

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - BUDGET ESTIMATES – 31 MAY, 1 JUNE 2010**

**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

<b>Q No.</b>	<b>Outcome/ Agency</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>Broad Topic</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Proof Hansard Page &amp; Hearing Date or Written Q</b>	<b>Date Answer Received</b>	<b>Date Tabled in the Senate</b>
001	Cross	Barnett	Staffing	How many permanent staff recruited since additional estimates (Feb 2010)? What level are these staff?	28.05.10	11.10.10	28.10.10
002				How many temporary positions exist or have been created since additional estimates?			
003				Since additional estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			
004	Cross	Barnett	Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts	Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? - Since the efficiency dividend was introduced? - Since additional estimates? If so, where and at what level?	28.05.10	11.10.10	28.10.10
005				Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.			
006				If your Department/agency has been identified in the budget as delivering further efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, if the budget papers say 'improvement to strategic work practices' or similar, what are these and how will they be delivered?)			
007				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.			

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008	Cross	Barnett	Government Advertising	<p>What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken?</p> <p>For each program, what is the total spend?</p> <p>(by 'communications program' it is meant communication of a government message to the public – possibly by advertising (print, television etc), possibly through the erection of signs, plaques etc, or through other mediums. The recent (current) Government TV advertising campaign on health reform and specific health initiatives are examples, BER signage is an example, advertising on the Government's proposed new tax system would be another example.)</p> <p>A breakdown of how much was spent/is planned to be spent on each program/initiative should be provided.</p>	28.05.10	15.10.10	28.10.10
009	Cross	Barnett	Hospitality	<p>What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD?</p> <p>Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister/Par Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD.</p>	28.05.10	11.10.10	28.10.10
010				<p>Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p>		11.10.10	28.10.10
011	cross	Barnett	Board Appointments	<p>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>What is the gender ratio of appointments made to boards since the Government came to office in November 2007?</p>	28.05.10	11.10.10	28.10.10
012	cross	Barnett	Grants	<p>Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>	28.05.10	11.10.10	28.10.10

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013	Cross	Barnett	Freedom of Information	Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests?	28.05.10	11.10.10	28.10.10
014		How many FOI requests has the Department received? How many have been granted or denied?		11.10.10		28.10.10	
015		How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?		11.10.10		28.10.10	
016	cross	Barnett	Community Cabinets	<p>What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since additional estimates?</p> <p>How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meeting?</p> <p>What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?</p>	28.05.10	11.10.10	28.10.10
017	Cross	Barnett	Reviews	What is the total number of Reviews <i>both completed and ongoing</i> in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007?	28.05.10	11.10.10	28.10.10
018		Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since the government came to office (only those commenced after the current government came to office) including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- when those reviews were provided to Government,</li> <li>- estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and</li> <li>- if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review.</li> </ul>		11.10.10		28.10.10	
019		How many reviews are ongoing? How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates? What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency?		11.10.10		28.10.10	

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020	cross	Barnett	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? 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 <i>spending</i> on consultancies and also <i>value of contracts awarded</i> ? Provide total figures since November 2007 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.	28.05.10	11.10.10	28.10.10
021				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?		11.10.10	28.10.10
022				How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.  All answers should be current at the time the answer is submitted.		11.10.10	28.10.10
023	Cross	Barnett	Government Payment of Accounts	Has the portfolio/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (ie. 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.)	28.05.10	11.10.10	28.10.10
024				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?		11.10.10	28.10.10
025	Cross	Birmingham	Buildings' energy efficiency	Please list every building occupied by the Department.  For each building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has an energy efficiency audit been undertaken? If so, what rating was achieved and what action has been taken to improve energy efficiency as a result of any audit undertaken?</li> </ul>	07.06.10	11.10.10	28.10.10

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046	1	Xenophon		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What programs or funding does the department have in place to support siblings of people with a disability?</li> </ul>	03.06.10	12.10.10	28.10.10
047				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families Australia has identified support for siblings of people with a disability or chronic illness as an area for improvement in their 2010 election proposals, and has called for a national NGO to coordinate support services for siblings. What is the department's position on Families Australia's proposal?</li> </ul>		12.10.10	28.10.10
048				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What commitments will the Government be making regarding sibling support services for the coming years?</li> </ul>		12.10.10	28.10.10
049				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the Department familiar with Siblings Australia Inc and the key role it plays in offering sibling support services? What support does the Government currently provide for this organisation, and how does the Government plan to support it in coming years?</li> </ul>		12.10.10	28.10.10
164	5			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As the Department may be aware, there has been limited research in Australia into the mental and physical effects of growing up with a disabled sibling. What steps will the Government be taking to support further research into this topic?</li> <li>How many siblings does the Government believe would be eligible for these programs?</li> </ul>		12.10.10	28.10.10

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238	5	Fifield	Income support for carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many people are currently receiving Carer Payment who are               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 to 17 years</li> <li>18 to 21 years</li> <li>22 – 25 years</li> <li>26 – 30 years</li> <li>31 – 40 years</li> <li>41 – 50 years</li> <li>51 – 60 years</li> <li>61 + years</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	03.06.10	12.10.10	28.10.10
239				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many people have received (granted) Carer Payment each month since February 2010?</li> <li>How many people have applied (claimed) for Carer Payment each month since February 2010?</li> <li>How many people were suspended from Carer Payment since February 2010?</li> </ul>		12.10.10	28.10.10
240				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many people have transferred to Carer Payment from another payment month by month since February 2010 and from which payment?</li> <li>How many people have transferred from Carer Payment to another payment month by month for the 09/10 financial year to date and to which payment?</li> </ul>		12.10.10	28.10.10
241	5	Fifield		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many people have received (granted) Carer Payment (Child) each month since February 2010?</li> <li>How many people have applied (claimed) for Carer Payment (Child) each month since February 2010?</li> <li>How many people were suspended from Carer Payment (Child) each month since February 2010?</li> </ul>	03.06.10	12.10.10	28.10.10
242				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many people current receive Carer Allowance?</li> <li>How many people currently receive Carer Allowance (Child)?</li> </ul>		12.10.10	28.10.10
243				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many people are receiving Carer Allowance (Child) by eligibility category on the Lists of Recognised Disabilities or the Child Disability Assessment Tool</li> </ul>		12.10.10	28.10.10

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250	1	Siewert		1. Was the recently announced \$3.5M for Communities for Children Plus in Kempsey a new site for C4C, ie there wasn't one previously running there?	04.06.10	13.10.10	28.10.10
251				2. Was a select tender process used in allocating the Communities for Children Plus provider in Kempsey?		12.10.10	28.10.10
252				3. Was there local consultation or an opportunity for organisations already working in Kempsey to express an interest in the role?		12.10.10	28.10.10
253				4. Why was the tendering process for Communities for Children Plus different to that used for allocating contracts for Family Relationship Services?		18.10.10	28.10.10
244	5	Siewert		Younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC) 1. A report released last week by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare shows that in 2008–09, a total of 817 people received services funded by the Younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC) program. Can you tell me what the cost per person was?	04.06.10	13.10.10	28.10.10
245				2. Over the first three years of the program, over 90 people moved out of residential aged care to more age-appropriate supported disability accommodation. Can you tell me if this is meeting performance standards you had in place?		13.10.10	28.10.10
246				4. In the same period, more than 300 people were provided with enhanced services within a residential aged care setting – were these people all on the YPIRAC program?		13.10.10	28.10.10
247				5. Almost 150 people were diverted from inappropriate admission to residential aged care. How many are still receiving inappropriate admission?		13.10.10	28.10.10
248				6. Almost two-thirds of YPIRAC service users in 2008–09 lived in residential aged care and of these, nearly 2 in 5 reported that their main reason for living there was because appropriate alternative accommodation was not available. What is being done to rectify this situation?		18.10.10	28.10.10
249				7. About one-third of service users are to remain in residential aged care, but with additional support services. Has the Department done a cost-benefit analysis to see if this is the most efficient way to provide care compared to providing more appropriate alternative accommodation?		13.10.10	28.10.10

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184	6	Hanson-Young		Trs from Legal & Con Cttee from DIAC	16.06.10		
185				How many women in the sex industry have been removed and repatriated since 1 July 2009?		15.10.10	28.10.10
186				How many women in the sex industry have been identified as possible victims of trafficking since 1 July 2009? How many women have agreed to being identified as victims of trafficking since 1 July 2009?		15.10.10	28.10.10
				How many victims of trafficking have been referred to the support for Victims of People Trafficking Program?		15.10.10	28.10.10
073	2	Humphries	National Partnership Agreement on the Nation Building and Jobs Plan	<p>1. Under the Department's responsibilities under Schedule C of the National Partnership Agreement on the Nation Building and Jobs Plan: Building Prosperity for the Future and Supporting Jobs Now, can the Department please provide an update on the progress of the following 'outcomes':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. within three years around 20,000 new social housing dwellings will be built primarily for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.</li> <li>b. dwellings built will meet the needs of people on public housing waiting lists, including age and disability pensioners, Indigenous people and women with children escaping domestic violence;</li> <li>c. new dwellings will provide around a 50 per cent reduction in the waiting time for people with high housing needs on public housing lists and a reduction in the number of low income households paying more than half their income in rent;</li> <li>d. 75 per cent of the new dwellings constructed through this initiative will be completed by December 2010;</li> <li>e. around 2,500 existing public housing stock will become available that would otherwise become unfit for occupation;</li> <li>f. this initiative will provide an immediate stimulus to the building and construction industry .</li> </ul>	15.06.10	19.10.10	28.10.10



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074	2	Humphries		<p>2. Under the Department's responsibilities under Schedule C of the National Partnership Agreement on the Nation Building and Jobs Plan: Building Prosperity for the Future and Supporting Jobs Now, can the Department please provide an update on the progress of the following 'reform directions':</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. integration of public and community housing waiting lists;</li> <li>b. better social and economic participation for social housing tenants by locating housing closer to transport, services and employment opportunities;</li> <li>c. implementation of support arrangements to assist social housing tenants to transition from social housing arrangements to affordable private rental and home ownership as their circumstances change;</li> <li>d. reducing concentrations of disadvantage through appropriate redevelopment to create mixed communities that improve social inclusion;</li> <li>e. introduction of a national regulatory and registration system for not-for-profit housing providers to enhance the sector's capacity to operate across jurisdictions;</li> <li>f. increased transparency through the establishment of consistent and comparable accounting and reporting standards across jurisdictions that allow clear and objective assessments of performance that meet public accountability requirements;</li> <li>g. social housing providers to be subject to independent prudential supervision to protect public investment in the sector;</li> <li>h. improved tenancy management and maintenance benchmarks for social housing;</li> <li>i. improved efficiency of social housing including through better matching of tenants with appropriate dwelling types and the introduction of rent-setting policies that reflect the type of dwellings occupied by tenants;</li> <li>j. Introducing contestability in the allocation of funds to encourage a range of new providers and create diversification in the not-for-profit sector to enhance the ability of providers to offer housing options to a broader range of client types;</li> <li>k. leveraging of government capital investment to enhance the provision of social housing;</li> <li>l. better use of government owned land to provide more affordable housing opportunities for low income earners;</li> <li>m. improved procurement practices that promote competition between proponents and provide participation opportunities for small and medium enterprises.</li> </ol>	15.06.10	18.10.10	28.10.10
075	2	Humphries		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Were all of the 'reform directions' under the National Partnership met by every jurisdiction by December 2009? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If not, why not?</li> <li>b. Have they been met since?</li> <li>c. Will there be any penalty on states who have failed to deliver in these areas?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	15.06.10	20.10.10	28.10.10

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076	2	Humphries		<p>3. Is the Department aware of any jurisdiction that has failed to meet any of the deadlines or are expected not to meet a deadline in relation to outcomes or reform directions?</p> <p>a. If so, which states?</p> <p>b. If so, which outcomes or reform directions have failed to be implemented by deadline and why?</p>	15.06.10	19.10.10	28.10.10		
077	2	Humphries	Housing Supply Council	1. What was the total cost of preparing the 2010 State of Supply report?	15.06.10	13.10.10	28.10.10		
078				2. What is the total travel bill for the National Housing Supply Council for Financial Years 2008/9 and 2009/10 (to date)				13.10.10	28.10.10
079				3. What are the dates and locations of each meeting of the National Housing Supply Council?				20.10.10	28.10.10
				a. Was there public knowledge of these meetings?					
				b. Have there been any public meetings of the National Housing Supply Council?					
				c. In relation to media enquiries about the work of the National Housing Supply Council, who deals with these inquiries?					
080				4. I understand that the Council had some information about the percentage of income paid towards rent. Can you break that down into say brackets of 10% points please?				13.10.10	28.10.10
				5. I understand that the Council had some information about the percentage of income paid towards mortgages. Can you break that down into say brackets of 10% points please?					
081				6. What did the Council find to be the number 1 barrier to supply?				13.10.10	28.10.10
082				7. How can that be overcome?				13.10.10	28.10.10
083				8. Are there any jurisdictions performing well in relation to housing supply?					
				9. The report noted some considerable delay in getting land to the final stages of construction. Can you provide me with some examples of that, please?				13.10.10	28.10.10
	10. In these cases what has been the factors preventing work on the projects?								
084	11. The report also noted that the gap between supply and demand will probably continue to grow, can you elaborate on that please?	13.10.10	28.10.10						
	12. What factors contribute to this?								

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085	2	Humphries		<u>Contd</u> 1. In the report there is a whole chapter on how the market could work better, what do you think the primary aim for Government should be?	15.06.10	15.10.10	28.10.10
086				2. Elaborate on other areas.		15.10.10	28.10.10
087				3. The report also notes that Immigration has been higher than expected leading to a greater undersupply, is that right?		13.10.10	28.10.10
088				4. So, if the Government were to encourage more immigration and greater population growth to say 36 million, how would the market react to that?		13.10.10	28.10.10
089				5. Would that result in more people without a roof over their heads?		13.10.10	28.10.10
				6. I note in Chapter 4 that you say there has been a 'significant investment' in housing but there is still a gap. Do you think that the investment has had the best impact on the housing market or could it have been structured better?		15.10.10	28.10.10
				7. Is the Council/ Department aware of the Treasury's population projections of 43.9 million by 2050?			
				a. Why hasn't the Council taken this into account at all?			
				b. Has the Council done any research based on the projections completed by Treasury?			
				c. What would the undersupply of housing be, based on the Treasury's projections?			

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090	2	Humphries	National Affordable Housing Agreement	<p>1. The agreement sets a number of outputs, can you please give me an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. number of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who are assisted to secure and sustain their tenancies;</li> <li>b. number of people who are assisted to move from crisis accommodation or primary homelessness to sustainable accommodation;</li> <li>c. number of households assisted in social housing;</li> <li>d. number of households in private rental receiving subsidies;</li> <li>e. number of people receiving home purchase assistance;</li> <li>f. number of zoned lots available for residential construction; and</li> <li>g. number of Indigenous households provided with safe and appropriate housing.</li> </ul>	15.06.10	20.10.10	28.10.10
091	2	Humphries	Key Performance Indicators	<p>1. Why have you again gone for 'soft' KPI's without an actual target?</p>	15.06.10	13.10.10	28.10.10
092	2	Humphries	NRAS	<p>1. I understand the last NRAS year finished on April 30, is that right?</p> <p>For the last NRAS year, can you please advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The cumulative number of planned NRAS incentives that have been allocated?</li> <li>o The number of NRAS dwellings available for rent at present?</li> <li>o How many NRAS households have now been tenanted?</li> <li>o How many of those have been by low or moderate income households?</li> <li>o How many of those were in rental stress prior to moving in to these households?</li> <li>o How many NRAS dwellings are tenanted by indigenous households?</li> </ul>	15.06.10	15.10.10	28.10.10

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093	2	Humphries	Housing Affordabil ity Fund	1. What is the number of dwellings or lots that deliver purchase price reductions required under HAF?	15.06.10	15.10.10	28.10.10
094				2. Can I please have a breakdown of all HAF funding, nationwide?		15.10.10	28.10.10
095	2	Humphries	Homeless ness Prevention	1. What is the number of people who have been assisted through homelessness prevention services?	15.06.10	13.10.10	28.10.10
				2. How does this compare to, say, the last 4 years?			
096				3. What's the proportion of clients reporting an improved situation after assistance from homelessness prevention programs?		13.10.10	28.10.10
				4. How is this actually measured?			
097	2	Humphries	Rent Assistance	1. What's the proportion of RA recipients in rental stress before and after receiving rent assistance?	15.06.10	13.10.10	28.10.10
098				2. How many RA recipients are receiving the maximum rate of homelessness?		13.10.10	28.10.10
099				3. What's the total number of recipients?  a. Can I have a breakdown of how many recipients are receiving each level of RA?		13.10.10	28.10.10

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026	Cross	Humphries	MP Contact and electorate visits	1. Is it general practice to notify the local MP that the Minister is going to visit the electorate?	15.06.10	11.10.10	28.10.10
027				2. For the joint media releases dated; 13/04/10, 14/04/10, two on 20/04/10, 3/05/10 30/03/10, 31/03/10, 26/03/10 (2), 2/03/10, 3/03/10 (attached), can you please advise:		13.10.10	28.10.10
028				a. When the local MP in each case was notified of the funding in their electorate?		13.10.10	28.10.10
				b. Who notified each MP of this funding? What was the nature of that notification?			
029				c. When was a decision taken by the Minister/ Department to award this project funding?		11.10.10	28.10.10
	1. Also for media releases dated; 21/04/10, 31/03/10, 30/03/10, 30/03/10, 30/03/10 (attached) can you please advise:						
	a. When the local MP in each case was notified of the funding in their electorate?						
	b. Who notified each MP of this funding? What was the nature of that notification?						
	c. When was a decision taken by the Minister/ Department to award this project funding?						
	2. Can I please have a list of all of the Minister's electorate visits since December 2007, if she appeared with a Member of Parliament or a Senator and when the local Member of Parliament was notified and the nature of each visit.						

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030	cross	Humphries	Electorate Level Reports	<p>At the last estimates round, I asked if the Department had prepared electorate level reports, it was taken on notice (QoN no. 32) and I received a response.</p> <p>With respect, in this answer you have answered my question, that yes, you do prepare them.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can I please have the reports tabled or provided to the Committee? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If not, why not?</li> <li>b. If the full reports cannot be tabled, can I please have a summary of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Report Title</li> <li>ii. Request Date</li> <li>iii. Date provided</li> <li>iv. Who requested such a request</li> <li>v. What was the purpose of the request</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	15.06.10	11.10.10	28.10.10
155	4	Boyce	Seniors	<p>What calculations have been conducted that concern a lift in the labour force participation rate and a decrease in older Australians who claim some sort of age pension? Can the department provide this figure? If not, why not?</p>	15.06.10	7.10.10	28.10.10
254 255	1	Boyce	Families and Children	<p>How many single mothers receive parental support? What proportion of welfare recipients are single mothers below 30? [revised wording 23/6] How many single mothers receive any sort of parental support? Can a list of what type of support and how many single mothers receive that support be provided? If not, why not?</p> <p>What proportion of welfare recipients that receive any type of parenting payment are single mothers below 30?</p>	15.06.10	20.10.10 18.10.10	28.10.10 28.10.10
050				<p>Has the department looked at any strategies to help single mothers off income support and into full time secure employment? If not, why not?</p>		12.10.10	28.10.10
051				<p>Has the department looked at any strategies to help young women understand that 'doing it alone' comes with significant burdens and may not equate to the unrealistic representations presented in the media? If not, why not?</p>		12.10.10	28.10.10
052				<p>Has the department examined measures to increase the baby bonus to assist stay at home mothers? If not, why not?</p>		20.10.10	28.10.10
053				<p>Has the department examined the cost of abolishing baby bonus means testing for families with a stay at home parents? If not, why not?</p>		12.10.10	28.10.10

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Ans Q052	6	Boyce	---	Has the department examined measures to increase the baby bonus to assist stay at home mothers? If not, why not? [Answered in Q.052]	15.06.10	-----	
187				Has the Australian standing in the Global Gender Index increased or decreased in terms of labour market participation over this year? Are there statistics available?		19.10.10	28.10.10
188				What has the department done to address Australia's poor representation in female labour market participation? How much funding has been provided to address this issue?		15.10.10	28.10.10
189	6	Boyce		The Commonwealth purchasing officers are supposed to check the non-complying companies appearing on the EOWA non-compliant list, is it fact that this procedure is actually not part of the Act but, rather, a general government policy?	15.06.10	15.10.10	28.10.10
190				Are government departments and agencies required to report if any listed organisations seek to enter into any contract to provide goods or services?		15.10.10	28.10.10
191				What guarantees can be made that purchasing or other relevant officers in all government departments and agencies automatically check the non-complying list whenever they have to make a decision?		15.10.10	28.10.10
192				Has there ever been any instance of a non-complying company or organisation providing goods or services to any Commonwealth department or agency because of a failure to consult the list on the EOWA website? Are there any penalties for purchasing officers if they do enter into some contract or arrangement with a non-complying company?		15.10.10	28.10.10
165	5	Boyce		Can the department please explain how the DSP tables are being re-created? What affect will the change to the DSP tables have on people with disabilities currently on the disability pension?	15.06.10	13.10.10	28.10.10
			----	<a href="#">TRS TO CENTRELINK (F&amp;PA Cttee) 22/6</a> From where does Health Professional Advice Unit receive its funding? How much will the Unit receive over the next three years?			
166				What steps are the department taking to ensure that people who are eligible for the DSP are not wrongfully disadvantaged by the overhaul of the assessment process?		13.10.10	28.10.10
167				How has the establishment of the advisory board for the DSP changes progressed?		13.10.10	28.10.10
167	5	Boyce		When will the advisory board hand down their recommendations?	15.06.10	13.10.10	28.10.10
168	5	Boyce		I refer to the \$100 million grant announced by the Prime Minister in May, 2008 that was given to the states to fund urgently needed disabilities care beds. How much of this funding was given to Queensland? Can the department provide a breakdown state by state? If not, why not?	15.06.10	13.10.10	28.10.10
169				How many beds are operational? Can the department provide a list of operational beds through a state by state break down? If not, why not?		18.10.10 20.10.10 (amendme nt)	28.10.10 28.10.10



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170	5	Boyce		The Carers Alliance (Australia) has stated that the government's contribution to disability services \$1.15 billion a year, which means under the distribution formula that NSW gets 30 per cent which means \$320 million to service the needs of 235,000 people in that State who are eligible for funding under the Disability Service Agreement and, further, that this is \$1,361 per head annually, \$26.18 per week or \$3.74 per each eligible person per day. Are these figures correct and, if not, why not?	15.06.10	18.10.10	28.10.10
Trs to Centrelink	3	Boyce	----	Trs to Centrelink - F&PA 30/6 I refer to the \$71 million over four years allocated in the Budget to investigate those suspected of engaging in organised welfare fraud. Has the Privacy Commissioner been consulted about this program and, if not, why not? What is the view of the Privacy Commissioner? Is figure of \$127.6 million over four years expected to be recouped? How was this figure calculated? Trs to Centrelink 2/7 <i>Does the department allocate funding for Centrelink that ensures sensitivity training is an integral part of the agency? If not, why not? If so, how much allocated?</i> 29/6/10 above Q reworded to: Do Centrelink do Income Management Training to ensure they deal sensitively with their clients. If so, please describe this training in details." Does the department offer any counselling to income support recipients? If not, why not?	15.06.10	-----  -----  -----	
211 212 213	7	Boyce		I refer to the Indigenous Women's Program, what funding is has been provided under this program? To what organisations and in what areas? What specific issues and priorities are being addressed to each of these funded programs? I refer to the National Partnership Agreement; can the department provide a list of Queensland projects currently in progress under this agreement?	15.06.10	7.10.10 7.10.10 14.10.10	28.10.10 28.10.10 28.10.10
031		Fifield		How many staff have left FaHCSIA since last estimates – resigned or retired	4 31/5	11.10.10	28.10.10
032		Fifield		For 2008-09 can you provide the staff air travel expenditure	4 31/5	11.10.10	28.10.10
033		Fifield		How much as Dept spent in 2006-07 on campaigns and non-campaign advertising	6 31/5	15.10.10	28.10.10
034		Fifield		Figure for sustenance for year to date	6 31/5	11.10.10	28.10.10
035				Broad breakdown of hospitality expenditure; Thresholds for/if expenditure less than previous year	8-9 31/5	11.10.10	28.10.10
036				Working meetings breakdown of venue, food, beverages etc		11.10.10	28.10.10
100 101		Fifield		If Dept provided any proposals for Ms Rein at which she hosted meeting Whether any requests received from PM's office or contact indicating that Ms Rein would like to take more of an interest in this policy area	12 31/5	13.10.10 15.10.10	28.10.10 28.10.10
102				What is interface between a PM spouse and a Dept such as FaHCSIA for the convening of the function at the Lodge		20.10.10	28.10.10
054		Ryan		Data request from Parliamentary library – whether any contact with Ministers' offices re this matter	20 31/5	11.10.10	28.10.10

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171		Siewert		Missing Out report – for each of the areas listed in the report, what percentage/uptake is	23 31/5	18.10.10	28.10.10
037		Siewert		Discontinuation of <i>Research News</i> – if apart from internal review whether consultation with outside stakeholders. If any survey work of external stakeholders was undertaken to see how they used <i>Research News</i> and what feedback from external stakeholders. Savings expected from discontinuation	24 31/5	11.10.10	28.10.10
038		Fifield		Reason FaHCSIA website budget docs not accessible until later in evening of budget night	25 31/5	11.10.10	28.10.10
039		Moore		Number of staff in Dept with over 20 yrs service	26 31/5	11.10.10	28.10.10
040		Fifield		Copy of letter sent to Dept Secretaries drawing their attention to change in rules governing procurement in relation to ADEs	28 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
041		Fifield		Contracts Dept has with ADEs, how many are as a result of Dept having availed itself o the exemption from the requirement to go to tender How many departments avail themselves of this exemption	29 31/5	11.10.10	28.10.10
042				Whether FaHCSIA was going to raise with Finance whether they should keep a record across govt of that		13.10.10	28.10.10
156		Fierravanti-Wells		What is comparison with last 2 years for staffing in outcome 4	32 21/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
157		Fierravanti-Wells		Age pension – if seniors now having to pay more for loans, ins etc while this is declining for employees. If any work done in relation to why that may be the case	38 21/5	7.10.10	28.10.10
158	4	Brown, C		Comparison of what single rate of pension would have been had it been indexed only to CPI	39 31/5	7.10.10	28.10.10
103		Boyce		Pensioners in rental crisis – what is level of rent assistance	41	13.10.10	28.10.10
104				Suggestion of 185K pensioners being in rental crisis, what is Dept's response		13.10.10	28.10.10
159		Boyce		Pension bonus scheme – how many former members of the scheme who are not working but are relying on their partner's employment to remain in the scheme are no longer eligible	46 31/5	7.10.10	28.10.10
160		Xenophon		Response from Retailers Assoc advising change of policy re solar energy	54 31/5	7.10.10 Attachmen t: 12.10.10	28.10.10
161		Fierravanti-Wells		Rebate and solar credits – if any complaints received	56 31/5	7.10.10	28.10.10
162		Fierravanti-Wells		Pensioner taper rates – if any savings as result of measure	59-60 31/5	7.10.10	28.10.10
T16		Fierravanti-Wells		Tabled by Senator Evans 31.05.10 Department of Immigration and Citizenship advice re Settlement services for refugees	64 31/5	-----	
163		Boyce		Figures for last 3 years for how many pensioners apply and become eligible for parenting, carer and disability payments	66 31/5	7.10.10	28.10.10
105	2	Humphries		How many site visits or analyses have been done with respect to problems that have arisen [list the places visited and places audits done which PM referred to in interview on Qld radio	73 31/5	19.10.10	28.10.10
106		Humphries		Hope St, South Brisbane – why project with a land valuation of \$7.650 million ends up having more paid for it. Why there is a difference between the land valuation and the final price paid	74, 116 31/5	18.10.10	28.10.10

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107		Cameron		Palm Cove area – how many jobs were created out of social housing project and what the stimulus is	79 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
108		Humphries		Harp St, Palm cove - confirmation whether developer paid a non-refundable 5 per cent deposit on block of land before final approval for project was announced [Far Nth Qld]	81 31/5	19.10.10	28.10.10
109		Humphries		Cairns area – social housing – availability of other services	82 31/5	20.10.10	28.10.10
110		Boyce		Harp St Cairns area – frequency of transport during day	82 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
112		Humphries		Trinity Park – whether workforce for development will be drawn from Cairns area or Brisbane	83 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
113		Humphries		Whether developer of Trinity Park has received several other stimulus development projects	84 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
114		Humphries		Trinity Park project – if an application for a declaratory judgement is made, would it be customary to defer construction until those proceedings are resolved in Court	84	13.10.10	28.10.10
115		Humphries		Correspondence between Qld Transport and Cairns City Council re parcel of land – if Qld Govt gives permission for documents to be provided; and valuation on Trinity Park site	84 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
116		Humphries		Trinity Park – valuation for the other site	85 31/5	19.10.10	28.10.10
117		Humphries		Trinity Park – breakdown of the building costs for the project, including fees and project management costs that are payable to the developer	85 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
111 and 118		Humphries		Trinity Park estate development – number of car parks	87 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
119		Cameron		Bluewater Project - details in relation to proximity and appropriateness of this project and the access to public amenities for residents	91 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
120		Humphries		Boyd St project – does the State Govt include purchasing criteria for social housing projects around water frontage and flood prone land	92 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
121		Humphries		Lake Macquarie Council – has the council written to the Govt about these sites	92 31/5	18.10.10	28.10.10
122		Humphries		Gerringong site – could you confirm the area of the 200 people waiting for public housing	93 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
123		Humphries		Ulladulla site – how many parking space are provided on this development	93 31/5	19.10.10	28.10.10
124		Humphries		Public housing stimulus projects – how many projects did you bound at the beginning	98 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
215		Scullion		National Partnership program – details of financial arrangements	103 31/5	7.10.10	28.10.10
125		Ludlam		Do you have figures for either Port Hedland – Port and South (either or disaggregated), and for Karratha and Dampier	105 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
126		Ludlam		NRAS – rounds 1 and 2 – have incentives been given to places that already exist that are being refurbished and what fraction of those sorts of places would be made up, or if built from scratch	108 31/5	15.10.10	28.10.10
127		Ludlam		NRAS – detail of breakdown of approvals by postcode	109 31/5	15.10.10	28.10.10
128		Humphries		Web address for terms of ref for Nat Housing Supply Council	118 31/5	13.10.10	28.10.10
129		Humphries		Reports on implementation of Govt or on some FaHCSIA programs at electorate level for current for last 12 months	127-128 31/5	11.10.10	28.10.10

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T14		Fifield		National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design - meetings at Stockland – who initiated the meetings; who initiated meetings of 27 Oct and 2 March; participants, agendas	130 31/5	-----	
T14		Fifield		Is the role that Ms Rein has as part of the National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design a function of role as an ambassador; How did the National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design come to be	131, 132 31/5	-----	
055		Fifield		Early intervention services – figures for 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10	5 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
056		Fifield		Humanitarian refugees –is that number that has grown over the funding. Has that grown over last few years	5 1/6	19.10.10	28.10.10
057		Fifield		List of each family relationship centre and its funding level for last 3 financial years; total appropriate for centres for 06-10	8 1/6	18.10.10	28.10.10
058		Boyce		Family Relationship centres – break down into location	9 1/6	19.10.10	28.10.10
059		Siewert		FSP online data – which data was used for decision making by AG's on the funding cuts	10 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
060		Fifield		Listing of different areas of activity for 30 streams	11 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
061		Siewert		Extent to which the national report [FRCs] looks at areas of disadvantage	13 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
062		Siewert		FRCs – are there centres that do not have long waiting lists; what action taken to reduce waiting time	14 1/6	18.10.10	28.10.10
063		Fifield		Has the Dept received any representations from organisations seeking a deferral of the cuts	14 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
064		Siewert		Whether all the funding for family relationships program got expended last year	15 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
065		Fifield		Number of people for 2007-08 and 2008-09 getting maximum rate FTBA instalments; FTBA tapered base rate for 2007-08 and 2008-09	15 1/6	15.10.10	28.10.10
066		Fifield		FTBA appeals process – whether anything has gone to High Court	17 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
067		Fifield		Number of people for 2007-08 and 2008-09 getting maximum rate FTBB instalments; FTBB tapered base rate for 2007-08 and 2008-09	17 1/6	15.10.10	28.10.10
068		Fifield		Total cost of FTBA and FTBB for 2007-08, 2008-09	17 1/6	15.10.10	28.10.10
043		Boswell		Election advertising in period before an election - timeframe	21 1/6	11.10.10	28.10.10
069		Boyce		If anticipated that amount of recipients being paid baby bonus would have been slightly higher in other circumstances	21-22 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
070		Boyce		Family Assistance Office - has the majority of funding been spent on computer programs, development of systems etc	26 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
071		Boyce		Number of additional staff Centrelink, SSAT will receive from funding for Fair Work Ombudsman	29 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
072		Adams		PPL booklet – any feedback received from MPs	33 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
044		Boyce		Staffing for Office for Women – breakdown of staff, FT, PT, ongoing, non-ongoing	34 1/6	11.10.10	28.10.10
193		Boyce		EOWA - how much will be spent on advertising next year	35 1/6	15.10.10	28.10.10

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194 195		Boyce		Access to extended support stream – countries of origin of people accessing program Are there people who have come in on 457 visas	37 1/6	15.10.10 15.10.10	28.10.10 28.10.10
Ans T10		Boyce		Respectful relationships program – type of providers going to be doing round 2	41 1/6	-----	24.06.10
196		Boyce		List of Departments involved in interdepartmental committee on women	44 1/6	15.10.10	28.10.10
197		Boyce		How many member organisations and their governance structure are in the Economic Security for Women alliance	47 1/6	15.10.10	28.10.10
198		Boyce		What is the existing governance structure for the Economic Security for Women Alliance	47 1/6	15.10.10	28.10.10
199		Boyce		Equality Rights Alliance –when expected to be established. Provide member orgs and their governance structure	47-48 1/6	15.10.10	28.10.10
200		Boyce		List of member orgs and governance structure for WEAVE and Nat ATSI Women's Alliance	48 1/6	15.10.10	28.10.10
201				Member orgs – how would you go about becoming a member		15.10.10	28.10.10
202				If National Council of Women and National Rural Women's Coalition are network members of the alliance		15.10.10	28.10.10
203		Brown, C		UN Commission on Status of Women – copy of seven resolutions	51 1/6	15.10.10	28.10.10
204		Boyce		Gender gap in public sector 12.1% - what has been said about that figure. public sector and private sector gaps for last 5 years and comment on them if poss	55 1/6	15.10.10	28.10.10
173		Fifield		Aust Disability Enterprises – whether they were considered for contact for printing physical parking permits	60 1/6	13.10.10	28.10.10
174 175		Fifield		Which ADE designed the physical parking permit Were there any other aspects of the program which an ADE looked after	60 1/6	13.10.10 13.10.10	28.10.10 28.10.10
176		Fifield		Blind Post Aust – what was spend in 2007-08 and 2008-09	61-62 1/6	18.10.10	28.10.10
Ans CA62		Fifield		Dollar figure by organisation such as Vision Aust for transactions that pass through Australia Post mail room	62 1/6	-----	
178		Fifield		ADE expo – did Dept provide funding to support the expo that NDS are running	63 1/6	13.10.10	28.10.10
179		Fifield		Disability accessibility - summary of actions taken by Dept internally	73 1/6	13.10.10	28.10.10
045		Boyce		Number of departmental staff with a disability	74 1/6	11.10.10	28.10.10
180		Boyce		Special disability trust – of 40 who were ineligible, whether any idea of how many of them might now be eligible	75 1/6	13.10.10	28.10.10
181		Boyce		Court case in decision re Angela (special medical procedure which allowed for sterilisation of a 10 year old girl – whether Dept was asked for advice	77-78 1/6	13.10.10	28.10.10
182		Adams		Assoc for Blind of WA – what funding they receive. Whether print disability funding is still available to this org or whether they have to apply each year	84 1/6	13.10.10	28.10.10
183		Siewert		Name of PhaMS provider to Yuendumu	86 1/6	18.10.10	28.10.10

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134		Fifield		Playgrounds near housing estates – street addresses of 5 playgrounds receiving funding in and around Melbourne. Names or orgs who are funded, hours that playgrounds are staffed	87-88 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
135		Fifield		Launch of National Compacts – whereabouts of the board that participants signed	89 1/6	14.10.10	28.10.10
136				Media release from Senator Stephens re red tape		14.10.10	28.10.10
137		Fifield		Volunteering strategy – series of media releases starting 23 Oct 09 by Sen Stephens outlining purpose of strategy	92 1/6	14.10.10	28.10.10
216		Fifield		Indigenous community volunteers – who does it received funds from	92 1/6	7.10.10	28.10.10
138		Fifield		VIC bushfires – list of people who attended the VBRA meetings	93 1/6	7.10.10	28.10.10
139		Fifield		Vic bushfires – whether any liaison occurs with Fed Members in affected areas	94 1/6	7.10.10	28.10.10
140		Scullion		BasicsCard – how many merchants in NT that would have access to BasicsCard as consequence of the intervention, that did not have access ;	95 1/6	7.10.10	28.10.10
141				how many and how many extra people have taken this up as a consequence of the expansion		7.10.10	28.10.10
142		Scullion		Whether mapping or modelling to show that people will have access to somewhere with a BasicsCard	95 1/6	7.10.10	28.10.10
143		Siewert		Basicscard – whether Palmerston area if first area being started in	98 1/6	7.10.10	28.10.10
214		Scullion		SIHIP – how many Dept personnel are dedicated to Indigenous housing in a general sense	99 31/5	7.10.10	28.10.10
144		Scullion		Money management support/services – if an assessment done to ensure people will be able to get access right across NT	101 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
146		Siewert		Exit interviews – update of how many are eligible to come off	107 1/6	7.10.10	28.10.10
147				If correct that no one comes of income management until they have had an exit interview, although a few attempts have been made to contact them	108 1/6	7.10.10	28.10.10
148		Siewert		How budget was formulated for the evaluation process of \$2.15m over 4 years	111 1/6	7.10.10	28.10.10
149				Estimate of where you got \$2.1m figure		7.10.10	28.10.10
150		Siewert		Evaluation process in WA – is anybody from Pilbara on that. If people from Pilbara wanted to go on voluntarily, are they able to, and have they	112 11/6	7.10.10	28.10.10
151		Siewert		Breakdown of 452 who have come off income management into metro versus Kimberley	113 1/6	7.10.10	28.10.10
152		Siewert		If evaluation process looked at level of case management that individuals have received	114 1/6	14.10.10	28.10.10
153		Siewert		Time sequence how people have been accessing financial counselling services and where greatest call on services has been	115 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10
154		Siewert		Geraldton Resource Centre – process for allocation of funding Whether waiting list for financial services in WA	116 1/6	12.10.10	28.10.10