories? 4. Can you confirm a letter of response will be sent to signatories within the next month? | Written |
| 245 | 7 | Siewert | The NTER Monitoring report | The NTER Monitoring report for Jan-June 2010 (now referred to as 'Closing the Gap in the NT monitoring report') says: Between July 2007 and June 2010 \$348.3m has been income managed and \$343.1m has been spent. 1. What does this gap of \$5.2m between that 'managed' and that 'spent' represent? – is it monies in individual's savings accounts? | Written |

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| 246 | 7 | Siewert | The NTER Monitoring report | 2. Can you explain why the reporting in the most recent NTER monitoring report only gave percentages for some payments and did not report on others? (Aged, YA, PPS?) | Written |
| 247 | 7 | Siewert | The NTER Monitoring report | 3. How do you account for the large increase in DSP and Aged pensions in prescribed areas? | Written |
| 248 | 7 | Siewert | The NTER Monitoring report | 4. What assessment is there of labour productivity i.e. individuals may benefit from a full-time job but what is the community cost and would three CDEP participants have delivered a better outcome for community? | Written |
| 249 | 7 | Siewert | Qantas direct flights to NT | 1. What percentage of staff employed in administering the NTER measures are based in the NT? | Written |
| 250 | 7 | Siewert | Qantas direct flights to NT | 2. How many staff are based in the NT? How many are flying in and out on a regular basis? | Written |
| 251 | 7 | Siewert | Qantas direct flights to NT | 3. Did the Department speak with Qantas about putting additional direct flights to the NT on? | Written |
| 252 | 7 | Siewert | Qantas direct flights to NT | 4. What percentage of government funded seats on these flights are business class seats? 5. What is the Departmental policy about when departmental officers and staff fly may business? | Written |
| 253 | 7 | Siewert | Qantas direct flights to NT | 6. Did the Department promise Qantas it would fill a specific number of seats before the flight was put on? | Written |

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| 119 | 4 | Siewert | Reference Documents from the Harmer Report | Can you table copies of the three reports commissioned from the SPRC listed in the reference pages of the Harmer Review re: relative needs of single and couple pensioners, deprivation and other indicators of living standards, and trends in income and living standards of older people? | Written (Transferred from DEEWR) |
| 089 | 1 | Xenophon | Siblings of children and adults with a disability | What other programs aimed at siblings of children and adults with a disability does the Department fund? | Written |
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