

QoN No.	Agency/ Outcome	Senator	Party	Broad topic	QUESTION	Hansard/ Ref
1	1	Boswell	NATS	Food Labelling	The Australian sugar industry represented by Sugar Australia, has strived over the years to create a better, innovative, and healthier product for Australian consumers. It has in the past received Federal R and D funding so that it can produce a better product. The industry is now having restrictions placed on it as to what it can claim on the packaging to be of benefit to the consumer. Under FSANZ rules none of these improved sugars will be able to make any responsible health or nutrient content claims on the labels. - Trademarks and third part endorsements e.g. low GI, Celiac Society or Heart Foundation Ticks may be prohibited. - All retail sugar packaging will require a red traffic light symbol, even where there are clear benefits. Consumers will not be able to differentiate between one product or the other. a) Does the Minister agree with the new regulations that require certain labelling to be taken off sugar packaging, and warning symbols such as a red spot to be put on? b) Will the Industry lose its R and D funding if such measures are taken?	Written QoN
2	1	Xenophon	IND	International and domestic research of nanotechnology and risks	What ongoing monitoring does the Department conduct of international and domestic research into nanotechnology and emerging risks?	Written QoN
3	1	Xenophon	IND	Products that include ingredients or components derived through nanotechnology	Given the research showing potential health risks, does the Department acknowledge that consumers have a right to know whether the products they are using include ingredients or components derived through nanotechnology?	Written QoN
4	1	Xenophon	IND	Blewett Review	In relation to the Blewett Review, does the Department consider the overall findings of the Review should be given more weight than the specific recommendations?	Written QoN
5	2	Xenophon	IND	Deferred PBS approvals	a) Why has the most recent round of PBS approvals been deferred? b) How long will this deferral last?	Written QoN
6	2	Xenophon	IND	MoU with Medicines Australia	a) Is it correct that the MoU the Government entered into with Medicines Australia companies ensured that PBS approvals would take no longer than six months? b) Is it also correct that this measure was part of an agreement that would reduce the cost of the PBS in exchange for investment certainty for drug companies? c) Is the Government backing down on this agreement?	Written QoN
7	2	Xenophon	IND	PBS deferring of the drug Invega Sustenna	a) In relation to the drug Invega Sustenna (used to treat schizophrenia), what were the reasons for deferring its listing on the PBS? b) Did the Government take into account the benefits to schizophrenia sufferers when deciding to defer the drug's approval, or was it a blanket deferral?	Written QoN

8	2	Xenophon	IND	Bowel Cancer drug not listed on the PBS	The Mercury reported the story of a woman who is facing a bill of \$1500 a week to treat her bowel cancer because the drug she needs (Eribix) is not listed on the PBS. a) Has the drug's manufacturer made a submission to have the drug listed on the PBS? b) Will the Government be approaching the manufacturer to encourage them to make a submission? c) Given that the drug is already approved in the UK and US, and that the Gut Foundation estimates that over 2000 people in Australia could benefit from its listing, what other action will the Government be taking on this issue?	Written QoN
9	1	Xenophon	IND	Dangers of mobile phone radiation	a) Given the wide body of evidence now available in relation to the dangers of mobile phone radiation, what is the agency's policy on this? b) How is the agency making the public aware of this risk?	Written QoN
10	1	Xenophon	IND	Reclassification of radiofrequency electromagnetic fields	On 1 June, the World Health Organisation announced it had reclassified radiofrequency electromagnetic fields as "possibly carcinogenic to humans", and in one study quoted by WHO, showed a 40 percent increased risk of gliomas (a malignant form of brain cancer) in heavy mobile phone users. a) What action will the agency be taking in response to WHO's announcement? b) Does the department have any plans to introduce warning labels for these devices, such as exist overseas? - Why not?	Written QoN
11	1	Xenophon	IND	Ongoing studies into radiofrequency electromagnetic fields by WHO	WHO also emphasised the importance of ongoing studies in this area to monitor the risk and collect more information on the possible link. a) Is the agency aware of any studies taking place in Australia? b) Does the agency have any plans to undertake or support studies in Australia?	Written QoN
12	1	Xenophon	IND	Expert neurologists and researchers based in Australia	Two expert neurologists and researchers are based here in Australia - Dr Charlie Teo and Dr Vini Khurana. a) Has the department consulted with either of these experts? b) If not, why not?	Written QoN
13	1	Xenophon	IND	Link between radiation and cancer	Even if evidence is only beginning to emerge about the link between radiation and cancer, is it not better to take a cautious, risk-management approach and issue warnings?	Written QoN
14	1	Xenophon	IND	FSANZ monitoring of international and domestic research into nanotechnology	What ongoing monitoring does FSANZ conduct of international and domestic research into nanotechnology and emerging risks?	Written QoN
15	1	Xenophon	IND	FSANZ research onto products that include ingredients or components derived through nanotechnology	Given the research showing potential health risks, does FSANZ acknowledge that consumers have a right to know whether the products they are using include ingredients or components derived through nanotechnology?	Written QoN
16	1	Xenophon	IND	FSANZ findings to the Blewett Review	In relation to the Blewett Review, does FSANZ consider the overall findings of the Review should be given more weight than the specific recommendations?	Written QoN

17	1	Xenophon	IND	Withdrawal of the De Puy ASR hip device	The De Puy ASR hip device was eventually withdrawn from the market by De Puy. Dr Hammett, in an interview with Four Corners, you state that the device was withdrawn: "as a result of the TGA, and its expert clinical groups analysing data and presenting that to the company, making it quite clear that we regarded the performance of this device as no longer acceptable". a) So the TGA did not require De Puy to remove the device from the market, it merely provided information and allowed the company to make that decision? b) Who are the "expert clinical groups", and was their information also provided to the TGA? c) What "data" did the TGA analyse and provide to the company?	Written QoN
18	1	Xenophon	IND	Payment to US Government by DePuy Orthopaedics	In September 2007, De Puy Orthopaedics agreed to pay \$84.7 million to the US Government as part of an agreement to avoid criminal prosecution over financial inducements the company paid to surgeons for the use of their products. a) Was the TGA aware of this case at the time? b) Was De Puy, or De Puy's products, subject to additional scrutiny because of this?	Written QoN
19	1	Xenophon	IND	Further settlement by De Puy after conviction of Director of Marketing	In addition, De Puy has recently paid 4.8 million pounds in a further settlement after De Puy's Director of Marketing, Robert Dougall, was convicted of paying bribes to secure contracts in Greece. a) Was the TGA aware of this conviction? b) What impact did this have on the TGA's dealings with De Puy?	Written QoN
20	1	Xenophon	IND	Testing of medical devices in Australia	Dr Hammett, in the Four Corners program, you stated that: "There are about a million individual medical devices on the Australian market at the moment.. it's not possible to individually test a million medical devices.." - Does this mean that the TGA is approving more devices than it knows it can properly test?	Written QoN
21	1	Xenophon	IND	Australian National Preventative Health Agency's work on substance abuse in Australia	What work has the Agency done to date on substance abuse in Australia, including alcohol, crystal meth-amphetamines, cannabis, heroin and ecstasy addiction?	Written QoN
22	1	Xenophon	IND	Sweden's low use of illicit drugs compared to Australia	What comparative analysis has the Agency done of Sweden's comparatively low use of illicit drugs, compared to Australia, and the efficacy of Sweden's approach to substance abuse?	Written QoN
23	4	Siewert	AG	Community Care Places	Please provide the following data on the Community Care packages. The total number of packages in each state: - allocated - operational - currently - actively servicing clients. For all categories:- CACP - EACH - EACHD. Please break down to the allocation regions in each state.	Written QoN
24	1	Siewert	AG	Diabetes Coordinated Care Program / Medicare Locals	Can the Department tell us what has happened to the original funding for the diabetes scheme announced at the 2010 budget - \$449m? a) I understand the original diabetes proposal has been watered down to a pilot scheme, can the Department tell us the details of that pilot? b) Are there plans for any other pilots in other areas of care?	Written QoN

25	5	Siewert	AG	Medicare Locals Fund	The 2011 budget made reference to Medicare Locals Fund (p.212 yellow budget papers) a) Can the Department tell us which programs are being consolidated into this fund? b) Is there going to be some sort of population health planning involved when Medicare Locals start to deliver 'a range of initiatives including after-hours general practice services, rural primary health services, workforce support for rural GPs and support for aged care recipients to access general practice and allied health services'. (p.212, yellow papers) c) If so, does the Department believe there is sufficient data to enable Medicare Locals to deliver on population health planning?	Written QoN
26	11	Siewert	AG	Funding for Medicare Locals to participate in bidding for mental health programs	Will Medicare Locals be given funding to enable them to participate in the bidding process for mental health programs outlined in the budget?	Written QoN
27	13	Siewert	AG	Funding announced for Lead Clinician Groups	In May 2010, funding of \$56 million was announced for the formation of Lead Clinician Groups at local and national levels. Can the Department advise: a) What are the functions of Lead Clinician Groups? How do these differ from other clinical engagement structures, including those already in place and those associated with Local Hospital Networks and Medicare Locals? b) Will the first Lead Clinician Groups, including the National Lead Clinician Group, be in place as announced by 1 July 2011? If so, when will applications be open for membership of these groups, and when will the membership be announced? c) Will the membership of the groups be open only to 'clinicians', or will there be consumer membership? d) How has 'clinician' been defined in this context? e) What evaluation mechanisms will be put in place, and what outcomes will be measured?	Written QoN
28	2	Siewert	AG	Amendment to the National Health Amendment (PBS) 2010 Bill	NHA Amendments - Additional amendments added to amendment. During the debate in the Senate on the National Health Amendment (PBS) 2010 Bill the Senate agreed to the following amendment. Hansard Excerpt - Senator SIEWERT (Western Australia) (7.45 pm) - I move the second reading amendment standing in my name: At the end of the motion, add: but the Senate calls on the Government: (a) to ensure that there is an annual report to Parliament on all available data on under co-payment products, including the drug name and form, the quantities dispensed; (b) to table a copy of the annual report by the Access to Medicines Working Group to the Minister for Health and Ageing on the progress and implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Government and Medicines Australia on 6 May 2010, commencing not later than 1 January 2011; and (c) to conduct a study of the affordability of prescription medication and access to medicines, including the use of generic medicines. Can the Department please give an update on the implementation of the provisions under this amendment?	Written QoN

29	2	Siewert	AG	Price of Generic Medicin	The 2010 amendments to the NHA Act stipulate that the average price of generic medicines must be reduced by a minimum of 23 per cent on 1 April 2012. a) Can the Department please advise what measures it has in place to ensure that there is no disruption to the supply chain as the pharmaceutical supply chain absorbs an overnight price cut of a minimum 23 per cent? b) Can the Department please advise what measures it has in place to address potential de-stocking by pharmacists as the value of their generic medicines will decrease by 23 per cent overnight?	Written QoN
30	2	Siewert	AG	Access to Medicines Working Group	The Access to Medicines Working Group comprises representatives from Medicines Australia and Government. Why is the Department not consulting with the follow-on generic medicines sector?	Written QoN
31	1	Siewert	AG	Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol	Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol. In 2009 the Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol were updated for the first time since 2001. Major changes to the Guidelines include there now being no difference in the recommended guidelines for men and women and the new guidelines also suggest strongly against any consumption of alcohol during pregnancy. a) A recent National Poll by the AER Foundation which found that only 10% of Australians are aware that the Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol were updated in 2009. Is the Department satisfied with the level of awareness that the community has of the guidelines? b) What is the Department of Health and Ageing doing to ensure that the Guidelines are communicated with the general public?	Written QoN
32	4	Siewert	AG	YPIRAC and Rehabilitati	The mid term review of the YPIRAC program identified that rehabilitation for people with acquired brain injury was a key service gap that was a contributor to the YPINH problem. The unavailability of slow stream rehabilitation in most jurisdictions means that younger people with ABI in aged care were left with no way of improving their independence. - What in the sub-acute care part of the health reform package addresses this gap, and what plans are there to address this service gap in the ongoing hospital reform process?	Written QoN

33	0	Siewert	AG	Health Reform changes regarding State responsibility for people with disabilities under 65 years of age	In negotiating the Health Reform changes (specifically the agreement that the States take total responsibility for services for people with disabilities under 65 years of age) what progress has the Department made in addressing: a) the funding and provision of aids and equipment to people under 65 in residential aged care b) the funding and provision of continence products and services for all people (in cases where people need more than the continence program allows for) c) the funding and provision of case management and other disability services (recreation, personal care etc) for people under 65 in residential aged care the funding and provision of rehabilitation including slow stream rehab to young people living in residential aged care to assist with recovery from injury and manage health and long term wellbeing? d) the assessment process for identifying the the needs and funding required by people under 65 moving into residential aged care where these people need a higher level of service than is funded by the ACFI?	Written QoN
34	4	Birmingham	LP	Departmental funding to organisations	Has the Department provided any funding to any of the following organisations in the current financial year or in any of the previous three financial years? If so, please detail when it was provided and for what purpose. - Australian Conservation Foundation - Australian Council of Trade Unions - Australian Youth Climate Coalition - Climate Action Network Australia - The Climate Institute - Environment Victoria - GetUp! - Greenpeace Australia Pacific - World Wildlife Fund Australia	Written QoN
35	10	Heffernan	LP	Wind Turbines	The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) issued a Public Statement that indicates no published scientific evidence exists to positively link Wind Turbines with adverse Health effects therefore, because the position is not settled it is recommended within the Public Statement that; -A precautionary approach should be taken in relation to further development -research outcomes should continue to be monitored -wind turbine design standards should be complied with - site evaluation should occur to minimise potential impacts -people who believe they are experiencing health problems should consult their Doctor promptly. This being the case, what strategy has the NHMRC adopted to ensure the expedient use of the Public Statement, by Wind Developers, has been in compliance with its intent and factually correct?	Written QoN

36	10	Heffernan	LP	Wind Turbines	The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) issued a Public Statement that indicates no published scientific evidence exists to positively link Wind Turbines with adverse Health effects therefore, because the position is not settled it is recommended within the Public Statement that; -A precautionary approach should be taken in relation to further development -research outcomes should continue to be monitored -wind turbine design standards should be complied with - site evaluation should occur to minimise potential impacts -people who believe they are experiencing health problems should consult their Doctor promptly. When the NHMRC has been informed of the potential misuse and misrepresentation of its Public Statement, what action has the NHMRC taken to correct the record?	Written QoN
37	10	Heffernan	LP	Wind Turbines	The NHMRC advises that "there is currently no published scientific evidence to positively link Wind Turbines with adverse Health effects" however, the NHMRC also advises "the Public Statement and Report are a form of advice to the community about the current state of published scientific literature on wind turbines and their effect on health. It is important to note that, as evidence reviews, they are not a scientific investigation conducted by NHMRC itself". "Because only a small body of robust scientific evidence currently exists in this field, NHMRC is continuing to monitor the scientific literature" Can the NHMRC please confirm the titles, authors and sponsors of the "small body of robust scientific evidence it did review?	Written QoN
38	10	Heffernan	LP	Wind Turbines	The NHMRC advises that "there is currently no published scientific evidence to positively link Wind Turbines with adverse Health effects" however, the NHMRC also advises "the Public Statement and Report are a form of advice to the community about the current state of published scientific literature on wind turbines and their effect on health. It is important to note that, as evidence reviews, they are not a scientific investigation conducted by NHMRC itself". "Because only a small body of robust scientific evidence currently exists in this field, NHMRC is continuing to monitor the scientific literature" The NHMRC is conducting a workshop in early June for participants to review the Public Statement and Report. a) What is the intent of conducting the June Workshop? b) Who has been invited? c) Please confirm the cost for this workshop including any royalties and or travel to be paid to any "experts". d) Is any funding been received from the Wind Industry or any organisation linked to the Wind Industry, developers or manufactures? If so, please list organisation and contribution? e) Please name and confirm the professional qualifications of the invited "experts" and justify their relevance to your workshop.	Written QoN
39	4	Furner	ALP	Aged Care Education and Training Incentive Program	Are you able to provide the outcomes in terms of those three streams as to where the uptake has been, what has been paid out in terms of not necessarily the first or the second payments but the overall payment, and also the general feedback you are receiving as a response to that particular program from aged care facilities?	CA 74 - 30/05

40	0	Adams	LP	Seniors Website	a) Has the Consortium of Australian Government Agencies responsible for the Website www.seniors.gov.au portal undertaken any evaluation of the site? b) How will the Government determine if the objectives of the site have been met? How will the Government determine if the portal has improved access to information to seniors living in regional and rural areas? c) How does the Government decide what material gets included on this site? d) How many hits has the site had since its inception and also by year?	Written QoN
41	4	Adams	LP	Accreditation Standards for Residential Aged Care	a) I understand that the Department has produced a Discussion Paper on a revised set of accreditation standards for residential aged care. What consultation is occurring with the aged care industry about these standards? b) I have been advised by providers who have attended these consultations that they are concerned it is "just for show" and that their comments will simply be ignored and that no changes will be made to the current version. Can you explain how these new standards will improve the existing quality system? c) Providers have told me quite vigorously that the new standards will create a higher level of uncertainty about assessment outcomes and will be considerably more costly than the existing processes. Can the Department advise - d) if any assessment of the cost to the aged care industry of converting from the existing standards to the new has been undertaken e) is it correct that the review process commenced in August 2008 and when does the Department anticipate the process will be complete? f) will aged care providers be forced to change to the new standards mid-accreditation cycle? g) Given that the existing standards lasted for 13 years without change, what provision has been	Written QoN
42	4	Adams	LP	Dementia Initiative	I have constituents who are very concerned that this Government is no longer committed to the Dementia Initiative, Can the Department provide information which will repudiate these concerns and especially outline the Government's commitment to this major issue in our ageing community?	Written QoN
43	4	Adams	LP	National Health Priority for Dementia	It appears that the Government is not serious about recognising Dementia as a National Health priority. Having been the first country in the world to recognise the condition, it difficult to understand why a committed Government would make no provision for it in this year's Budget. Will the Department detail how much money will be lost from the current Initiative and in which areas, and what will be the effect in practical terms to Dementia sufferers and any research programmes which are in progress.	Written QoN
44	4	Adams	LP	Dementia Initiative Fund	There are significant funding implications for the Dementia Initiative as a consequence of the Department of Health and Ageing's strategic review where spending has been downgraded. Can the Department advise precisely how it is intended to support and sustain the services provided in the present financial climate to an increasing number of sufferers and confirm whether or not any specific programmes and/or services will have to cease or will be withdrawn and if so, which ones.	Written QoN



45	1	Adams	LP	Bowel Cancer Programme	a) The Government has claimed in this Budget that the ongoing costs are to a continuous Programme. Could the Department outline the processes that the Programme has gone through in the period since 1 January 2011, including any "wind down" procedures for this Programme? b) What is the projected life of this Programme as predicted by the Department? c) Can the Department provide the participation numbers of the Programme between 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010? d) Can the Department provide the participation numbers of the Programme between 1 January 2011 and 1 June 2011?	Written QoN
46	3	Adams	LP	Chronic Disease Dental Scheme	a) Given that the Government policy is to terminate the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme by 31 December 2011, can the Department outline what steps are currently being taken to facilitate the termination of the programme? b) Given that \$1.6 billion has been spent on this programme over the last 2 years, can the Government provide a breakdown of how the \$1.6 billion was spent? c) Does the Department have a Programme that will replace this scheme?	Written QoN
47	11	Adams	LP	Mental Health Skills Training	a) How many additional GPs undertook mental health skills training under the Better Access Initiative in the last 12 months? b) What proportion of all General Practitioners is this?	Written QoN
48	11	Adams	LP	Expenditure for Mental Health Programmes	How will the Department monitor expenditure under the Mental Health Programmes in the Budget to ensure that they reach people who live outside regional centres?	Written QoN
49	11	Adams	LP	Telephone and on-line mental health support	What Programmes are in place to provide telephone or on-line counselling sessions with the same (ongoing) mental health worker for people requiring mental health support in rural and remote areas?	Written QoN
50	4	Adams	LP	Aged Care Stocktake	A response to a Question I asked in February 2011 when I enquired where details of the aged care stocktake could be found, was that it was available on the internet at the Department's website and that these details are available on that site following the annual 30 June stocktake. Can the Department confirm that the results for 2010 have been uploaded to the Department website and if so, please provide me with the link to the location as I am advised that several people have been unable to locate that information.	Written QoN
51	4	Adams	LP	Aged Care Networks	During the former Prime Minister's announcements on the national health reforms, he referred, on a number of occasions, to the creation of aged care networks to complement the hospital, primary and Medicare local networks yet, in more recent times the aged care network idea seems to have disappeared. Can the Department explain how, without an aged care network, aged care services are meant to develop a strategic working relationship with the other networks or do we assume, that aged care is simply the forgotten part of the health system?	Written QoN

52	4	Adams	LP	General Purpose Financial Reports for Aged Care Providers	I am advised that as a trade off to receive the Conditional Adjustment Payment in 2005, all aged care providers were required to undertake General Purpose Financial Reports, arrange for them to be audited and initially provided to an independent consultancy for an analysis and more recently to the Department each year. I am further advised that the annual 1.75% Conditional Adjustment Payment ceased several years ago yet aged care providers continue to be required to submit audited GFRS. Why does the Government believe that it is acceptable to break its side of this agreement and continue to oblige providers to maintain the GFRS and not insignificant expense?	Written QoN
53	4	Adams	LP	Performance of Aged Care Providers	I am informed that one of the other reasons for imposing GFRS was to ensure providers could give future clients some information about the performance of the Approved provider. Can the department confirm that this is correct?	Written QoN
54	4	Adams	LP	Consumer Access to Aged Care General Purpose Financial Reports	Can the Department provide any evidence of the extent to which consumers are seeking access to the GFRS? Information I have received from providers indicate that of the 55,000 new admissions per year, on average it is less than 5. Can the Department confirm that this is correct?	Written QoN
55	4	Adams	LP	Costs Relating to Aged Care General Purpose Financial Reports	Given that industry estimates of the cost of providing these GFRS is in excess of \$40 million per annum, does the Department consider that this is an efficient use of industry funds?	Written QoN
56	4	Adams	LP	Increased costs to Aged Care Providers relating to General Purpose Financial Reports	a) I am advised that providers cannot submit their GFRS at a consolidated level as is required by Corporations Law but must submit at Approved Provider level. Can the Department advise how this services consumers or providers as it seems to simply increase the cost to aged care providers as they need to create one set of accounts for ASIC and one for DoHA? b) I am also advised that the Department has called a tender for the provision of financial benchmarking information for the industry. Will this replace the requirement to lodge GFRS? And if not, why not?	Written QoN
57	4	Adams	LP	Improving Financial Reporting for Aged Care	Will the Department liaise with the industry about a better way for gathering financial information and using it in a more meaningful way to both improve financial benchmarking and being able to provide useful financial reports for consumers to use especially when considering entry into care?	Written QoN
58	4	Bushby	LP	Allocation of bed licences and community care packages	The Productivity Commission's Draft Report "Caring for Older Australian's" recommends a freeing up of the allocation of bed licences and community care packages. Currently the process of applying for and gaining licences and packages is a tortuous one for providers - which may come to nothing if an application is unsuccessful. a) What consideration has the Department given to allowing more rapid meeting of existing or emerging community needs, such as freeing up the process of converting existing bed licences to packages? b) What obstacles stand in the way of doing this?	Written QoN

59	4	Bushby	LP	Information relating to the allocation of bed licences and community packages using real-time data	To what extent is the Department's allocation of bed licences and community packages taking account of real-time data on the building of retirement villages and other post-retirement living options? Is the allocation based only on census data which is a snapshot in time that is quickly outdated, or does it include other information and, if so, what information?	Written QoN
60	1	Ludlam	AG	Australian National Radiation Dose Register	I am interested to know how far back you are intending to go and how far back the datasets go that you are going to be able to incorporate?	CA 60 - 30/05
61	1	Boyce	LP	Australian Clinical Dosimetry Service	[For dosimetry audit checks performed] How will be you be reporting on those audits and perhaps if possible the costings that will be associated with the audits once you are charging for them?	CA 63 - 30/05
62	4	Payne	LP	Budget Measure for Continuation and Expansion of the Residential Aged Care Viability Supplement	How much of the \$16 million allocated to the continuation and expansion of the residential aged care viability supplement will be used to assist homes that specialise in caring for the homeless, in particular? (2011-12 Budget Paper no 2, p211)	Written QoN
63	12	McEwen	ALP	GP Training Program	How many training places will be in South Australia?	CA 113 - 30/05
64	12	McLucas	ALP	GP Training Program	How many training places will be in Queensland?	CA 114 - 30/05
65	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program	What were the cumulative figures for funding and number of people to whom services were provided over the period 2006 to 2011?	CA 115 - 30/05
66	12	Siewert	AG	Mental Health Nurses Evaluation	Provide the criteria/tender documents for the evaluation?	CA 116 - 30/05
67	12	Siewert	AG	Mental Health Nurses Evaluation	Who is on the advisory panel? Refer E11000066	CA 116 - 30/05
68	3	Adams	LP	Number of Radiation Oncology positions	How much interest has there been in people taking up these areas of expertise?	CA 111 - 30/05
69	2	Coonan	LP	PBS Deferrals	What was the criteria for each of the decisions taken as to which medicines will be deferred from listing on the PBS?	Written QoN
70	2	Coonan	LP	PSB Deferrals	What are the alternative medicines that are equivalent to the following deferred items. Please include their respective generic and/or brand names: - Duodart (dutasteride with tamsulosin hydrochloride) - Invega Sustenna (paliperadone palmitate) - Targin (oxycodone/naloxone) - Symbicort (budesonide with eformoterol) - Botox (botulinum toxin type A) - Fragmin (dalteparin sodium) - Synarel (nafarelin)	Written QoN
71	2	Coonan	LP	PBS Deferrals	Please provide the names and qualifications of each and every expert, alongside any industry bodies and/or stakeholders who were consulted prior to the decision to defer the listing of each of the following drugs: - Duodart (dutasteride with tamsulosin hydrochloride) - Invega Sustenna (paliperadone palmitate) - Targin (oxycodone/naloxone) - Symbicort (budesonide with eformoterol) - Botox (botulinum toxin type A) - Fragmin (dalteparin sodium) - Synarel (nafarelin)	Written QoN

72	2	Coonan	LP	PBS Deferrals	Specify the scientific or medical advice received by the Government that evidences the equivalent drugs for each of the deferred items: - Duodart (dutasteride with tamsulosin hydrochloride) - Invega Sustenna (paliperidone palmitate) - Targin (oxycodone/naloxone) - Symbicort (budesonide with formoterol) - Botox (botulinum toxin type A) - Fragmin (dalteparin sodium) - Synarel (nafarelin)	Written QoN
73	3	Back	LP	Suspension of PSR Panels	Suspension of PSR Panels a) When were the PSR Panels formally suspended? More than 6 months ago now? b) How many cases have been deferred or abandoned?	Written QoN
74	3	Back	LP	Why AMA	Why is the AMA responsible for approving of the selection of the Director and panel members of the PSR and not for example the Medical Registration Board?	Written QoN
75	3	Back	LP	Value to the taxpayer	Sue Dunlevy suggested that it costs more for fund PSR to conduct their investigations than the "savings" that it claims to recoup on behalf of the taxpayer. What is the annual operating budget for the PSR? The appropriation from Government? [2009-10 & 2010-11]	Written QoN
76	3	Back	LP	Value to the taxpayer	I understand that the Director of the PSR sought additional funding from the Minister to conduct more reviews this was granted in the 2008 Budget and increased the number of Medicare audits from 1 per cent to 4 per cent of all claims - has this funding been maintained?	Written QoN
77	3	Back	LP	Value to the taxpayer	a) What is the total amount recouped from doctors in the last two financial year? b) As a trend has this figure been increasing?	Written QoN
78	3	Back	LP	Value to the taxpayer	a) Provide a breakdown of the total amount of money repaid from practitioners through negotiated agreements and settlements. b) Consider on the facts whether it offers value for money to the taxpayer?	Written QoN
79	3	Back	LP	Value to the taxpayer	Can you assure me that savings targets being pursued by the Government driving this agenda?	Written QoN
80	3	Back	LP	Reviews of the PSR	a) Is there a review currently underway into the PSR? b) If so, who is undertaking it and what areas are they looking to reform? [AMA together with the Health Department] c) Has the Minister's office been involved in any way?	Written QoN
81	3	Back	LP	Reviews of the PSR	While there is no dispute that there should be reviews of how health practitioners claim MBS rebates - can you respond to allegations from those that have been reviewed by the PSR that there is no accountability where neither Medicare Australia or PSR can provide binding advice on matters relating to the clinical relevance of MBS items.	Written QoN

82	3	Back	LP	Reviews of the PSR	Can you respond to comments from Queensland Dr Scott Masters who was quoted in an article from the Australia on the 11 December 2010 who wrote to Medicare asking it to define certain consultations. Rose Ross, director, Medicare Integrity Section Medicare Ben-efits Branch replied: "As I have in-dicated previously it is up to the practitioner rendering the ser-vices to determine what MBS item applies. Neither the department nor Medicare Australia can pro-vide binding advice on matters re-lating to the clinical relevance of the service. This is a matter for your peers, that is, the general body of GPs." When Masters asked Webber whether he accepted Medicare Australia's rulings, Webber's executive assistant replied by email: "Dr Webber can only give advice on the PSR scheme and cannot provide any further comment on the administration of MBS items." As Masters says, "It all goes round in circles". The result, he claims, is that PSR rulings are highly subjective. Can you provide me with advice on WHO is responsible for defining MBS items so that rulings of the PSR are communicated to provide doctors will guidelines for better practice and reduce costs involved in pursuing these to the taxpayer?	Written QoN
83	3	Back	LP	Reviews of the PSR	Is consideration being given as part of the review to developing materials to provide practitioners with better guidance and information on MBS administration?	Written QoN
84	3	Back	LP	Constitution of panels	a) Why didn't the Director of the PSR / PSR they follow procedure in appointing the Deputy Director and reported more than 100 panel members? b) Can you clarify for me whether of these panel members there are any retired or part-time practitioners and the number of each?	Written QoN
85	3	Back	LP	Appeal process	Annual Report again states that in 209-10 there were no appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal - instead those few that do pursue appeals these are taken to the Federal Court. Can you comment on the effectiveness of the PSR Appeals process?	Written QoN
86	8	Siewert	AG	Opal Fuel	You would be aware of the recommendation to this committee that - and this was made some time ago, so it is more than six months down the track since we made that recommendation - the Commonwealth should look at some sort of mandatory process. Has the department or has the government started looking at that?	CA 66 - 03/06
87	13	Adams	LP	HHF - Regional Cancer Centre Projects	a) How are the 21 regional cancer centre projects progressing and how many are up and operating? b) Where are the regional cancer centre projects at in the process of contract negotiations?	CA 85 - 30/05
88	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Chronic Disease Dental Scheme - growth rate in services	a) What has been the average growth rate in the number of services accessed per year? b) What compliance measures are in place to ensure services accessed under the scheme meet the intent of the program and eligibility requirements?	CA 96 - 30/05
89	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Commonwealth Dental Health Program	a) Would services in the proposed dental health program be performed by public dentists employed by state and territory governments? b) How many are currently employed in the public system?	CA 97 - 30/05
90	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Commonwealth Dental Health Program	Is there enough dentists in the public system to deal with the priority ped	CA 97 - 30/05

91	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Commonwealth Dental Health Program - number of public dentists	What is the number of dentists in the public system as of 2007?	CA 97 - 30/05
92	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Estimate revision of number of services	Does the number of predicted dental visits for 2011 need to change or w	CA 98 - 30/05
93	13	Siewert	AG	Number of patients by state	What is the breakdown by state that patient's treated under the chronic illness program are in?	CA 98 - 30/05
94	13	Siewert	AG	Chronic Disease Dental Scheme - services by type: number of times cap reached	What types of services were provided and did they use the full cap of \$4	CA 98 - 30/05
95	13	Adams	LP	Services to rural and remote areas	What are the details of how many of these services were provided to rur	CA 98 - 30/05
96	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Total number of beds, rolled out and operational - state-by-state breakdown	What is the total number of hospital beds, state by state that have been	CA 108 - 30/05
97	13	Adams	LP	Proportion of funding under NPA on improving public hospital services	a) What proportion of the funding under the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services for subacute hospital beds, elective surgery and emergency departments has gone to regional, rural and remote areas? b) Are figures on spending on public hospitals available by the ASGC-RA remoteness areas and, if so, what do they show about the relative stresses on emergency departments in regional hospitals as distinct from those in the major cities?	CA 108 - 30/05
98	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Numbers of emergency projects	a) How many new emergency departments have been upgraded? b) What are the statistics in relation to upgrades?	CA 114 - 30/05
99	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Agreed Definition Variati	a) What is the status of the limitation of the targets for elective surgery access? b) What are the statistics in relation to elective surgery?	CA 114 - 30/05
100	4	Boyce	LP	Costs of delivering care in the home	a) The Budget papers state that there will be savings of \$211.7 million dollars over five years because of the lower costs of delivering care in the home. Could you provide a detailed breakdown of all the components of those savings? b) Can you give us the detail and costing of programs that will be decreasing and those that will be increasing. c) In Budget Estimates at page 64 Ms Halton describes the \$211.7 million as "the cost of a policy change". Should that not be described as 'savings'? d) What happens to the \$211.7 million dollars of savings? Does sit simply disappear into the calculations of accounts or is it earmarked for spending elsewhere? Could you please explain exactly what happens to this \$211.7 million dollars?	Written QoN
101	4	Boyce	LP	Sites for aged care facility's	Could the Department provide a list of the national sites for which you have received representations for the provision of an aged care facility in the last three years?	Written QoN

102	4	Boyce	LP	Aged Care facility in Hughenden	The Budget papers reveal that \$4.4 million will be spent on a new aged care facility in Hughenden. According to evidence given by Ms C Smith of the Department at Budget estimates on May 30 it is a different model from that involving an approved provider. a) What is this model? b) Is it funded under the provisions of the Aged Care Act? c) If not how is it funded and under what provisions? d) What is the total cost of this facility? e) Who is paying what percentage of the costs of this facility? f) What are the arrangements for the funding of its running costs? g) Who is responsible for its running, up keep, management and outcomes?	Written QoN
103	11	Boyce	LP	EPPIC programs	When in the Department's view will we see the first government sponsor	Written QoN
104	11	Boyce	LP	EPPIC in a remote community	Ms Harman from the department gave evidence on May 30 that, and I quote, "we would not be able to build an Eppic in a remote community". Could you explain in detail why not?	Written QoN
105	11	Boyce	LP	Service of EPPIC to remote communities	What would the "some sort of service" offered under the EPPIC banner t	Written QoN
106	11	Boyce	LP	Better Access Program	During the Budget estimates hearings the Department was asked about the amount of consultation they did with sectors affected by the decision to strip money from the Better Access program's medical rebates. In evidence given by Jane Halton on May 30 during those estimates she said, and I quote, "the bottom line is that significant numbers of people were party to these evaluations." Ms Halton went on to say, and I quote, "indeed the review of Better Access was discussed at one of those meetings."(The expert working group). a) How can those two statements co-exist when the reference is made to only one meeting where the proposed changes to Better Access were discussed? b) How many consultations were held with those involved in the Better Access program before these changes were announced? c) Who were "the people" referred to by Ms Halton? d) It's claimed that the reallocation of resources driven by the Budgetary changes to the Better Access program would, "ensure that we will get better outcomes for people with mental illness in Australia." What analytical evidence can you provide to support that contention? e) Could you provide details of what exactly is the Health expenditure on	Written QoN
107	0	Boyce	LP	Homeless Services	In evidence before the Community Affairs Committee Budget Estimates session of May 30, a Mr Kalisch of the Department in answering questions regarding uniform and consistent data collection talked about the application from July 1 of a 'data validator' that apply to and I quote "all of the homeless services that provide us with data".	Written QoN
108	0	Boyce	LP	Delivering data	What incentives/compensation is offered to providers and/or agencies to encourage their participation and to compensate for the time spent delivering data?	Written QoN
109	0	Boyce	LP	Data costs to service providers	What is the cost to service providers implementing new data definitions,	Written QoN
110	0	Boyce	LP	Data collection system	Which areas of social and health policy will the Institute prioritise on the road to full implementation of a uniform data collection system?	Written QoN
111	0	Boyce	LP	Child neglect	a) Do you have a definition of child neglect? b) What is it?	Written QoN

112	0	Boyce	LP	Data interpretation issue	Please outline any other areas where the AIHW believes the lack of a standard national definition presents data interpretation issues?	Written QoN
113	10	Boyce	LP	Allocation of Palliative Care funds	How much of allocated Palliative Care funds are being distributed outside Queensland?	Written QoN
114	10	Boyce	LP	Distribution of Palliative Care funds	What mechanisms are being used to ensure equitable distribution of Palliative Care funds on a population needs basis?	Written QoN
115	10	Boyce	LP	Queensland Palliative Care services	What is being done to ensure that all Queenslanders have adequate access to specialist palliative care services, where ever they live?	Written QoN
116	10	Boyce	LP	Funding for Palliative Care in Queensland	PCQ was advised by Queensland Health representatives in October 2010 that \$327M in additional funding would be made available via the National Partnership Agreement to support service enhancements in sub-acute health care in Queensland, including palliative care. How much of that money has been provided to support palliative care service provision in Queensland, and what further funding can the palliative care sector in Queensland expect to be awarded via NPA funding over the next 4 years from this \$327M?	Written QoN
117	10	Boyce	LP	Queensland funding under the National Palliative Care Program	Under the National Palliative Care Program, Queensland received \$8.3M in funding to support community palliative care programs. How much money via this program is currently being provided to the Queensland Government to support the provision of community palliative care in Queensland?	Written QoN
118	10	Boyce	LP	Palliative Care funding in Queensland	Given that referrals to specialist palliative care in some areas of Queensland increase by as much as 25% per year, is it likely that there will be a commensurate shift to the funding of this program in Queensland?	Written QoN
119	5	Boyce	LP	Staffing of Medicare Locals	Does the staffing of Medicare Locals reflect a genuine commitment to the program?	Written QoN
120	5	Boyce	LP	Masters degrees in Public Health	How many for example would hold a masters degree in Public Health?	Written QoN
121	5	Boyce	LP	Healthy Communities Reports	You have the Healthy Communities Reports requirement but does that include reporting on the determinates of health consistent with DOHA's own guidelines and those of the WHO?	Written QoN
122	5	Boyce	LP	Medicare Locals	Could you clarify the extent to which Medicare Locals will purchase services as compared to the extent they will be involved in service delivery?	Written QoN
123	5	Boyce	LP	Medicare Locals	Are Medicare Locals Primary Health Care providers or Primary Medical Centres?	Written QoN
124	6	Adams	LP	Regional Cancer Centre for Burnie, Tasmania	Can you please give an update and status report on the new world class Regional Cancer Care Centre promised for Burnie, Tasmania in May 2010 (\$4.78 million) and again on 12 August 2010 \$16.5 million).	Written QoN
125	6	Adams	LP	Regional Cancer Centre for Nambour	Can you please give an update and status report on the Regional Cancer Care Centre promised for Nambour (\$12.7 million) on 18 August 2010 which was an Election promise.	Written QoN
126	6	Adams	LP	Regional Cancer Care Centres	How many Regional Cancer Care Centres have been announced in total?	Written QoN
127	6	Adams	LP	Regional Cancer Care Centres	a) Are any Regional Cancer Care Centres either under construction or completed?	Written QoN



128	6	Adams	LP	Health and Hospital Fund	a) Of the 63 projects across Australia funded under the Health and Hospital Fund (HHF) to support the development of Health infrastructure in regional areas, which projects will be given priority? b) What are their locations? c) What criterion will be used to prioritise the 63 projects? d) Does a plan exist for the structured roll-out of these 63 projects? e) Which projects will be delivered during the first two years?	Written QoN
129	1	Adams	LP	Bowel Cancer Screening Program	Given the lack of much needed expansion of the program in the 2011-12 budget, is the department developing any lower-cost strategies to increase participation among the limited target age range, such as communication strategies or working more closely with the primary care sector to involve GPs in program promotion?	Written QoN
130	1	Adams	LP	National Bowel Cancer Screening Program	It has been said in the media that it will take two years for the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program to be reinstated once it is re-funded, can you give an indication of how long it will take the Program to start inviting people again?	Written QoN
131	1	Adams	LP	Funding for Bowel Cancer Screening	Funding for the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program has been extended - in its current limited form from the upcoming new financial year. What is the Department's estimated costs of rolling out a properly funded program including biennial repeat screening for all Australians over the age of 50 ?	Written QoN
132	1	Adams	LP	Costs relating to the National Bowel Cancer Screening Programme	Has the Department's cost estimates given consideration to the figures published in the Medical Journal of Australia on 21 February 2011 which indicates substantial savings on the cost of treating advanced stage Bowel cancer that will result from a properly funded and conducted National Bowel Cancer Screening Programme?	Written QoN
133	12	Adams	LP	Endorsed psychologists	Why has the APB under the stewardship of AHPRA regulated to endorse Psychologists in nine different fields when endorsement will increase Medicare rebate costs and the research shows that endorsed psychologists are not more effective at delivering mental health outcomes, than non endorsed generalist psychologists?	Written QoN
134	12	Adams	LP	Nationally registered psychologists	Why has the APB spent money adding new extra qualifications and compliance measures for Psychologists to be nationally registered, when this will increase the costs for individual psychologists, negatively impact 80% of Psychologists businesses, and disadvantage their ability to deliver services to the mentally ill.	Written QoN
135	11	Adams	LP	Medicare savings for psychologists	How much money would be saved if medicare replaced the current two tier rebate with one rebate for all Psychologists?	Written QoN
136	12	Adams	LP	Cost of registration of psychologists	How much money would be saved if the National Psychiatry Board of Australia only had one type of registration for Psychologists and no endorsements?	Written QoN
137	11	Adams	LP	Rebates to Psychologists	How much money would be saved if rebates were only made available to Psychologists who bulk billed and did not charge a gap fee?	Written QoN
138	12	Adams	LP	Cost impact on mental health	What cost impact does the Department of Health & Ageing anticipate the new endorsement scheme will have on mental health services from 1 July?	Written QoN

139	9	Adams	LP	Private Health Insurance Industry	What steps has the Department taken in the last year to ensure the sustainability of the of private health insurance industry?	Written QoN
140	9	Adams	LP	Private Health Insurance Industry	What new initiatives has the Department implemented in the last year to ensure the private health insurance industry is viable and cost-effective?	Written QoN
141	9	Adams	LP	Cost-effective services	What mechanisms are used to ensure that services delivered in the private sector (including private hospitals and medical specialists) are cost-effective?	Written QoN
142	9	Adams	LP	Private Hospital Data	What proportion of private hospitals submit data to the MyHospitals website so performance data is publicly available? (see page 276 of the Portfolio Budget Statement)	Written QoN
143	9	Adams	LP	Review of Health Technology Assessment	What new initiatives has the Department implemented to streamline HTA processes since the review of Health Technology Assessment was completed?	Written QoN
144	9	Adams	LP	Improvements to the prostheses listing processes for private health insurance benefits	a) What improvements have been made to the prostheses listing processes for private health insurance benefits? b) Have the recommendations of the Review of Health Technology Assessment with regard to prostheses listing been implemented (as indicated on page 275 of the Portfolio Budget Statement)?	Written QoN
145	10	Adams	LP	Palliative Care organisations	What proportion of palliative care organisations are using benchmarking	Written QoN
146	1	Ryan	LP	Plain packaging of tobacco products	a) Is the Department confident with the advice that it has received in relation to Australia's international trade and treaty obligations that it would not be paying compensation to tobacco companies if the Federal Government introduces and implements plain packaging of tobacco products? b) Has the Minister for Health and Ageing received or briefed on that advice and if so, what date/s did this occur? c) Can the Department confirm that the pantone colour of the tobacco packaging as publicly displayed by the Minister for Health and Ageing on 7 April 2011 is in fact the pantone colour recommended by the Expert Advisory Group to the Department?	Written QoN

147	0	Ryan	LP	Alcohol labelling	<p>On 28 January 2011, the Australian Government released the Final Report, Labelling Logic Review of Food Labelling Law and Policy (2011). The Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council (ANZFRMC), which is made up of Ministers from the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments and from New Zealand, is now responsible for developing a comprehensive response to the recommendations of the Final Report by December 2011. Recommendation 24 states: That generic alcohol warning messages be placed on alcohol labels but only as an element of a comprehensive multifaceted national campaign targeting the public health problems of alcohol in society. Recommendation 25 states: That a suitably worded warning message about the risks of consuming alcohol while pregnant be mandated on individual containers of alcoholic beverages and at the point of sale for unpackaged alcoholic beverages, as support for ongoing broader community education.</p> <p>a) Can the Department inform the Committee if it supports these recommendations?</p> <p>b) Has it provided advice to the Minister on these matters?</p> <p>c) If so, what recommendation did that advice contain?</p> <p>d) Does the Minister support these recommendations?</p> <p>e) Will the Minister rule out graphic warnings or plain packaging of alcohol products as ways to support these measures?</p> <p>f) Are any activities underway within the Department to either develop possible compulsory graphic warnings on alcohol products or plain packaging of alcohol products?</p>	Written QoN
148	1	Ryan	LP	Tobacco plain packaging laws	<p>a) Does the Department have any internal or commissioned research into consumer attitudes into the proposed tobacco plain packaging laws? b) When was it commissioned? c) How much did this research cost? d) Can you please make it available to the Community Affairs Committee?</p>	Written QoN
149	6	Boyce	LP	Regional Cancer Care Centre for Burnie	<p>Can you please explain the delay on the delivery of, and give an update on, the new world class Regional Cancer Care Centre promised for Burnie, Tasmania in May 2010 (\$4.78m) and again on 12 August 2010 (\$16.5m)?</p>	Written QoN
150	6	Boyce	LP	Regional Cancer Care Centre for Nambour	<p>Can you please give an update on the Regional Cancer Care Centre promised for Nambour (\$12.7m) on 18 August 2010</p>	Written QoN
151	6	Boyce	LP	Health infrastructure in regional areas	<p>Of the 63 projects across Australia funded under HHF to support the development of health infrastructure in regional areas which specific projects and locations will be delivered during 2011-12 when \$110m will roll out; and 2012-13 when \$200m will roll out?</p>	Written QoN
152	1	Boyce	LP	Substance abuse in Indigenous communities	<p>Will the election promise of \$20m over four years to support community led solutions for tackling substance abuse in Indigenous communities including Alcohol Management Plans and targeted programs to prevent the normalisation of substance abuse amongst young indigenous people commence on 1 July 2011? If not, why?</p>	Written QoN

153	1	Boyce	LP	Community led suicide prevention services	Of the \$22.6m to improve community led suicide prevention services, how and when was the fast-tracked \$6m portion announced 14/4/2011 delivered to address the Kimberley suicide spike? How will the remainder of the \$22.6m be rolled out from 1/7/2011? How much will benefit Indigenous and regional communities?	Written QoN
154	1	Boyce	LP	Sobering up shelter in Tenant Creek	a) When will the sobering up shelter in Tenant Creek be completed? b) What transitional arrangements have been made for when the existing site transitions to a building site?	Written QoN
155	8	Boyce	LP	Foetal Alcohol Spectrum project in WA	Why hasn't the Commonwealth funded \$900,000 for Stage 2 of the Foetal Alcohol Spectrum project (Lilliwan) in Fitzroy Crossing, WA after the Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services (CGRIS) raised the problem of finding funding and that continuation of the project was critical?	Written QoN
156	5	Boyce	LP	Domestic violence support services	Does the government think domestic violence support services in regional, rural and remote areas are currently adequate? [Note: It's well acknowledged that they aren't so why not reinvest any administrative efficiencies into more domestic violence savings? The budget says that the savings of \$12.2m "will be redirected to support other Government priorities"]	Written QoN
157	8	Boyce	LP	Funding for domestic violence services	a) What domestic violence services are currently funded and are delivered in regional and remote areas? b) What specific areas are you aware of that have significant levels of unmet need? c) What evidence base supports the current level of funding?	Written QoN
158	8	Boyce	LP	AMS funding	Please detail all reviews which have been undertaken of AMS funding since their establishment (including who undertook the review, when, cost of review, and findings)?	Written QoN
159	8	Boyce	LP	Hepatitis B identification, treatment and control in the Indigenous sector	Hepatitis B identification, treatment and control in the Indigenous sector	Written QoN
160	8	Boyce	LP	National Eye Health Framework	a) What is the process for reviewing the National Eye Health Framework (including project plan, timeline and stakeholder engagement)? b) When is the final report due and what will the review cost?	Written QoN
161	8	Boyce	LP	National Eye Health Framework	What processes are currently in place to oversee, monitor and evaluate National Eye Health Framework (NEHF) projects on an ongoing basis?	Written QoN
162	6	Boyce	LP	Vision 2020 and IRIS in remote Australia	What coordination arrangements have been implemented to ensure coherence between the work of Vision 2020 and IRIS in remote Australia?	Written QoN
163	8	Boyce	LP	Rural Eye Health Co-ordinators	a) How many Indigenous communities have a Rural Eye Health Co-ordinator (REHC)? b) What criterion is applied when funding an REHC in an indigenous community?	Written QoN
164	8	Boyce	LP	Lucentis injections for wet macular degeneration	What plans are there to provide new technologies like Lucentis injections for wet macular degeneration in the elderly patients living in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions?	Written QoN
165	8	Boyce	LP	Funding for Aboriginal Health Services	What process and criteria is used by OATSIH in deciding successful applications by Aboriginal Health Services seeking funding to provide staff housing?	Written QoN

166	8	Boyce	LP	Housing for Aboriginal Health Services	a) What special arrangements has OATSIH made to their funding arrangements to compensate Aboriginal Health Services in regions where housing is scarce and rents very high? b) Is OATSIH aware of the problems the housing shortage continues to cause Aboriginal Health Services in trying to attract staff and retain staff?	Written QoN
167	11	Boyce	LP	Regional Child Psychologist support	a) Which central Australian regions do not have access to Regional Child Psychologist support? b) How does the department determine or measure what is an adequate level of Child Psychologist support in a remote indigenous community?	Written QoN
168	8	Boyce	LP	Funding for AMS Capital Works	How are AMS Capital Works currently funded (program and process) and how does this arrangement differ to what was in place in 2009-10?	Written QoN
169	8	Boyce	LP	Indigenous Australians in the health workforce	a) What performance data is available to measure of the success to date of attempts to increase "Indigenous Australian in the health workforce" (which is a performance indicator under the National Partnership on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health)? b) Have there been any reviews and reports which identify barriers to AMS's attracting and retaining Indigenous staff?	Written QoN
170	11	Boyce	LP	Mental health programs	a) Which mental health programs will cease on 1 July 2011 as a result of announcements in the 2011-12 Budget? b) Will any mental health programs experiences gaps in service delivery between when the existing service stops and new government services commence?	Written QoN
171	1	Boyce	LP	AIHW funding	a) The May estimates hearing revealed that Departmental staff did not believe that the 35 ASL loss shown in the 2011-12 Budget for the AIHW would eventuate because more contracts had been one. How many contracts AIHW have successfully won over the past six months? b) Can you please provide a breakdown of contract type, size, duration, value and also the date on which the contract was awarded? c) What proportion of AIHW running costs will be funded through AIHW contracts in 2011-12 and what proportion will be Commonwealth funded? (Please detail all funding sources.)	Written QoN
172	0	Boyce	LP	Climate Change	a) Could you give us a general outline of the type of information you are providing to the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency? b) In your discussions on the health assessment of climatic incidents were you looking at the actual cost or the power usage? c) Could you provide me with whatever information you could about when the advice was given and as much information about that advice? d) Where there are written learned tomes of advice I would like to receive those, and if it is not possible to publish them to tell me why you cannot publish them?	CA 21 30/05
173	0	Siewert	AG	Pay Equity Case	With respect to the pay equity case, what is the scale of the implication f	CA 29 - 30/05
174	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Locals	Further to questions about the contracts with Medicare Locals, please outline when each contract was signed with each of the first 15. Please provide a copy of each. Refer Page 19 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN

175	5	fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Locals	Further to evidence given at the hearing, please outline what the criteria was in choosing the first tranche of 15 Medicare Locals? Refer Page 19 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
176	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Division of GP	Reference was made in evidence to the highest performing divisions. Please define what this means. What is the criteria used in ascertaining if a division of GP is "high performing"? Refer Page 19 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
177	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	In relation to the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, please advise the number of staff allocated to the authority, incl. SES and non-SES staff? Refer Page 21 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
178	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Performance Authority	In relation to the National Performance Authority, please advise the number of staff allocated to the authority, incl. SES and non-SES staff? Refer Page 21 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
179	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Pricing Authority	In relation to the National Pricing Authority, please advise the number of staff allocated to the authority, incl. SES and non-SES staff? Refer Page 21 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
180	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Funding Authority	In relation to the National Funding Authority, please advise the number of staff allocated to the authority, incl. SES and non-SES staff? Refer Page 21 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
181	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Reductions in staff	BS, p.50 states that "net reductions in the number of staff in the core department from 4,060 in 2011-11 to an estimated 3,900 in 2011-12 and an estimated 3,640 in 2012-13." Please advise: a) Are the staffing number for the core department full time equivalents or is the absolute number of staff? b) If they are not full time equivalent, what is the FTE projection over the forward estimates?	Written QoN
182	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Staffing numbers	What are the total FTE staffing number of the core department and all agencies over the budget forward estimates? Refer Page 21 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
183	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Expenditure over 5 years	Further to the indication given, please find attached a table based on information provided in Budget Paper No. 2 - Part 2: Expense Measures Health and Ageing, 2006-07. Could you please complete the table by providing information in relation to estimated and actual expenditure for each item covering the 5 years 2006-2011. Refer Page 38 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
184	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding arrangements for EPPIC	Further to the evidence given at p.38, please provide details regarding "negotiations" with the States and territories in relation to shared funding arrangements about EPPIC, please provide full details of the same including dates of all meetings, who attended them and the nature of any agreement.	Written QoN
185	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Copies of the costings	Please provide copies of the costings referred to at p. 38 including any documents provided by Professor McGorry or Orygen Youth Health.	Written QoN
186	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Criteria for setting up EPPICs	Further to evidence given at p.55 in relation to the criteria for setting up EPPICs, what is the timetable for discussion of that criteria with the states and territories?	Written QoN
187	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Criteria for EPPICs	When does the Commonwealth expect that it will reach agreement with the states and territories about the criteria for EPPICs? Refer Page 55 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN

188	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Location of EPPICs	Will the location of acute beds in public hospitals influence where the EPPICs will be located? Refer Page 55 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
189	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Location of EPPICs	When does the Commonwealth expect that it will reach agreement with the states and territories about where the EPPICs will be located? Refer Page 55 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
190	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Location of EPPICs	What criteria will be used to determine where EPPICs will be located? R	Written QoN
191	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Process to set up EPPIC	What process will be used to set up the EPPICs? Will it be by tender or other process? Please provide details. Refer Page 55 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
192	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funds for suicide prevention	In relation to the ALP's 2010 Election promise of \$277 million for suicide prevention, how much of the \$9.5 million allocated for 2010-11 was spent in 2010-11? Refer Page 41 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
193	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Costs for suicide prevention	In relation to the \$277 million election promise, what was the anticipated spend over the forward estimates beyond 2010-11? Refer Page 41 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
194	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Mental Health reform announcement	How much of the \$277 million was rolled over into the National Mental Health reform announcement? Refer Page 41 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
195	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding allocation for the National Mental Health reform announcement	In relation to the portion of the \$277 million rolled over into the National Mental Health reform announcement, please outline where each portion of that funding will be allocated over the forward estimates. Refer Page 41 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
196	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funds for suicide prevention	How much of the \$277 million will remain in suicide prevention programs? Please provide the amount of spending that will remain in suicide prevention over the forward estimates. Refer Page 41 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
197	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Breakdown of spending	In relation to the monies spent in 2010-11, please provide a breakdown of that spending incl. amounts and where it was spent. Refer Page 41 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
198	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Better Access Evaluation	Further to questions taken on notice in relation to the tender process, and noting that the documentation was not available at the estimates hearing (and assuming this has now been reviewed), please include responses covering the following: a) Who sat on the panel that formulated the tender documents to undertake the Better Access Evaluation? b) Who decided who would sit on the panel that would formulate the tender documents to undertake the Better Access Evaluation? c) Was this the same panel that also decided which provider was awarded the contract to carry out this evaluation? Refer Page 43 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN

199	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Better Access Program	Further to questions in relation to the evaluation itself, and noting that the answers at the hearing were in the absence of reviewing the original tender documentation (and assuming this has now been reviewed), please include responses covering the following: a) Did the Government seek any advice on best practice standards on what a reasonable percentage per cost of program should cost for an effective evaluation that would be used to determine this programs future strategic direction? b) If so by whom and what advice did they give? If, not why not? c) Are you aware of any comparable evaluations in the Department that have spent such an insignificantly low amount of money as a percentage of total cost of a program? d) The Better Access Program has assisted about two million people but the evaluation only surveyed about 1,350 consumers; or about 0.07%. Did the Government consult on what an effective sample might be for this evaluation in order to achieve statistically and clinically significant results? e) If so by whom and what advice did they give? If, not why not? f) Is it the position of the Government that a sample of 0.07% is sufficient enough to achieve statistically and clinically significant results in order to determine whether people were getting better or not on its multi-billion dollar program? g) Who determined which consumers would be surveyed in this program? h) How did they choose the surveyed consumers? Refer Page 43	Written QoN
200	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Changing doctor rebates or number of psychology sessions	Where is the evidence in the Better Access program that justifies changing the doctor rebates or the number of psychology sessions? Refer Page 43 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
201	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Quality of care available	Does the Government have a plan to monitor any impact on the quality of care available to people as a result of these changes? If so, by when? Refer Page 43 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
202	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Evaluation of the Better Access program	Is this the only evaluation of the Better Access program that is to occur? How will the programs ongoing progress be monitored? Refer Page 43 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
203	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Technical Advisory Group	Further to the evidence about the Technical Advisory Group, please advise when this group was established? Refer Page 44 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
204	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Members of this Technical Advisory Group	Please list all the members of this Technical Advisory Group? Page 44 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
205	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Members of the Technical Advisory Group	In relation to each member of the Technical Advisory Group, were they part of the group in a personal capacity or as a representative of an organisation? If so, please state the name of that organisation Page 44 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
206	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Terms of reference	What were the terms of reference of the Technical Advisory Group? Page 44 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
207	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Terms of reference	Who determined the terms of reference of the Technical Advisory Group? Page 44 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN



208	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Technical Advisory Group	a) How was it established? b) How were the members chosen? c) Who chose them? d) What was the process for the establishment of the Technical Advisory Group? Page 44 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
209	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Technical Advisory Group	a) When did the Technical Advisory Group meet? b) Where did it meet?	Written QoN
210	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Technical Advisory Group meetings	a) Was any Minister or staff member of a Minister present at any meeting of the Technical Advisory Group? b) If so, please provide details. Page 44 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
211	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Technical Advisory Group	Is the Technical Advisory Group referred to at p. 44 the same as the expert working group convened by Minister Butler "to advise him on the mental health package as part of the budget" and referred to at p.49?	Written QoN
212	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Better Access clients	Answer to question on notice E11-243 from previous estimates indicates that in 2008, 68% of Better Access clients were new customers and in 2009, this percentage had dropped to 57%. Further to evidence at the hearing, does the evidence suggest that a program designed for short, sharp (cognitive behavioural therapy) CBT-based interventions is now being used more to provide ongoing or continual mental health care service to the same clients? Refer Page 47 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
213	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Usage and evaluation consultation	In relation to the \$4b referred to at p.48, is this figure part of standing appropriations? Please confirm that this is an estimated amount which will come out of consolidated revenue and therefore is not actually in the Health and Ageing budget?	Written QoN
214	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Usage and evaluation consultation	Further to evidence provided by Ms Halton, please provide details in relation to "significant numbers of people were party to these evaluations" including: a) Who were the significant number of people? Please provide a list. b) What were "these evaluations"? Refer Page 48 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
215	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Usage and evaluation consultation	Further to evidence provided by Ms Halton, please provide details in relation to "Everyone knew an evaluation was being undertaken. As the officers have already said, there were a number of parties who were party to advising on or being talked to as part of the process" including: a) Define "everyone" b) Which person or persons are alleged to have been a party to "advising" or "being talked to". Please provide names of persons, the date of such "advising" or dates when the alleged "being talked to" occurred. c) When was each such person advised of the cuts to the Better Access program, including whether this was verbal or in writing. Refer Page 48 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
216	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Expert Working Group on mental health package	Further to the evidence about the expert working group convened by Minister Butler referred to at p.49, please advise when this group was established?	Written QoN
217	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Expert Working Group on mental health	Please list all the members of this expert working group? Refer Page 49	Written QoN
218	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Members of the Working Group	In relation to each member of this expert working group, were they part of the group in a personal capacity or as a representative of an organisation? If so, please state the name of that organisation. Refer Page 49 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN

219	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Terms of reference for the Expert Working Group	What were the terms of reference of this expert working group? Refer Page	Written QoN
220	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Terms of Reference	Who determined the terms of reference of this expert working group? Re	Written QoN
221	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Expert Working Group	How was it established? How were the members chosen? Who chose them? What was the process for the establishment of this expert working group? Refer Page 49 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
222	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Expert Working Group	When did this expert working group meet? Where did it meet? Refer Pa	Written QoN
223	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Meetings of Expert Working Group	Was any Minister or staff member of a Minister present at any meeting of this expert working group? If so, please provide details Refer Page 49 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
224	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Cuts to the Better Access Program	Did this expert working group make the decision to cut the Better Access program. Refer Page 49 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
225	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Cuts to the Better Access program	Did the discussion about the review of Better Access include any recommendation or decision to cut any aspect of the Better Access program? Refer Page 49 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
226	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Conflicts of interest	What was the nature of the declaration of conflicts of interest by any or each of the members of the expert working group? Please provide a list of those who declared a conflict of interest including the nature of such conflict. Refer Page 49 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
227	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Conflict of interest	In relation to any member who declared a conflict of interest, please advise: a) to whom was this declaration made? b) How was the conflict dealt with? Refer Page 49 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
228	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Cuts to Better Access	In relation to the cuts to Better Access, please outline the alleged consultation process with general practitioners and allied mental health professionals? Refer Page 50 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
229	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Cuts to Better Access	When were general practitioners and allied mental health professionals directly affected by cuts to Better Access first informed of the cuts to the program? Refer Page 50 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
230	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Mental Health Commission	What role did DOHA have in the decision to establish the National Mental Health Commission as an executive agency? Refer Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
231	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Mental Health Commission	Was consideration given by DOHA to establish the National Mental Health Commission as an independent statutory authority? If not, why not? Refer Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
232	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Mental Health Commission	What role, if any, will DOHA have in the day to day activities of the National Mental Health Commission? Refer Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
233	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Mental Health Commission	Did DOHA provide advice in relation to the establishment of a National Mental Health Commission? If so, to whom was that advice provided and when was it provided? Refer Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
234	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	New headspace sites	Further to the evidence given at p.56, what criteria was used to determine where the 30 new headspace sites announced in the 2010-11 Budget?	Written QoN
235	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	New headspace sites	Was this the same criteria that was used to determine the location of the original 30 sites? If so, please outline this criteria. Refer Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN

236	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Evaluation of sites	Has an evaluation been undertaken of the original 30 sites? If so, please provide a copy of the same. If not, does the government intend to do an evaluation. Refer Page 56 Handsard 30 May	Written QoN
237	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	30 Headspace sites	In relation to each of the original 30 sites, please advise: a) The date each was established b) The costs of establishment c) The annual running costs since it was established d) The funding allocated to each site e) Who made decision in relation to the location of each site. Refer Page 56 Handsard 30 May	Written QoN
238	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Headspace sites	If the criteria to determine the 30 new headspace sites announced in the 2010-11 Budget was different to that used to determine the allocation of the 30 original sites, please advise: a) What is the new criteria? Please provide details of the same. b) Why was it varied? c) In relation to the 10 announced by Minister Butler on 14 April 2011, were they determined in relation to the original criteria or any new criteria? Refer Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
239	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Costs for headspace sites	In relation to each of the 30 new headspace sites announced in the 2010-11 Budget, please advise: a) The date each is to be established b) The costs of establishment c) The annual projected running costs d) The funding allocated to each site e) Who made decision in relation to the location of each site. Refer Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
240	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Applying for Headspace sites	Please outline the process for organisations to "apply for" a headspace site	Written QoN
241	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organisations applying for headspace sites	How many organisations applied as part of the original tranche of 30 headspace sites and which location were each of those applications in relation to? Refer to Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
242	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Number of organisations	How many organisations applied as part of the 30 new headspace sites announced in the 2010-11 Budget and which location were each of those applications in relation to? Refer Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
243	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Headspace sites	How many organisations that applied for the original tranche of 30 headspace sites also applied for of the 30 new headspace sites announced in the 2010-11 Budget and which location were each of those applications in relation to? Refer Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
244	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mid North Coast - Nambucca service	In relation to the Mid North Coast - Nambucca service, please advise: a) What level of oversight was exercised by the government in relation to the allocation by Headspace of the \$35.6 million in Australian government funding? b) What guidelines or stipulations were attached to the funding to ensure that Headspace allocated the funding equitably? Refer Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
245	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Individual headspace services	Was consideration given to the relative activities, coverage, and potential growth of individual headspace services in determining funding levels. Refer Page 56 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
246	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Multicultural Mental Health project	How many years has the Multicultural Mental Health project been funded	Written QoN
247	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Western Sydney Local Health Network	Further to evidence at p.57, how long has the project been funded and auspiced through the Western Sydney Local Health Network?	Written QoN

248	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Western Sydney Local Health Network	In the time that the project the project been funded and auspiced through the Western Sydney Local Health Network, has the project ever been subject to any review or opened to any tender process? Refer Page 57 Hansard 30 May	Written QoN
249	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Project funding	Is the project funded through the Western Sydney Local health Network or by the Sydney West Area Health Service as alleged in Minister Butler's press release of 6 June 2011? Does the Minister have the wrong organisation?	Written QoN
250	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding end to Western Sydney Local Health Network	When will the funding end to Western Sydney Local Health Network for the Multicultural Mental Health project?	Written QoN
251	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Current MMHA program	Given that DoHA is negotiating with a preferred applicant, does it means that it isn't looking at the current MMHA program and team.	Written QoN
252	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	End to funding	Why is DoHA negotiating with a preferred applicant and how can it claim that it has not identified an unsuccessful applicant when MMHA has been advised that its funding will end 30th June 2011?	Written QoN
253	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Clinical Education and Training Institute (CETI) of NSW Health	s it true that the old provider, the Sydney West Area Health Service doesn't exist and the application for the current MMHA program was submitted by another provider, the Clinical Education and Training Institute (CETI) of NSW Health? a) Has this provider been considered as a preferred provider? b)What assessment was made of this provider's capacity as opposed to the previous auspice body?	Written QoN
254	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Policy advice	As the only funded national multicultural mental program is MMHA's role to provide policy advice to the Commonwealth Government, via DoHA?	Written QoN
255	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Advice to the states and territory governments	How is MMHA equipped to/authorised to provide advice to the states and territory governments which have their own mechanisms for this purpose?	Written QoN
256	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Meeting with the States and Territories	a) How many times a year does MMHA meet with the States and Territories? b) What is the purpose of these meetings?	Written QoN
257	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MMHA program	Would any provider have the expert team, extent of knowledge, understanding, experience and resources and the backing of a number of multicultural health services as the current MMHA program does?	Written QoN
258	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Procurement process	Did Ms Krestensen advise MMHA in March 2010, that "it will be our intention as good procurement process to tender for services for the next phase of the multicultural mental health project"?	Written QoN
259	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Procurement process	If it wasn't for good procurement process then on what basis did DoHA decide to put the MMHA grant to open tender?	Written QoN
260	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Progress reports	Has the MMHA program been submitting comprehensive progress reports with supporting evidence to DoHA twice a year?	Written QoN
261	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Progress reports	Have these reports been accepted by DOHA?	Written QoN
262	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Feedback to MMHA	Has DoHA ever provided any feedback to MMHA about its work as outlined in the comprehensive reports and from other communication?	Written QoN
263	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Advice to MMHA	Has DOHA advised MMHA that its work has been excellent? Please pro	Written QoN
264	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MMHA standard of work	Has DoHA ever indicated to MMHA that its work isn't up to standard?	Written QoN

265	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	DoHA funded projects	Has MMHA delivered on all the projects and activities that DoHA funded	Written QoN
266	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MMHA deliverables	Has MMHA not delivered on its deliverables at all times?	Written QoN
267	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Advice from DoHA	Has MMHA asked for DoHA's advice, support on a number of important matters like the implementation of significant national programs?	Written QoN
268	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Delivery of multicultural mental health services	Has the MMHA program provided advice about how delivery of multicultural mental health services are progressing across the nation and invited DOHA's input, advice, support on a number of important matters such as the implementation of significant national programs? Has DOHA responded to these? If so, please provide copies.	Written QoN
269	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	CALD population in Australia	Has DoHA assisted MMHA to ensure these projects were delivered as intended in order to improve the mental health outcomes of the CALD population in Australia?	Written QoN
270	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MMHA projects	Did MMHA deliver on more projects and activities than it was funded? If MMHA has delivered and performed as expected and prescribed in the Funding Agreement, why did DoHA put the MMHA grant to open tender on 20 December 2010?	Written QoN
271	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MMHA grant	On what basis was the MMHA grant put to open tender if it wasn't on performance outcomes as are other programs funded by DoHA?	Written QoN
272	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Reviews by external providers	Have reviews been conducted by external providers?	Written QoN
273	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	2009 Health Outcomes International review	Was there a problem with the 2009 Health Outcomes International review	Written QoN
274	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MMHA Reviews	Why did DoHA give MMHA an electronic copy of the Executive Summary, one year after the review was conducted & not the final full report to provide a response to?	Written QoN
275	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MMHA Reviews	Has MMHA's response to the Executive Summary been discussed with	Written QoN
276	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MMHA Reviews	Have any measures been implemented to counter MMHA's concerns with	Written QoN
277	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MMHA Review	Why was the review conducted in May 2009, 5 months into the new 3-year funding period, instead of at the end of the 2008-2011 funding period?	Written QoN
278	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MMHA funding decision	Is it true that the 2008-2011 funding decision was not relayed to MMHA by DoHA until the end of October 2008 and 4 months after the previous funding period ended on 30 June 2008? Is this an acceptable good practice?	Written QoN
279	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mainstream mental health services	Why hasn't DOHA evaluated the extent and adequacy of the delivery of mainstream mental health services to people from CALD backgrounds with mental illness?	Written QoN
280	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding to multicultural agencies	What proportion of the 2006-2011 COAG mental health funding given to	Written QoN
281	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental health workforce	Is DOHA aware of difficulty being encountered in attracting and retaining mental health workforce, due to the attrition of Better Access and private practice and the continual uncertainty over funding for the providers?	Written QoN

282	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	ATAPs and Medicare Lo	Further to evidence at the hearing about ATAPs and Medicare Locals, please advise: a) Is funding in 2011-12 going only to 15 Medicare Locals? b) Does this mean 75% of the country will have no access to the program? c) Does that mean those areas running ATAPS that do not fall within a Medicare Local will cease to have ATAPS?	Written QoN
283	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding to existing providers	Has there been any attempt to consider funding to existing providers?	Written QoN
284	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding through NGOs	What attempts if any have been made to consider funding through NGO	Written QoN
285	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding to existing providers	Has the government considered funding to existing providers potentially through an Expression of Interest from NGOs?	Written QoN
286	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	ATAPS funding	Is there any real increase on the current \$27 million per annum that goes to ATAPS tier 1 and 2 funding over the forward estimates?	Written QoN
287	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding packages	a) How much will be spent on "care coordination" and how much on actual services? b) What is the number of packages? c) How much is each package worth per person per annum?	Written QoN
288	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Program target groups	a) Are they linked to other programs like PHaMs? b) What exactly is the	Written QoN
289	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Telephone counselling	I refer to the establishment of the portal referred to at p. 61. Is this a continuation of the funding for telephone counselling, self-help and web-based support programme which were part of the COAG mental health package announced on 5 April 2006 of \$56.9 million?	Written QoN
290	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Telephone counselling	What existing contracts does the government have with NGOs to provide services under this programme? Please provide details of the organisations with whom the government has existing contractual arrangements and when each of those contracts is due to end.	Written QoN
291	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Telephone counselling	How will the portal operate?	Written QoN
292	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Telephone counselling	How does the portal differ from the previous telephone counselling prog	Written QoN
293	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Hughenden facility	a) Further to evidence at p.48, please provide further details about the "model" for the Hughenden facility. Are there other comparable facilities in Australia? b) How many self-contained units will be on the site? c) What community facilities will be co-located on the site? d) Pursuant to which program is the funding being provided? e) What is the exact contribution of the community? f) What is the exact contribution of the council? Which council? g) Will any funding for the facility or services proposed at the facility be provided by the Queensland government? If so, please provide details.	Written QoN
294	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Aged Care Complaints	Is the department working with the industry to reform the Complaints Investigation System? Can you advise where this initiative is up to?	Written QoN
295	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Compulsory Reporting obligations	Will this initiative also involve reform of the Compulsory Reporting obligations on the industry? If not why not?	Written QoN

296	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Accreditation Standards	I refer to the review of the accreditation standards commenced in 2008 under the explicit control of the Department. Can you advise where this initiative is up to and what impact it will have on providers who have now commenced Round 5 of Accreditation.	Written QoN
297	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Training specialist doctors initiatives	In relation to the training specialist doctors initiatives \$144.5m over 4 years (2010-11 Budget paper #2, p.246): a) How many rural doctors accessed the specialist training program this year? b) What specialty training is provided?	Written QoN
298	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Rural Locum support	In relation to the Rural Locum support, during 2010-11 DoHA conducted a review to assess the appropriateness, effectiveness and efficiency of locum activities. (Budget PBS 2011-12, P. 326). Please advise: a) How extensive and comprehensive will the engagement with stakeholders be? b) What stakeholder engagement has occurred to date to consider the findings? c) When will a recommendation be forwarded to Government? What is the timeframe for this?	Written QoN
299	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Health and Hospitals Network - Workforce - Rural Locum scheme for nurses	Pursuant to the National Health and Hospitals Network - Workforce - Rural Locum scheme for nurses, the government promised to provide 750 locum nurses per year with living costs assistance while they undertook continuing professional development and also an allowance to improve the attractiveness of locum posts. \$28.8m over 4 years (2010-11 Budget Paper #2, P. 243). Please advise: a) How many Rural Locum nurses have used the scheme to pursue professional development? b) How was the locum allowance calculated and administered? c) What proportion of the funding 2010-2011 was spent on living cost assistance to locum nurses pursuing professional development and what proportion was spent on providing a locum allowance? d) Have stakeholders raised any concerns with you concerning the operation of the scheme?	Written QoN
300	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Health and Hospitals Network - Workforce - Rural Locum scheme for allied health professionals	Pursuant to the National Health and Hospitals Network - Workforce - Rural Locum scheme for allied health professionals, the government promised \$5.3m over 4 years to establish a rural locum scheme for allied health professionals (2010-11 Budget, P. 243) to undertake professional development opportunities and take leave. Please advise: a) How many locum placements have been provided under the scheme? b) How many locum placements were provided to cover leave, and how many were provided to cover professional development opportunities? c) Have stakeholders raised any concerns with the government concerning the operation of the scheme?	Written QoN

301	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Clinical training and internships	Further to evidence provided in relation to clinical training and internships, could you ensure that the following is covered in relation to questions taken on notice: a) How much funding is provided for clinical training per medical student per annum in Australia at present? b) What is the proportional breakdown of funding provided by states and territories and the Commonwealth? c) Is the same level of funding provided for Commonwealth Supported students and full fee paying and international students? d) How does Australia's funding for clinical training of medical students compare to comparable systems overseas? e) Is there any data on the number of medical students per supervisor with respect to clinical training and how that compares historically (will vary across disciplines and placements, but is there an average or a trend apparent)?	Written QoN
302	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	General Practice Rural Incentives Program (GPRIP)	What evaluation has been done on the roll out of the General Practice Rural Incentives Program (GPRIP) which is based on the Australian Standard Geographic Classification - Remoteness Area classification system(ASGC-RA)? What were the main findings?	Written QoN
303	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian Standard Geographic Classification - Remoteness Area classification system (ASGC-RA)	What is being done to address short-comings in the roll out of the Australian Standard Geographic Classification - Remoteness Area classification system (ASGC-RA) which is used to allocate medical practitioners under the General Practice Rural Incentives Program (GPRIP)?	Written QoN
304	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	450 GP training places	Were the 450 GP training places provided in 2011 exclusively for rural areas fully subscribed? If not, what strategies will be adopted to meet the long term rural GP workforce targets?	Written QoN
305	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	General practice training program	What will the \$30.8 million under the NHHN - Workforce - more places on the General practice training program contained in the 2010-11 Budget for the 2011-12 financial year actually fund? (refer 2010-11 Budget Paper #2, p.241)	Written QoN
306	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP registrars in rural areas	What conditions were imposed on GP registrars in rural areas?	Written QoN
307	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	Of the \$280.0 Million allocated to the 2007-2008 GP Super Clinics Program, it has been stated that there was an assumed amount for the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). a)Why was this amount assumed? b)How much was allocated to each of those areas? c)How much has actually been paid to each of those three areas? (Refer page 26 and subsequent, Hansard, 31 May)	Written QoN
308	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	Of the 11 GP Super Clinics that are currently operational: a)How many NON-early services have been provided in total? b)How many of these non-early services were GP Services? c)How many of these non-early services were Allied Health Services? (Refer: Pg 26 and subsequent Hansard 31 May)	Written QoN



309	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	Referring to Question in Writing no.214, it was stated that the DoHA provides self reported numbers of service presentations at an aggregated level only (for GP Super Clinics), and they are not made publically available as they are commercial in confidence and that there are privacy protection considerations around releasing the data at an individual clinic level. Considering that the Minister has no problem releasing this "commercial in confidence" information, a)What are the number of services provided eat each of the 11 GP Super Clinics, b)how many of these were GP services, and c)how many were allied services? - Refer pg 26 and subsequent Hansard 31 May	Written QoN
310	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	Why is the Department only taking self reported figures from the GP Super Clinics in Operation? (refer pg 26 and subsequent Hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
311	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	Is the Department checking or confirming the self reported figures presented to them? (refer pg 26 and subsequent hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
312	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	Why is the department not undertaking more detailed analysis of the use or presentations at each GP Super Clinic considering the size of the taxpayer contribution to this initiative? (refer pag 26 and subsequent Hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
313	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	Is the department afraid of what detailed analysis of the GP Super Clinic's program may show? (refer pg 26 and subsequent hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
314	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	It was requested that a copy of the Funding Agreement for the GP Super Clinics program be provided during the February Estimates process. The response was received on the 3rd May, almost one month past the deadline, but only every second page of the contract was provided. Could you please provide a FULL copy of the GP Super Clinics Program Funding Agreement. (refer pg 26 and subsequent hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
315	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	What is the department's definition of "Early Services" under the GP Super Clinics program? (refer pg 26 and subsequent, hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
316	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	How many services have been provided at the GP Super Clinics "After Hours" (ie before 9:00am and after 5:30pm)? a)Please provide this on a clinic by clinic basis b)How many of these "after hours" services were also classified as "early services"? (refer pg 26 and subsequent, hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
317	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	For each of the Local Government Areas (LGA's) that the 64 GP Super Clinics are located in: a)What is the Medicare utilisation data for that LGA? b)Is the Medicare utilisation data for that LGA: i Above the national average? ii Below the national Average? iii At the same level as the national average? (refer pg 26 and subsequent, hansard May 31)	Written QoN
318	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	For each of the 64 GP Super Clinic locations, how many GPs are expected to practise out of each Clinic once it is fully operational? (refer pg 26 and subsequent, hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
319	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	How many GPs were practising in the local vicinity of each of the GP Super Clinics at the time the GP Super Clinic announcement for that location was made? (refer pg 26 and subsequent hansard 31 May)	Written QoN

320	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	For each of the 11 Operational GP Super Clinics: a)How many Full Time GPs are practising out of each clinic? b)Are these GPs new to the area, or have they transferred from existing clinics in the area? (refer pg 26 and subsequent hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
321	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Superclinics	The Department will be undertaking an evaluation of GP Super Clinics in the second half of this year regarding patient utilisation, will these results be publicly available, and if so, when? (refer pg 26 and subsequent, hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
322	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Third Part Assessors	Why have the TGA now undertaken 3 separate reviews since 2008 into using third party conformity assessors for Australian Manufacturers, but are still yet to make any legislative changes to allow third party assessors? (refer pg 37 hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
323	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Third party assessors	Why has it taken over 3 years since this issue was first considered, to allow third party conformity assessors? (refer pg 37 hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
324	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Third Party Assessors	Does the TGA understand that the delay in adopting the recommendations regarding the use of third party conformity assessors for Australian Manufacturers is making Australian SME's less internationally competitive and causing financial strain due to the delays in assessments? (refer pg 37 hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
325	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical device compliant audit backlog	a)What is the current backlog of applicants currently waiting for a medical device compliance audit?b)What is the reason for the current delays in assessment for Australian Medical devices?c)Is the backlog larger than it was at 30 June 2010?d)how many devices are awaiting a compliance audit?e)How long is the current backlog?f)How long is the current waiting list?g)How many devices have been waiting for more than the following timeframes?-1 Month-2 Months-3 Months-6 Months-9 Months-12 Months-Longer than 12 Months (refer pg 37 hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
326	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical devices regulatory framework reforms	When will a response to the "Reforms in the medical devices regulatory framework" consultation paper be released? (refer pg 37 hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
327	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical devices regulatory framework	When will legislation be introduced to implement the reforms suggested in the "Reforms in the medical devices regulatory framework" consultation paper? (refer pg 37 hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
328	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Can you please provide the "Request Rate" (potential donors identified vs the asks) for each of the last 10 years, displayed by year and by state?	Written QoN
329	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Can you please provide the "Consent Rate" (the asks vs consents) for each of the last 10 years displayed by year and by state?	Written QoN
330	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Can you please provide the "Organ Donation Rate" (potential donors vs successful donations) for each of the last 10 years displayed by year and by state?	Written QoN
331	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Can you please provide the number of heart beating donors for each of the last 10 years displayed by year and by state?	Written QoN
332	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Can you please provide the number of non heart beating donors for each of the last 10 years displayed by year and by state?	Written QoN
333	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Can you please provide the number of payments made to hospitals for identification of donors for each of the last 10 years displayed on a state by state basis?	Written QoN

334	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Can you please provide the total value of payments made to hospitals for identification of donors for each of the last 10 years displayed on a state by state basis?	Written QoN
335	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Can you please provide the "Transplantation rate" (number of successful transplantations) for each of the last 10 years displayed by year and by state?	Written QoN
336	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Can the Department provide an explanation as to why the transplantation rate has only increased by 4 per million population since the beginning of the 2008 announcement to spend \$151 Million on the A World's Best Practice Approach to Organ and Tissue Donation for Transplantation.?	Written QoN
337	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	What is the Agencies policy on who should be asking families about org	Written QoN
338	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	What is the definition of a "designated requester"?	Written QoN
339	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	What is the training given to someone that is labelled a "designated requ	Written QoN
340	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	What training do people who have undertaken the medical ADAPT traini	Written QoN
341	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Within the medical ADAPT training, how long is the training component that specifically deals with the best methods to ask families for donation?	Written QoN
342	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Can you explain the process for organ donation from start to finish?	Written QoN
343	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	How has the process of organ donation changed since the 2008 announcement of A World's Best Practice Approach to Organ and Tissue Donation for Transplantation?	Written QoN
344	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Before the 2008 announcement of A World's Best Practice Approach to Organ and Tissue Donation for Transplantation, what funds on a state by state level were hospitals receiving to facilitate donation per year?	Written QoN
345	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	On a state by state level, what funding are the hospitals currently receiving to facilitate donation per year?	Written QoN
346	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	What is the Agencies policy with regards to the accessing of the Australian Organ Donor Register in the request process?	Written QoN
347	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donation	Is there an official Agency policy that the register should be checked prior to the families/next of kin being asked about donation?	Written QoN
348	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	'Bed' Definition	Further to evidence given at p.114, what is the current definition of a "bed" as far as the Commonwealth is concerned? (refer pg 114, hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
349	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	'Bed' Definition	What is the definition of a "bed" in each state and territory? (refer pg 114	Written QoN
350	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	'Bed' Definition	Will a definition of "bed" need to be agreed to between the Commonwealth and the States and territories before the signing of the Agreement referred to in the COAG Heads of Agreement signed in February 2011? (refer pg 114 hansard 31 May)	Written QoN

351	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	'Bed' Definition	Will a definition of "bed" need to be agreed to between the Commonwealth and the States and territories before the establishment of any of the authorities referred to in the COAG Heads of Agreement signed in February 2011? (refer pg 114 hansard 31 May)	Written QoN
352	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventive Health Agency	a)What will the ANPHA spend annually on marketing? b)What will the ANPHA spend annually on research?	Written QoN
353	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventative Health Agency - Campaigns	What will the ANPHA spend annually on Tobacco campaigns?	Written QoN
354	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventative Health Agency - Campaigns	What will the ANPHA spend annually on Obesity campaigns?	Written QoN
355	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventative Health Agency - Administration	What will the ANPHA spend annually on administration costs?	Written QoN
356	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventative Health Agency	What is the ANPHA currently doing to promote the Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol?	Written QoN
357	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventative Health Agency	What is the ANPHA planning to do in the future to promote the Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol to the General Public?	Written QoN
358	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventative Health Agency	What is the ANPHA planning to do in the future to promote the Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol to General Practitioners to then pass on to their patients?	Written QoN
359	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Blewitt Review	Is the Government's response to the Blewett Review, still on track to be	Written QoN
360	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Blewitt Review	When is it expected that legislation will be introduced to Parliament to implement the Government's response to the Blewett Review?	Written QoN
361	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Health Workforce Australia	Do you have any statistics in relation to the number of people commencing dental school? How many commencing dental school places have there been each year from 2008 until this year?	CA 118 - 30/05
362	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Health Workforce Australia	Could you point me to the research undertaken [context - cost effectiveness of simulated learning experiences]	CA 119 - 30/05
363	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Health Workforce Australia	Could you take on notice to provide me with a breakdown of the mental	CA 119 - 30/05
364	4	Siewert	AG	Young People in Nursing Homes	Can you please provide an update on the evaluation of the current intensive nursing home visits trial program? a) Has the evaluation begun? b) Who is undertaking the evaluation?	Written QoN
365	4	Siewert	AG	Young People in Nursing Homes	What systemic impacts of having young people in residential aged care have been identified by the Aged Care Program and what can it do in its own funding and policy arrangements to address these? These may include: a) risks to YPINH and aged care providers of poor health outcomes - eg pressure ulcers b) bed blockages c) the need for improved staff training to deal with the younger cohort	Written QoN

366	4	Siewert	AG	Young People in Nursing Homes	The aged care branch has clearly worked with the health area of the DOHA to work on transition care and interim care service models for older people coming out of hospital and making their way to residential aged care or back home - but has there been any attention given in discussions to these kinds of transitional arrangements for younger people facing the same dilemmas?	Written QoN
367	4	Fifield	LP	Continence Aids Payment Scheme	Regarding the Continence Aids Payment Scheme (CAPS): Can the Department provide a breakdown of the number of CAPS participants: a)Gender; b)By state or territory; c)Place of birth.	Written QoN
368	4	Fifield	LP	Continence Aids Payment Scheme	How many applicants direct their CAPS payment to a representative or an organisation that is able to assist with the purchase of continence products?	Written QoN
369	4	Fifield	LP	National Respite for Carers Program	Regarding the National Respite for Carers Program: a)How many people are currently receiving respite through the program? b)How many applications for respite services have been refused? c)Can the Department provide a breakdown of the reasons for rejection/refusal? d)Can the Department provide a breakdown by location of the applications for respite services that have been refused?	Written QoN
370	4	Fifield	LP	National Respite for Carers Program	Can the Department provide a breakdown of the individuals that have benefited through the program: a)Gender b)Age c)Medical impairment	Written QoN
371	4	Fifield	LP	National Respite for Carers Program	a)What is the forecast expenditure over the forward estimates? b)What is the average cost of providing each respite service? c)What is the range of cost for providing respite services? d)What is the average length of each respite service?	Written QoN
372	4	Fifield	LP	National Respite for Carers Program	a)Can the Department provide a time series over the last four years of the number of calls to Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres regarding the National Respite for Carers Program? b)How many calls have there been for emergency respite support outside standard business hours? c)How many requests for emergency respite support outside standard business hours resulted in the provision of emergency respite support, and how many did not?	Written QoN
373	7	Fifield	LP	Hearing Services	Regarding the 2011-12 budget measure "Hearing Services Program - better targeted services": a)What is the process for determining if a patient clinically requires a replacement of hearing aids, rather than an adjustment? b)What are the criteria for "clinical need"? c)To what extent must hearing loss deteriorate before someone is eligible to qualify for "clinical need"? d)What is the process for issuing a voucher to someone with an identified clinical need?	Written QoN
374	7	Fifield	LP	Hearing Services	a)What transition arrangements have been put in place to assist clients and providers to adjust to the new voucher requirements? b)What is the expected impact on the hearing services industry as a result of this measure?	Written QoN
375	0	Boyce	LP	Permanent staff recruited	a) How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? b) What classification	Written QoN
376	0	Boyce	LP	Temporary positions	How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?	Written QoN
377	0	Boyce	LP	Employees on contract	This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written QoN

378	0	Boyce	LP	Indigenous staff	a) How many fulltime/part-time indigenous staff does the department have as at May 31? b) What is the percentage of indigenous people on the staff? c) What has the trend been in the past three years for indigenous employment?	Written QoN
379	0	Boyce	LP	Reduction of staffing numbers	a) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? b) If so, where and at what classification?	Written QoN
380	0	Boyce	LP	Staff reduction	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.	Written QoN
381	0	Boyce	LP	Graduate recruitment	What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.	Written QoN
382	0	Boyce	LP	Communications programs	a) What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken, or are planning to undertake? b) For each program, what is the total spend?	Written QoN
383	0	Boyce	LP	Hospitality spend	a) What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written QoN
384	0	Boyce	LP	Entertainment spend	a) What is the Department's entertainment spend FYTD? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend FYTD. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written QoN
385	0	Boyce	LP	Board Appointments	a) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? b) Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.	Written QoN
386	0	Boyce	LP	Publication of discretionary grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the p	Written QoN
387	0	Boyce	LP	Freedom of Information	a) Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? b) How many FOI requests has the Department received? c) How many have been granted or denied? d) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?	Written QoN
388	0	Boyce	LP	Community Cabinets	a) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? b) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? c) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?	Written QoN
389	0	Boyce	LP	Reviews	a) How many Reviews are currently being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? b) When will each of these reviews be concluded? c) What reviews have been concluded FYTD? d) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? e) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? g) What further reviews are planned for 2010 - 11 FY?	Written QoN

390	0	Boyce	LP	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies	Written QoN
391	0	Boyce	LP	Current tenders	Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website(www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements?	Written QoN
392	0	Boyce	LP	Number of consultancies	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, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	Written QoN
393	0	Boyce	LP	Media monitoring	a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office FYTD? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services? c) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies in FYTD? d) Which agency or agencies provided these services?	Written QoN
394	0	Boyce	LP	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2010? Please explain.	Written QoN
395	0	Boyce	LP	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written QoN
396	0	Boyce	LP	Contractors	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 QoN
397	0	Boyce	LP	Contractors	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 QoN
398	0	Boyce	LP	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.	Written QoN
399	0	Boyce	LP	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Written QoN
400	0	Boyce	LP	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written QoN
401	0	Boyce	LP	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written QoN

402	0	Boyce	LP	Contractors	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 QoN
403	0	Boyce	LP	Contractors	Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written QoN
404	0	Boyce	LP	Discretionary Grants	a)Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. b)Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written QoN
405	0	Boyce	LP	Commissioned Reports	a)How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. b)How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c)What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written QoN
406	0	Boyce	LP	Hospitality Spend	What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs.	Written QoN
407	0	Boyce	LP	Hospitality Spend	For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs.	Written QoN
408	0	Boyce	LP	Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings	a)How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings? b)How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or resubmitted? Please provide example of why this would happen. (i.e. last minute policy changes or redate papers due to items not being discussed when initially scheduled).	Written QoN
409	0	Boyce	LP	Government Payments of Accounts	Has the department/agency 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 QoN
410	0	Boyce	LP	Government Payments of Accounts	a)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? b)Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written QoN
411	0	Boyce	LP	Government stationery requirements	a)What are the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. special type of paper, envelopes)? b)What are the cost of these items? c)Is the Department/portfolio agencies paying for these?	Written QoN



412	0	Boyce	LP	Media Subscriptions	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 QoN
413	0	Boyce	LP	Media Subscriptions	Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.	Written QoN
414	0	Boyce	LP	Media Subscriptions	Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.	Written QoN
415	0	Boyce	LP	Travel Costs	a)For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include what sum was spent on travel, accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. b)For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. c)For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.	Written QoN
416	0	Boyce	LP	Legal costs	a)What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. b)What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. c)What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. d)What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written QoN
417	0	Boyce	LP	Education expenses	Please detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the cost and how many participants.	Written QoN
418	0	Boyce	LP	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD: a)Total spending on these services b)The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c)The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification d)The names of all service providers engaged	Written QoN

419	0	Boyce	LP	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	For each service purchased from a provider listed under 4(E11-418 part d), please provide: a)The name and nature of the service purchased b)Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c)The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d)The total number of hours involved for all employees e)The total amount spent on the service f)A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)	Written QoN
420	0	Boyce	LP	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:a)The location used b)The number of employees who took part on each occasion c)The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d)Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written QoN
421	0	Boyce	LP	Paid Parental Leave	a)Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? b)Please list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written QoN
422	0	Boyce	LP	Workpoint space	a)For each portfolio department and agency office please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person.b)Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain.c)If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were.d)What savings did each portfolio department and agency achieve by meeting the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.e)How much of these savings has each portfolio department and agency kept? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.f)If no, please give details why it does not, including whether an exemption has been received by the Finance Minister. g)What funding has been taken from each portfolio department and agency because they do not meet the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.h)Are there plans to meet the Guidelines? Please explain.	Written QoN
423	0	Boyce	LP	Health Reform Agreement	Should the new Health Reform Agreement not be signed by 1 July 2011, and the existing arrangement continue - a)is there a mechanism in place to allow for growth funding to the states and territories? b)if so, would this apply to all states and territories? c)is it possible that some states or territories will not get growth funding? d)if states and territories do not receive growth funding, does that constitute a drop in funding in real terms? e)are there any conditions where states and territories would be precluded from receiving the growth funding? what are those conditions? f)what is the total value of the growth funding from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 for all states and territories? g)what is the total value of the growth funding from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 for all states and territories?	Written QoN
424	13	Boyce	LP	National Performance Authority	Once it is operational, when is the first report of the National Performance Authority due?	Written QoN

425	13	Boyce	LP	National Performance Authority	Would the department please outline the issues that remain unresolved between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories in respect of the National Performance Authority.	Written QoN
426	13	Boyce	LP	Local Hospital Networks	a)When are Local Hospital Networks to become operational in the ACT? b)Where and how many will be established throughout Australia by 1 July 2011?	Written QoN
427	13	Boyce	LP	Local Hospital Networks	Where and how many will be established throughout Australia by 1 July 2012?	Written QoN
428	13	Boyce	LP	Local Hospital Networks	Please confirm the number of Local Hospital Networks that have become operational in NSW?	Written QoN
429	13	Boyce	LP	Local Hospital Networks	How many Local Hospital Networks will be outstanding throughout Australia post July 2012?	Written QoN
430	11	Boyce	LP	Mental Health Services	a) How much "new" money was provided in the budget for mental health services in the year 2011-12? b) Would the department please provide a breakdown of the programs that the new money will fund for the year 2011-12. c) How much "new" money was provided in the budget for mental health over the next five years? d) Would the department please provide a breakdown of the programs that the new money will fund over the next five years?	Written QoN
431	11	Boyce	LP	Funding for mental health services	a) Would the department provide a breakdown of funding that mental health services has received over the past 10 years in real terms? b) Would the department please outline how much funding goes towards programs that assist people with both an intellectual disability and a mental illness over a one year time frame.c) Would the department please outline how much funding goes towards programs that assist people with both an intellectual disability and a mental illness over a five year time frame.d) Would the department please provide a breakdown of the programs it has for people who have both an intellectual disability and a mental illness.	Written QoN
432	4	Boyce	LP	Aged Care and Population Ageing	In the 2010-11 budget, the government announced \$7 million for a benchmarking tool and business advisory services so that aged care providers can compare and improve business practices.a) Has the tender process been completed? b) Who was the successful tenderer?c) What are the timelines for the benchmarking tool to be implemented?d) What are the timelines for the implementation of the business advisory services?e) What will be the cost to providers for accessing the services?f) Will the cost be calculated on the same basis for all providers?g) If not, what will be the eligibility criteria for any subsidized services?	Written QoN
433	4	Boyce	LP	Aged Care and Population Ageing	In the 2010-11 budget, \$0.5m was allocated to conduct a research study on staffing levels, skills mix and resident care needs in Australian aged care facilities.a) Who is undertaking the study?b) What are terms of reference of the study?c) When was the study put out to tender? If it was not put out to tender, why not?d) Is there a reference group to guide and support the study? Who are the members of any such group?e) When will the study be completed?f) When will the study be released?	Written QoN

434	4	Boyce	LP	COPO formula	a) What is the COPO formula for indexing the basic care subsidy? b) What is the weighting of each component of the COPO formula? c) Will this formula be used to index the basic care subsidy for 2011-12?	Written QoN
435	4	Boyce	LP	COPO indexation	What estimate of COPO indexation was made in preparing the Budget estimates for 2011-12 and the forward estimates?	Written QoN
436	4	Boyce	LP	Allocation of funds	a) Would the department please outline what criteria will be used to determine the allocation of the new funds (\$7.7m) to services? b) How many services are expected to benefit? c) How many will be specialised homeless services? d) What assumptions underlie the budget estimate?	Written QoN
437	4	Boyce	LP	Draft accreditation standards for residential aged care.	The department recently concluded a round of stakeholder consultations on the draft new accreditation standards for residential aged care. a) When is it proposed that the new standards will apply? b) What operational considerations for the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency and providers will be taken into account in setting the implementation date?	Written QoN
438	4	Boyce	LP	Aged care facility at Hughenden	a) In relation to the proposed aged care facility at Hughenden, did this facility go through the Aged Care Approvals Round process? b) If not, why not. c) Have any other aged care facilities in Australia bypassed the Aged Care Approvals Round process? d) If so, would the department please list those facilities who have bypassed the Aged Care Approvals Round process? e) Would the department please outline the reasons why those facilities bypassed the Aged Care Approvals Round.	Written QoN
439	4	Boyce	LP	Aged care facility at Hughenden	a) What is the new model that has been applied to the proposed aged care facility at Hughenden? Please provide details as to the whole process. b) Why was a new model applied? c) Is this new model to be applied to other prospective aged care facilities? d) Would the department please outline the stakeholders involved and the consultative process undertaken in formulating the new model of allocating aged care facilities? e) Would the department please provide the guidelines of the new model of allocating aged care facilities? f) Did the new model require changes to legislation? If so would the department please provide details.	Written QoN
440	4	Boyce	LP	Hughenden	The government has provided \$4.4m towards the aged care facility at Hughenden. The sum of \$4.4m, is that to go solely towards the aged care facility or is some of this funding to go towards other community facilities co-located at Hughenden Aged Care Facility such as office facilities, recreational area or other facilities? Please provide a breakdown of how the \$4.4m will be allocated.	Written QoN

441	4	Boyce	LP	Compliance - Aged Care Facilities	Compliance and red tape takes up a great deal of time in aged care facilities.a)Has the department undertaken a study or commissioned a study into the cost of compliance and red tape in running aged care facilities? b)If so, would the department please provide the results of the study.c)If no study has been undertaken or commissioned, why not? Has the department undertaken a study or commissioned a study as to the cost of compliance on residents in aged facilities in terms of shifting the focus from care to paperwork? d)If so, would the department provide a copy of that study? e)If no study has been undertaken or commissioned, why not? f)What steps has the department undertaken to reduce red tape in aged care facilities?	Written QoN
442	4	Boyce	LP	Primary Care - Dementia	There is evidence that GPs do not identify dementia early, do not complete a full assessment as described in the guidelines and fail to provide the full range of recommended management options to their patients.What action has been taken by the Government to address timely diagnosis of dementia in the context of the Government's primary health care reforms?	Written QoN
443	4	Boyce	LP	Primary Care - Dementia	The UK National Audit Office estimates that in the UK each hospital could save an average of £6 million a year by correctly identifying dementia patients, providing more appropriate and timely care, thus reducing length of stay and improving health outcomes. What action has been taken by the Government in the context of its health and hospital reforms to make hospitals safer places for people with dementia?	Written QoN
444	1	Boyce	LP	Australian National Preventive Health Agency - Dementia	There is a growing body of evidence that lifestyle and health factors may substantially reduce the risk of developing dementia. These risk factors overlap with those for other chronic illness, particularly cardiovascular disease, but many Australians are not aware of this. What action has been taken by the Government to include dementia risk reduction in the work of its new high profile National Preventative Health Agency?	Written QoN
445	1	Boyce	LP	National Male Health Policy	In the Sydney Morning Herald dated 28 May 2011 there was a story on Tim Mathieson, Patron of the Men's Shed program. The story refers to Mr Mathieson taking three of his friends on his recent outback men's shed tour. Would the department please advise whether there was any cost involved to the government or program of taking Mr Mathieson's friends on the tour. If so, how much?	Written QoN
446	1	Boyce	LP	Plain Packaging	a)Will the department release any legal advice/advices it has received in relation to plain packaging for cigarettes over the past two years? This includes any in-house legal advice provided on plain packaging. b)If not, why not? c)Does the legal advice provided warn that the plain packaging proposal breaches Australian and international law?	Written QoN
447	9	Boyce	LP	Private Health	How many healthy high income earners does the department believe will downgrade their private health insurance cover to basic hospital cover, which only covers treatments in public hospitals, thus lowering their costs while avoiding the Medicare levy surcharge?	Written QoN

448	9	Boyce	LP	Private Health	Some Australians will choose to drop their private health insurance and move into the public health system. Would the department please provide its analysis of the cost this will have on the public health system - a)over one year b)over two years c)over three years	Written QoN
449	9	Boyce	LP	Private Health	Will the department provide a comparison of the expenditure saved from means testing the rebate and the cost to the public health system - a)over one year b)over two years c)over three years	Written QoN
450	9	Boyce	LP	Private Health	How many new staff are anticipated to be employed in the public health system to meet the increased demand of people moving away from the private health system to the public system?	Written QoN
451	9	Boyce	LP	Private Health	How many staff does the department anticipate will lose their jobs in the private health system because of the changes to the private health rebate?	Written QoN
452	2	Boyce	LP	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	Would the department please outline the number of occasions a government has, in the past, gone against the advice of its own body of pharmaceutical experts and not listed medicines on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme?	Written QoN
453	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Withdrawal of the De Puy ASR Hip Device	Can you explain the risk process for devices and the classification criteria?	CA 36 - 31/05
454	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Joint Replacement Registry	a) Is the communication between the TGA and Johnson & Johnson publically available? b) When in 2007 did the TGA communicate with Johnson & Johnson about the higher than anticipated revision rates?	CA 36 - 31/05
455	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Rural Locum Program	What stakeholders were engaged in relation to the National Rural Locum Program review?	CA 113 - 30/05
456	6	Nash	NATS	Rural Health Agency	How many staff do you see allocated to the Rural Health Agency unit from within the department?	CA 70 - 31/05
457	6	Nash	NATS	Specialist Obstetrician Locum Scheme (SOLS)	How many locums has the Specialist Obstetrician Locum Scheme actually brought to rural and regional areas since 2006? a) Can you also break down these placements down by RA location? b) How many days were spent at these locations? c) Could you also provide the travel mode for those trips? Did they fly? Did they drive?	CA 74 - 31/05
458	6	Arbib	ALP	Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program (MSOAP)	Under the MSOAP: a) what is the distribution of medical specialists outside main cities by speciality?; and b) what is the distribution of expenditure under MSOAP by speciality and rurality?	CA 78 - 31/05
459	6	Nash	NATS	Specialist Obstetrician Locum Scheme (SOLS)	How many locums has the Specialist Obstetrician Locum Scheme actually brought to rural and regional areas since 2006? a) Can you also break down these placements down by RA location? b) How many days were spent at these locations? c) Could you also provide the travel mode for those trips? Did they fly? Did they drive? Refer E11000457	CA 74 - 31/05
460	6	Nash	NATS	Rural Health Agency	Could you take on notice the actual details of the types of things that currently exist within the department that will be brought into the Rural Health Agency area?	CA 70 - 30/05
461	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Aged Care Access Initiative - GP component	Are you able to track where those increases are - whether they are in metropolitan aged care facilities or regional and rural ones and provide a breakdown in terms of doctors and allied professionals?	CA 6 - 31/05

462	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Practice Incentives Program (PIP) After Hours Incentive	Please list all incentive payments and when they are moving across to Medicare Locals and, if there are any budget measures associated with it, which budget they are likely to be contained in?	CA 19 - 30/05
463	5	Adams	LP	Domestic Violence Referral Points	How will the transferring of the domestic violence referral points project in DoHA to anti-domestic violence programs in FaHCSIA result in efficiencies of \$12.2 million?	CA 59 03/06
464	5	Boyce	LP	GP Super Clinics	Could you update [the table provided to Senator Fierravanti-Wells prior to Budget Estimates] to include the new [GP Super Clinics announced in 2010-11]	CA 22 - 31/05
465	5	Boyce	LP	GP Super Clinics	Can you provide the [Implementation Progress Updates] for each GP Super Clinic?	CA 23 - 31/05
466	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Can you provide the relevant extract of the document [quoted by Ms Halton in relation to the comments made by Ms Thorpe at the Darwin GP Super Clinic consultation]?	CA 33 - 31/05
467	13	Boyce	LP	Closure of Queensland Health TB Clinics in the Torres Strait	<p>When did the department learn that they (TB clinics in the Torres Strait) were going to be closed on 30 June? At whose urging was it that these clinics be closed?</p> <p>I would also like a response from the department on whether you consider this to be a state issue or a federal issue.</p> <p>[Senator Boyce: clinics functioning in the Torres Strait ... is a national public health issue and not a Queensland health issue, the federal government response was to say, 'No, you get on with it and do it yourself.' Given the information I was given by the Department of Health the other day, I am very concerned that it appears to be that the federal government is trying to push this back to the state].</p> <p>I would like you to review the answers that I was given the other day and look at this. Can you tell me how you are planning to transition from closing down clinics in the Torres Strait on 30 June, starting a program in PNG on 1 July and continuing to suggest that Queenslanders' health initially and Australians' health eventually is not jeopardised by this?</p>	CA 51 - 03/06
468	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Immunisation	Can you explain the program (National Immunisation Program 1.5) expense drop on page 100 of the Portfolio Budget Statements (Table 1.32) from \$74 million to \$46 million and continuing at \$46 million in the forward estimates?	CA 54 - 03/06
469	14	Boyce	LP	Queensland Flood Response	I think there was a report in the Courier Mail today, but I do not have it with me, talking about the level of depression amongst people who had been affected by the floods in Brisbane. They were using a young pregnant woman to illustrate this point. Could you please tell me what the department has done to support organisations in Queensland - and I know there was some work in medicines and so forth - in terms of physical and mental health since January?	CA 103 31/05
470	14	Furner	ALP	Queensland Flood and Tropical Cyclone Yasi	<p>Just concentrating on the Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi: the government, I understood, commenced or activated the health incident room and pharmacy arrangements. At what stage did they do that?</p> <p>When was the green light thrown to activate the system?</p>	CA 106 - 31/05

471	11	Boyce	LP	Better access	You mentioned the expenditure in 2011-12 as not rising as much as expected. Could you just tell me what the net increase is in real terms, on an annual basis? Could you calculate year by year and in real terms? (Refer E11000498)	CA 51 - 30/05
472	11	Siewert	AG	Better access	The exceptional circumstances requirements do not come in after six sessions. It will just be the normal course of review at six and a consideration by the patient and their provider when additional sessions up to four are required. (Refer E11000498)	CA 51 - 30/05
473	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Review of existing MBS items for evidence of their quality and safety.	a) What evidence will be considered in relation to each of those four projects (ophthalmology, obesity, colonoscopy and pulmonary artery catheterisation)? b) Will the outcomes be implemented as budget measures or will proposals be open for consideration by stakeholders and published publicly prior to decisions on implementation, contrasting that with what happened with cataract surgery?	CA 95 - 30/05
474	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Nurse practioners	The total value of benefits provided by specialist medical practitioners from referrals by nurse practitioners.	CA 99 - 30/05
475	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alternative funding to health service provision	Can you tell me how many grants will be available?	CA 100 - 30/05
476	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	How many MRIs will be done, which are not being done at the moment, as a result of allowing GPs to refer patients for some MRI services? Refer E11000551	CA 102 - 30/05
477	3	Adams	LP	Radiation Oncology positions	How much interest has there been in people taking up these areas of expertise? Refer E11000068	CA 111 - 30/05
478	0	Siewert	AG	FOI	List of new FOI's received by the Dept (number, who they are and what they want).	CA 6 - 30/05
479	0	Siewert	AG	Staffing Numbers	Update on staffing numbers and the total cost now and the number of staff dedicated to processing FOI's	CA 6 - 30/05
480	0	Siewert	AG	Other Agencies FOI requests on Tobacco	List of other Agencies that refer tobacco FOI's to the Department.	CA 6 - 30/05
481	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Staff reductions in the Department	How many staff will go to the various authorities.	CA 21 - 30/05
482	0	Boyce	LP	Climate change	Type of information provided to Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. - Clarification may be required.	CA 21 - 30/05
483	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Grant Programs	Transparency and consolidation of grant programs.	CA 21 - 30/05
484	1	Siewert	AG	FOI's	How many have been completed since last estimates.	CA 51 - 31/05
485	0	Boyce	LP	External investigations of not-for-profits	External investigations for not-for-profits being conducted by the departmental staff or have external resources been engaged.	CA 97 - 31/05
486	12	Adams	LP	Maternity Services Review	I have another question on the maternity Services Review and what may be happening. a) How many additional scholarships have been provided to GPs and midwives to provide maternity services in rural and remote Australia? b) Have we got an increase there? Would you like me to ask that in rural?	CA 10 - 31/05
487	12	Boyce	LP	Maternity Review/indemnity insurance	In terms of the maternity review, are you looking at the question of indemnity insurance and who it should be applied to? I am thinking particularly in terms of midwives who assist with home births. Is this the right place or the wrong place?	CA 11 - 31/05



488	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Monitoring staff numbers in the state bureaucracies	a) How are you going to deliver that? b) What is your starting point to measure that?	CA 10 - 30/05
489	13	Adams	LP	Digital mammography	How far has the digital mammography been rolled out?	CA 85 - 30/05
490	10	Boyce	LP	e-health	a) Would you have a notional cost for Practice Incentive Program (PIP) type payments? b) Would that be something that the department would do? c) Are the current people involved in Wave 1 receiving an incentive? d) How are you incentivising (Wave 1)? e) What assumptions have you made about incentives with the wave 1 trials?	CA 82 - 30/05
491	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health	Senator McLucas took on notice: On 13 April, did Minister Butler or Minister Roxon meet with Professor Pat McGorry and Professor Hickie and the Prime Minister?	CA 35 -30/05
492	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health - COAG 2006-11 measures expenditure	(a) I would assume that you would be able to prepare a schedule for me that looks at COAG 2006-11, what ends on 30 June and what is then continued on in another format? I notice that there are program name changes and there are obviously changes, but can you do that for me? (b) In the same vein as I did with GP Super Clinics, I will send you a table and I would appreciate it if you could fill it in. Ms Halton, it will make it easier if I just do it that way and send you a table like we did with the GP Super Clinics, and if you can fill in the spaces so that we do not spend time across the table talking about what has come in and what has gone out	CA 37 - 30/05
493	11	Moore	ALP	Mental Health - scheme showing which outcomes various mental health initiatives all allocated to.	If we could get a graphic that you design, not Senator Fierravanti-Wells - if we could have mental health and then the streams of these things that come out. It is clear that it comes into other areas.	CA 39 - 30/05
494	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health - Better Access Evaluation	I would like to ask you some questions in relation to the tender process for the evaluation: a) Who sat on the panel that formulated the tender documents to undertake the Better Access Evaluation? b) Who decided who would sit on the panel that would formulate the tender documents for the evaluation? c) Was this also the same panel who decided which provider was awarded the contract to carry out the evaluation? I am very interested in going back to the tender process to set up this evaluation because I believe there were some deficiencies in relation to it and I would like to pursue those issues	CA 43 - 30/05
495	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health - Better Access Evaluation	So it was just in generic terms; it did not go into the actual therapies?	CA 46 - 30/05
496	11	Boyce	LP	Mental Health - Better Access	There has been a large number of complaints about the changes to the Better Access system that have come through to my office and I am sure everyone else's. a) How many has the department received? b) Have you (the department) received complaints about changes to the Better Access Program? c) Are ministerials on the issue sent through to the department to deal with?	CA 47 - 30/05
497	11	Boyce	LP	Mental Health - Better Access	a) You mentioned the expenditure in 2011-12 as not rising as much as expected. Could you just tell me what the net increase is in real terms? b) On an annual basis, please? Could you calculate year by year and in real terms, please? Refer E11000471	CA 51 - 30/05

498	11	Siewert	AG	Mental Health - Better Access	a) Is there a different process at the current time between 12 and 18? It is not going to be that process. Do you have to take on notice that figure from the 12 to the 18? b) I have got this fact sheet. That it not how I understood it. This was the difference between one and 10, 87 per cent, so I was asked for between 12 and 18.	CA 51 - 30/05
499	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health - headspace	From the document I cannot ascertain what the funding is for each of those headspace sites. Could you take on notice the funding for each of those headspace sites?	CA 57 - 30/05
500	11	Siewert	AG	Mental Health - beyondblue	a) How much of that money have you agreed with beyondblue will be targeted to specifically young men? b) Can you take on notice whether there is a percentage set aside for young men?	CA 60 - 30/05
501	11	Siewert	AG	Plain Packaging - FOIs	How many {FOIs} have you completed since last estimates?	CA 51 - 31/05
502	11	Siewert	AG	National Binge Drinking Strategy	Rather than going through it now so I can get it clear would you be able to give us a list of what has been transitioned and what has not in terms of the program?	CA 67 - 31/05
503	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Headspace	The original headspace Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander strategy was developed in 2008. They developed an initial strategy and they are currently in the process of establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advisory group a) What is the timing on that? b) In view of the additional headspaces that are proposed, one would probably think that the strategy would need to be in place before you roll out another 30. If you could take that on notice as well.	CA 51 - 03/06
504	11	Boyce	LP	Indigenous Marathon Project	a) Could you tell me, for each year that you have run the program, how many people were initially selected and how many people finished the program?b) As you do not have the figures for the earlier years, could you characterise the drop-out rate of the program? Was it one, two or a significant number? I was told that the 2010 squad started out with 12 and finished with four, so I thought you might remember that, if that was the case, and be able to characterise that as not a terribly good retention rate.c) How many of last year's squad are people with full-time jobs?d) What about people with university degrees?e) What about the 2011 squad? Perhaps you could have a look at that for me. I have been told that the people were graduating from Murdoch with a bachelor of commerce degree, work for a mining company and people who work as liaison officers at a university are amongst the people who are participating in this program and being funded to go to New York to run.	CA 53 - 03/06
505	8	Boyce	LP	Indigenous Marathon Project - project evaluation	a) Is that (the evaluation of the Program) publicly available? b) Can you tell me what the general findings were? c) If you are not able to give me the evaluation per se, I would like as much detail as possible. When would you expect to have an external evaluation of the program done?	CA 53 - 03/06
506	11	Siewert	AG	Indigenous Suicide prevention strategy - consultancy	What is the time frame for the completion of the consultancy?	CA 57 - 03/06

507	11	Boyce	LP	Indigenous headspace centres	From Ms Krestensen - As I mentioned before, we have quite good reach through headspace to Indigenous clients. About 10 per cent of headspace clients are Indigenous, according to the 2009 independent evaluation. I do not have the individual statistics for each of the 30 sites with me, but clearly the site in Central Australia would also be a site which would have a high Indigenous throughput. I understand there is also quite a considerable throughput through some of the urban sites, such as central Sydney and so forth, where they have close working relationships with Aboriginal health services. I do not have the site-by-site statistics with me. You could provide those on notice.	CA 60 - 03/06
508	11	Boyce	LP	Headspace - Indigenous clients	Perhaps at the same time (headspace Indigenous Strategy P 51) you could provide a brief outline of what is going to be different to what is happening now when the strategy is implemented	CA 60 - 03/06
509	2	Boyce	LP	PBAC recommendations	a) So, it has a clinical need and you hope that the costs to the PBS system will drop? b) Did both of these companies write back to you asking about whether they would have to pay the application fee? c) Did both of them pay the application fee? d) Can you tell me the whole background of the fees, whether they asked for a waiver and what they ended paying for?	CA 86 - 30/05
510	2	Boyce	LP	Deferral of Listings	How many drugs were assessed as being potentially likely to be deferred? There were seven deferred, but how many were on the maybe list?	CA 87 - 31/05
511	2	Boyce	LP	Deferral of Listings	Was the list generated out of cabinet? I am trying to understand who had the expertise to decide on the list and where that expertise came from.	CA 87 - 31/05
512	2	Coonan	LP	Deferral of Listings	What was the criteria for the section of each of the drugs deferred?	CA 88 - 30/05
513	2	Coonan	LP	Deferral of Listings	Has Fluticasone co-existed with Symbicort for a number of years? How many?	CA 88 - 30/05
514	2	Coonan	LP	Deferral of Listings	What is the level of savings that this policy change will deliver for the deferrals announced to date over the forward estimates?	CA 88 - 31/05
515	2	Coonan	LP	Deferral of Listings	a) How do we estimate it? b) There must be some benefit if we are trying to get the budget back into surplus, and this is a key factor, so we are told. It must have some figure attached to it? c) Is it \$100 million? That is what it should be. d) It is \$25 million over four years, if that is right	CA 88 - 31/05
516	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Deferral of Listings	a) Did they (affected companies) receive any advanced notice that is before 25 February? b) When were they called? In the morning, before the press release went out of when? c) Can you tell me who made the call, please? d) Was it a call, was it in writing or by email in relation to each of those deferrals? e) Was there any consultation with any of those affected companies?	CA 90 - 31/05
517	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Deferral of Listings	a) Prior to this announcement, would any of those companies have had any reason to expect that the \$10 million threshold for cabinet consideration was no longer going to remain intact? b) Was the threshold of \$20 million discussed with anyone?	CA 90 - 31/05
518	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Deferral of Listings	Can the department advise how many patients you estimated each medicine would have treated?	CA 90 - 30/05

519	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Deferral of Listings	In relation to this decision, was the Department of Health and Ageing asked for advice about which of the PBAC recommended medicines should be funded or deferred for funding by the government?	CA 90 - 31/05
520	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Deferral of Listings	How many medicines costing less than \$10 million have been listed on the PBS in the last five years?	CA 90 - 31/05
521	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Deferral of Listings	What is the current length of time taken for a medicine to go from being recommended to PBAC to being listed on the PBAC and how does this compare over the past five years?	CA 90 - 31/05
522	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	NDSS	a) When did you first become aware that they had made unauthorised investments? b) What was the total value of the contract?	CA 94 - 31/05
523	2	Boyce	LP	NDSS	a) What was the total value of the contract? b) What was the total net loss?	CA 94 - 31/05
524	2	Boyce	LP	NDSS	What prompted the Department of Health to commission this report into Diabetes Australia?	CA 94 - 31/05
525	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	TARGIN	a) What is the cost to government for TARGON over five years? b) Is that a figure that you had a net cost to government when you take into account the PBS outlay as opposed to NBS cost savings? c) So what do you estimate would be the total number of patients that would be treated with TARGON per annum?	CA 96 - 30/05
526	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	TARGIN	a) There would be Medicare savings, wouldn't there be, due to a reduction in opiate-induced constipation, which would result in few GP and specialist consultations as well as fewer hospital procedures for the most severely constipated? b) Would you take on notice what clinical evidence was used in relation to making that decision?	CA 97 - 31/05
527	2	Boyce	LP	TARGIN	Are there any other full blown external investigations of not-for-profits being conducted by the Department of Health and Ageing. Or have you hired anyone to do the same? Refer E1100485	CA 97 - 31/05
528	2	Boyce	LP	PBS Reform	a) One of the comments you have made in there is that the wholesale remuneration for PBS medicines that are over \$930.06 is a fixed payment of \$69.94 and is not impacted by the price reductions. What percentage of medicines actually cost more than \$930.06? b) Would it be a large proportion?	CA 98 - 31/05
529	2	Boyce	LP	PBPA	As to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority, how many price increases have they recommended that have not been implemented. And could you give me, depending on how complicated it is what those eight are?	CA 101 - 31/05
530	2	Boyce	LP	PBPA	a) PBPA has recommended price increases and they have not been implemented. So how long is it that those recommendations have been sitting there unimplemented? b) Do we have some that have been sitting around for years and years, or are we talking about one or two months? c) How many of those medicines have been waiting more than six months for the price increase?	CA 102 - 31/05

531	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Access to dental care survey	The AIHW report, Trends in access to dental care among Australian adults 1994-2008, released on 25 May 2011, uses information collected in the National Dental Telephone Interview Survey to examine trends in Australians visiting the dentist. a) Can you tell me roughly how many people would have been surveyed as part of this report? b) Could you give me any other parameters of the questioning and the general questions that were asked of them?	CA 30 - 30/05
532	0	Boyce	LP	Recent AIHW revenue contracts	What contracts have been signed by the AIHW, since the 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statements were prepared, that will contribute additional external revenue to the AIHW?	CA 31 - 30/05
533	0	Boyce	LP	NMDS definition of a 'hospital bed'	What is the definition of a 'hospital bed' in the AIHW's national minimum data sets	CA 31 - 30/05
534	0	Boyce	LP	Reporting of 'child neglect'	Can you provide information related to the AIHW's national reporting on 'child neglect' and the status of relevant national definitions and standards?	CA 34 - 30/05
535	0	Boyce	LP	AIHW internal staffing movements	What are the AIHW's anticipated internal staffing movements as they relate to the drop in revenue from 2010-11 to 2011-12 for work required for the Council of Australian Governments?	CA 34 - 30/05
536	0	Adams	LP	AIHW work on rural and remote health	In relation to AIHW work on rural and remote health, a) Roughly how much of the total AIHW Budget for 2010-11 has been spent, on reporting health information by remoteness? b) What steps has the AIHW taken to ensure that all recurrent health expenditures can be analysed by remoteness?	CA 34 - 30/05
537	4	Boyce	LP	Aged Care Ratio	What are the costs and changes to the aged care ratio associated with the \$211.7 million estimates variation in the Budget Papers?	CA 65 - 30/05
538	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	One-Stop Shops	In regards to the One-Stop Shops measure, what provisions are being made to the telephone number and website to meet the needs of people from our CALD communities?	CA 66 - 30/05
539	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	ZRIL	Can you please break down by planning regions within the states, the number of new aged care places the Zero Real Interest Loans have resulted in?	CA 66 - 30/05
540	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Consumer Directed Care (CDC)	a) As to the Consumer Directed Care (CDC) packages that were announced in the 2010-11 budget, I understand that 500 packages were allocated. b) How many of those are operational? c) What is the evaluation process for the CDC places?	CA 68 - 30/05
541	4	Boyce	LP	Hughenden Facility	Can you please provide details on what services will be provided at the Hughenden facility and will there be beds there?	CA 69 - 30/05
542	4	Boyce	LP	Hughenden Facility	Is the veiw, expressed in the community affairs committee secretariat ordinary annual services report, that the \$4.4 million for an aged care accommodation facility in Hughenden may be misplaced and should, in fact, be listed elsewhere and that whilst it forms part of program 4.7 in your table 1.3.1 page 38, the individual program expenses for it are not listed individually as you would expect under table 4.30 on page 203 of the PBS, correct?	CA 69 - 30/05
543	4	Siewert	AG	Aged Care Assessment Program (ACAP)	Please provide more information in terms of what those (assessment) tools go to which demonstrate that it is on the basis of the person's individual capacity as to whether they have a disability or whether it is through the frailties of ageing.	CA 71 - 30/05

544	4	Fifield	LP	Carer Strategy	Could you take on notice and table the stakeholder engagement that there has been in regards to the development of the carer strategy?	CA 73 - 30/05
545	4	Fifield	LP	Continence Aide Payment Scheme (CAPS)	How many current recipients there are of the CAPS program?	CA 73 - 30/05
546	4	Fifield	LP	Continence Helpline	a) Could you take on notice how many calls the Continence helpline has received each month since it was established and also a breakdown, if you have it, of the issues raised? There might be particular categories that the issues are put into. b) Also as part of that answer could you provide the nature of the details which the department collects from the calls to the helpline?	CA 74 - 30/05
547	10	Boyce	LP	Palliative Care	There was an announcement of \$8.6 million for palliative care support and services, and most of that, as I understand it, is to go to fund equipment loan schemes. Could you give me a state-by-state breakdown of those schemes?	CA 89 - 30/05
548	10	Boyce	LP	Equipment Loans Scheme	In relation to the equipment loans scheme, how is the money distributed to states by Palliative Care Australia?	CA 89 - 30/05
549	4	Siewert	AG	Young People in Nursing Homes	In 2009 the AIHW reported that the under 50 group (the target group of the YPIRAC initiative) comprised only 10% of the total group of residents under 65 in residential aged care. What role has the Department played in the YPIRAC initiative and how does the residential aged care program meet the needs of those people who found themselves outside the YPIRAC target group?	Written QoN
550	4	Siewert	AG	Young People in Nursing Homes	a) What are the current numbers of people under 65 in aged care by age group?b) How have the numbers changed over the 5 years of the YPIRAC program?	Written QoN
551	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	How many MRIs will be done, which are not being done at the moment, as a result of allowing GPs to refer patients for some MRI services?	CA 102 - 30/05
552	4	Fifield	LP	Young People in Aged Care	a) How many people aged under 20 are currently in residential aged care?b) How many people aged under 30 are currently in residential aged care?c) How many people aged under 40 are currently in residential aged care?d) How many people aged under 50 are currently in residential aged care?e) How many people aged under 65 are currently in residential aged care?f) How many people aged under 20 entered residential aged care in 2010-11?g) How many people aged under 30 entered residential aged care in 2010-11?h) How many people aged under 40 entered residential aged care in 2010-11?i) How many people aged under 50 entered residential aged care in 2010-11?j) How many people aged under 65 entered residential aged care in 2010-11?k) What proportion of all residents under the age of 65 years are currently in residential aged care?	Written QoN
553	10	Boyce	LP	eHealth	a)The Department is appointing an 'independent party to assist with change management', who is that independent party?b)If no decision has yet been made who is on the short list?c)Could you please provide the complete detail of their brief, time frames, KPI's and measured outcomesd)How long is the contract?e)How much will it cost?	Written QoN

554	10	Boyce	LP	eHealth	The Department claims that 'change management' is by 'far and away the most complex of the activities in front of us", why then isn't NEHTA dealing with that issue 'in-house'?	Written QoN
555	10	Boyce	LP	eHealth	Why have all the establishment costs of NEHTA, its \$430 million budget and over 200 staff, to then farm out most of the fundamental work of E-Health Transition?	Written QoN
556	10	Boyce	LP	eHealth	Now you say you want to increase consumer 'involvement' isn't that an acknowledgement NEHTA's consumer engagement has been less than perfect thus far?	Written QoN
557	10	Boyce	LP	eHealth	a)Can you explain how NEHTA defines 'change management' and 'consumer engagement'?b)Given the difference between the two will they be separate contracts, with separate specialist suppliers?	Written QoN
558	10	Boyce	LP	eHealth - PCEHR	A)At the Budget estimates of May 30, questions were asked about a DOHA/NEHTA E-health Conference held in November-December 2010.In her evidence a, Ms Huxtable, described this conference as, and I quote, "a critical element of the first phase of the stakeholder strategy."Why weren't consumer stakeholders involved?b)Could you explain why such a 'critical' conference in the 'first phase' of your stakeholder strategy wasn't held earlier in your long history?c)In relation to that conference at the time of Budget estimates it was claimed that you had received 11 submissions 'to date'. Who were they from?d)Eleven submissions would seem on the face of it to be very small?e)When will they be publicly available?	Written QoN
559	10	Boyce	LP	eHealth - PCEHR	a)Evidence was also given that people will have the capacity to register for a PCEHR by July1, 2012. What does capacity mean in that context? b)Will everyone be able to register? c)What will a registration at that point provide to those who do register?d)What encouragement will be provided to consumers to register?e)Will the PCEHR system will be up and running nation wide by that date?	Written QoN
560	10	Boyce	LP	eHealth - PCEHR	Isn't the process of working out how the quality of information held in a shared record can be fit for purpose, quite fundamental to the successful operation of a PCEHR? Refer E11000561	Written QoN
561	10	Boyce	LP	eHealth - PCEHR	a)Isn't the process of working out how the quality of information held in a shared record can be fit for purpose, quite fundamental to the successful operation of a PCEHR? b)Isn't the fact that you haven't worked that out yet, quite alarming?c)Please provide a definition of repositories with at least three examples of a repository and three examples of a non-repository?	Written QoN
562	10	Boyce	LP	eHealth - repositories	Can you supply me a list of health professionals and/or organisations that will be E-Health repositories?	Written QoN
563	11	Nash	NATS	Better Access Initiative	a)As to the Better Access initiative, as it was does the department have a breakdown of funding by regions? b)Does the Department have any sense by region how, under Better Access, that funding has been expended? c)Can you take on notice for me to provide that by region? How do you break it up, by region, or is it by ASCG map?	CA 73 - 31/05
564	1	Adams	LP	Australian National Preventive Health Agency strategic plan	When will the ANPHA strategic plan be made available?	CA 64 - 31/05

565	1	Adams	LP	Australian National Preventive Health Agency budget	Will the government be setting budgets for each of the priorities: tobacco, obesity and alcohol?	CA 65 - 31/05
566	1	Boyce	LP	Evaluation of the COAG National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health	What the scope of the ANPHA evaluation of the national partnership agreement on preventive health?	CA 65 - 31/05
567	1	Boyce	LP	Transfer of preventive health initiatives from the Department of Health and Ageing to the Australian National Preventive Health Agency	a) When are they [initiatives for which the Agency will be responsible] going to transit and what is the plan? b) Also as to the likely timetable around the various bits.	CA 68 - 31/05
568	1	Boyce	LP	COAG National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health outcomes	What are the outcomes expected from the COAG partnership agreement and from the Preventive Health Agency's strategic plan?	CA 68 - 31/05
569	4	Boyce	LP	Flexible building audits	a) What facilities are eligible for remote and indigenous service support? b) Of these facilities, which ones have been audited? c) Of the third party audits of flexible aged care facilities undertaken on behalf of the Department, are these audits publically available? d) If no, can you provide an outline of the finding and current actions?	CA 54 - 30/05
570	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health spending	In relation to each of the programs related to mental health issues which were part of the 2006-2011 COAG Mental Health spending, in relation to each please advise: a) When it was commenced? b) When did it cease? c) Was it refunded and continued after 1 July 2011 in the same form or varied? Please provide details of how it was varied. d) What were the objectives of the program? e) Were the program objectives met? f) What were the key targets? g) Were those targets met? Please provide specific details.	Written QoN
571	8	Siewert	AG	Senate Inquiry Report: Hear Us: Inquiry into Hearing Health in Australia	Do I understand therefore that subsequent to the pilot the intention is to look at it again? Or is that my fanciful interpretation of what you have just said? Could you take that on notice?	CA 121 - 31/05



572	1	Boyce	LP	Chronic Disease	I have a question under 1.1 which relates to the Institute of Health and Welfare's 2001 data, believe it or not, which apparently is the latest we have. It said \$11 million was spent on 12 chronic diseases. Apparently this data has not been collected since then in that way. The diseases are heart, stroke, lung, colorectal, depression, type 2 diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis, asthma, chronic obstructed pulmonary disease, chronic kidney disease and oral disease. a) What are the latest figures for expenditure on those chronic diseases? I realise this may not be something you can just give me off the top of your head. b) How are we going about measuring the cost those chronic diseases now? c) What funding does the department currently have in a convenient way, whether it is last year's or forward or whatever, for prevention programs in those 12 chronic disease areas?	Written QoN
573	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Better Hospitals, Mental Health And Health Services, Budget 2011-12	I refer to the document Delivering better hospitals, mental health and health services, Budget 2011-12. PM&C officials (Finance and Public Administration Committee, 23 May) referred questions in relation to the same to Treasury. In relation to the graph at p.5 of that document: a) please provide me with the figures that match the graph b) provide the figures in terms of yearly funding since 2006-2007 c) breakdown of those figures since 2006-07	Written QoN
574	2	Boyce	LP	PBS Reform - Wholesalers	Could I have on notice the dates of those meetings [with wholesalers/Medicines Australia and advise if formal meetings	CA 99 - 31/05
575	14	Boyce	LP	Immunisation - Diphtheria	As we all know, you should have a diphtheria vaccination after 50, which is mentioned on the Qld Health fact sheet on diphtheria but not mentioned on the Immunisation Australia fact sheet on diphtheria. Can you explain why this is the case? With regard to the 2003 AIHW vaccination survey I would appreciate anything you can tell me on notice.	CA 53 - 31/05
576	1	Xenophon	IND	Nano-free Sunscreens	Have you looked at any updated assessment of labelling of sunscreens, including overseas studies, where there has been a rethink on the need to label that so that consumers can at least make a choice with sunscreens as to whether it has nanoparticles or not?	CA 58 - 31/05
577	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Dentists	Can you provide the date of when the AIHW dental services research unit's dental labour force survey of 2006 was published?	CA 118 - 30/05
578	1	Boyce	LP	Prevention Programs for the 12 Chronic Disease areas	a)What are the latest figures for expenditure on heart, stroke, lung, colorectal, depression, type 2 diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis, asthma, chronic kidney disease and oral disease? b)How are we going about measuring the cost of those chronic diseases now? c)What funding does the department currently have in a convenient way, whether it is last year's or this year's forward or whatever, for prevention programs in those 12 chronic disease areas? (Refer E11000572)	CA 43 - 31/05
579	0	Siewert	AG	Health and Hospital Fund	As I understand it, there were more beds or chairs in other states. I think there were 40 with 28 for WA and then there were some for other areas. Can you give us any detail on that?	CA 62 - 03/06