

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 13-14 FEBRUARY 2012**

**SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT, WATER, POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO**

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| 1              | 1.1: AGLC                          | McKenzie       | Environmental impact on the Alpine National Park | <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> I know that we commented earlier, in relation to Senator Joyce's questions, on impact studies and the amount of data that you collect so that you can make good decisions about how to manage our ecological communities. With particular reference to the ecological communities that this decision was made about, what research has been done on the environmental impact of the 50,000 to 100,000 deer that are currently in the Alpine National Park.</p> <p><b>Ms Dripps:</b> I do not believe analysis of the impact of the deer was germane to this referral decision.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Can I take that as more of a comment on the department to have—</p> <p><b>Ms Dripps:</b> We can take the question on what the department has done in that regard on notice if you would like.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> That would be great. Thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> You could perhaps look at the feral pigs and rabbits and tell us what they do, as well.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> ...Similarly to the research on the 50,000 to 100,000 deer could you—on notice if you cannot provide it today—provide us with any data that the department has around the environmental impact of the 8,000 brumbies in the Alpine National Park.</p> <p><b>Ms Murray:</b> Certainly I will take that on notice.</p> | 21-22<br>(14/2/12)                                        | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 2              | 1.1: AGLC                          | Macdonald      | Native vegetation management on private land     | <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Are you aware of a survey of land managers done by ABARES for which case studies were conducted to increase understanding of the drivers of and barriers to native vegetation management on private land?</p> <p><b>Mr Sullivan:</b> I am not aware of that. Given that I am very new to the position, one of my colleagues may be aware of it.</p> <p><b>Mr Flanigan:</b> Not that particular reference. It may well be one of the pieces of work that have been commissioned through the Australian government land and coasts division as part of our monitoring and evaluation work. But I am not personally familiar with that particular piece of work or its current findings.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Is there anyone here who would be familiar with the area of the department that you just mentioned might be involved?</p> <p><b>Mr Flanigan:</b> That is us. It potentially comes under our monitoring, evaluation and review work, but I am not au fait with that particular report at this point in time. So I would have to take any questions about it on notice.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 94-95<br>(13/2/12)                                        | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |

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| 3       | 1.1: AGLC                   | McKenzie | Alpine National Park – Samba deer | <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> What work is done by the department in managing pests in national parks?</p> <p><b>Mr Sullivan:</b> Thank you for the question. We have a number of programs that work within the Caring for our Country portfolio of projects that deal with pests, but, with respect to pests in national parks, I am not aware of any specific projects, unless one of my colleagues is. In part, management of pests in that context is a primary responsibility, I think, of the agriculture portfolio, but I can take that on notice and look at any of the specific projects that have been funded under Caring for our Country that deal with pest management with respect to national parks.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> My question specifically goes to Sambar deer, in the Alpine National Park.</p> <p><b>Mr Flanigan:</b> Sorry, we would have to take that on notice.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 95<br>(13/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 4       | 1.1: AGLC                   | Singh    | Environmental Stewardship Program | <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Would you be able to update the committee on any changes to the Environmental Stewardship Program?</p> <p><b>Dr Zammit:</b> The Environmental Stewardship Program kicked off in 2007-08, and the first four years of funding progressed through a model which involved competitive tenders for 15-year payments for the successful tenderers to protect matters of national environmental significance—in particular, nationally endangered ecological communities. For the first three years the program focused on a single very large endangered community, the box gum grassy woodlands in western New South Wales and southern Queensland. That program delivered about 27,000 hectares of protected woodland through about 200 contracts. In 2010-11 we expanded the program to do more than one community; we expanded it to do multiple ecological communities in South Australia and, again, western New South Wales. That has now run for about 18 months, and we have protected another 20,000 hectares through another 70 contracts. In the funding last year, the program was renewed for four years. We are revising the program model. We are continuing to use competitive tenders in the market, but rather than focusing on single or multiple communities we are now focusing on habitat that supports many matters of NES. By that I mean endangered species, endangered communities, migratory species, Ramsar wetlands and the like. By broadening the program in this way we can target more parts of the country, engage more landowners and effectively make the program more efficient by not constraining it to one, two or three particular community types but choosing habitats that target multiple sorts of areas that might be threatened.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> How was that change brought about? What has been the take-up since the new changes occurred?</p> <p><b>Dr Zammit:</b> We have been consistently oversubscribed. My recollection is that, over the seven auction rounds we have run, we have had in the order of 800 or so expressions of interest. We have contracted 270 landowners over the life of the program so far, so we are well subscribed.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Are you able to provide the committee with a state-by-state</p> | 95-96<br>(13/2/12)                             | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |         |                                                                      | breakdown? I am obviously interested in Tasmania, so that state would be a good start if you have that on you. It is just out of interest, because obviously the biodiversity is different across the country, so I presume the applications would be vastly different as part of that tender process.<br><b>Dr Zammit:</b> I can give you the breakdown. We have run auction rounds only in New South Wales and South Australia—no, in fact also in Queensland. I can give you numbers of contracts and areas if you would like. For Queensland we have had a total of only nine contracts, for a total of about 2,000 hectares. For New South Wales we have had a total of 201 contracts, for a total of 46,000 hectares. For South Australia we have had 27 contracts, for a total of 4,900 hectares. Those are the competitive grants. In relation to discretionary funded projects, I do not have the most recent allocations for the announcements just of last week, but I can give them to you on notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                |            |             |
| 5       | 1.1: AGLC                   | Fisher  | Caring for our Country budget                                        | <b>Senator FISHER:</b> Could you, presumably on notice, provide us with a one-pager of all budgeted future Caring for our Country programs and moneys on a year-by-year basis?<br><b>Mr Sullivan:</b> Hopefully I can answer that without having to provide the one page. In the 2012-13 business plan there is a notional budget that is out there in terms of the open call which has just closed. That is for next year. It is a smaller amount of money because the money has been diminishing because of multi-year funding projects taking up a large chunk of the money early in the program cycle. So the amount of money has been decreasing. The forward estimates for Caring for our Country are really subject to the review process and decisions for government about what that tranche of funding will look like. So there is forward estimates because Caring for our Country is an ongoing program. We can give you a quick breakdown, but it will really replicate what is in the budget papers in terms of the breakdown across the program items: what is in the environmental stewardship program, what comes from the special account—<br><b>Senator FISHER:</b> It will essentially pull it all together, though, and that is what we would appreciate.<br><b>Mr Sullivan:</b> Okay. | 99<br>(13/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 6       | 1.1: AGLC                   | Waters  | Native vegetation protected from coal seam gas or mining exploration | <b>Senator WATERS:</b> My question goes to the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, so I am not sure who is the best person to answer that. One of the targets is that by 2015 we will have a national increase of 600,000 square kilometres of native habitat managed primarily for biodiversity conservation, which is wonderful. How is that progressing? How much of that target have we got to go and how much have we achieved to date?<br><b>Dr Zammit:</b> The national Biodiversity Conservation Strategy is a cross-government strategy. It is agreed by the ministers from all the jurisdictions in the country, so it is not a Commonwealth commitment; it is a national commitment. With the formation of the new ministerial council, we have established an implementation working group to take forward how we might collectively, across jurisdictions, implement all the targets in that strategy. We have just started work on that group in the last month, so I cannot give you any more advice except to say that there is a body of work in place for                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 101-102<br>(13/2/12)                           | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |            |                                                        | governments to work together and to take back to the ministerial council by the end of this year an implementation framework which will allow us to report against the targets across governments.<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> I will watch that space. What proportion of existing native habitat is on a tenure or under an arrangement that protects it from coal seam gas or mining exploration?<br><b>Mr Sullivan:</b> No, I cannot.<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Could you take that on notice, please?<br><b>Mr Sullivan:</b> I will do my best to take that on notice and see what we can do.<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Thank you. I would be very interested in that. Obviously it goes to the effectiveness of the scheme. |                                                |            |             |
| 7       | 1.1: AGLC                   | Birmingham | Caring for our Country – budget and staffing           | 1. What is the total budget for the Caring for our Country program?<br>2. How much of the budget has been spent?<br>3. How many staff are currently employed in this program area?<br>4. What is the number of permanent and contracted staff?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                        | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 8       | 1.1: AGLC                   | Birmingham | Landcare – budget and staffing                         | 1. What is the total budgeted funding for Landcare?<br>2. How much of the budget has been spent?<br>3. How many staff are currently employed in this program area?<br>4. What is the number of permanent and contracted staff?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 9       | 1.1: AGLC                   | Williams   | Lake Innes - update on progress                        | 1. I want to revisit the Lake Innes issue on the mid north coast of NSW. This is the lake where some wanted it reverted to freshwater but the fishermen are dead against it.<br><br>When I last asked about it I was told it was the preliminary stage and it was just scoping. Can you give me an update as to what has happened since October?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 10      | 1.1: AGLC                   | Williams   | Lake Innes – contract to conduct the feasibility study | 1. Did the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority get the contract to run the study?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 11      | 1.1: AGLC                   | Williams   | Lake Innes - budget                                    | 1. How much of the \$220,000 budgeted for this financial year has been spent, and what on?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 12      | 1.1: AGLC                   | Williams   | Lake Innes – community consultations/ feedback         | 1. Have there been any community consultations?<br>2. Have you had any unsolicited feedback from the public about the freshwater reversion program?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 13      | 1.1: AGLC                   | Birmingham | Carp numbers in the Murray-Darling Basin               | 1. What action is being taken in light of the explosion of carp numbers in the Basin?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 14      | 1.1: AGLC                   | Waters     | Native habitat managed for biodiversity conservation   | 1. Regarding native habitat in Australia that is currently managed primarily for biodiversity conservation, please advise:<br>a. How much of Australia is currently managed for this purpose? (in square kilometres)<br>b. What types of tenure arrangement apply to this habitat?<br>c. Of these tenure types, please advise which cannot be subject to mining or                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                        | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |         |                                                                  | exploration for coal, coal seam gas or other mineral resource exploitation?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                |            |             |
| 15      | 1.1: AGLC                   | Waters  | Impacts of invasive species on biodiversity                      | <p>The State of the Environment 2011 report found that biodiversity is in decline, including from invasive species. The impacts of invasive species on biodiversity ('very high'), the trend ('deteriorating') and the management effectiveness ('ineffective') received the worst possible ratings.</p> <p>1. Has SEWPaC undertaken an assessment of what reforms in its biosecurity functions will be needed to achieve a more positive report card for invasive species by the 2016 State of the Environment report? Please outline what measures the Government intends to take beyond existing measures and programs to stop and reverse the threats of invasive species on biodiversity?</p> <p>2. In relation to Target 7 of Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010–2030 and the Foreword of the strategy which indicates that the goal by 2030 is to reduce the impacts of invasive species "so that their impact on biodiversity is negligible".</p> <p>a. Please advise what planning and/ or implementation the Department has undertaken to date in order to ensure the biodiversity 2015 target and 2030 goal will be met.</p> <p>b. Has the Department undertaken or contributed to a baseline assessment against which the 2015 target will be assessed? Where is that assessment? If it has not been done, when and how will it be done?</p> <p>c. What resources are needed for Australia to meet its 2015 invasive species target and 2030 goal? Has any assessment of resource needs been undertaken? Has the Department undertaken or contributed to an assessment of the resources needed for addressing biosecurity threats to biodiversity?</p> <p>d. Recognising that the biodiversity targets are a joint commitment of national and state/territory governments, has the Environment Minister and the Environment Department through their involvement in joint government processes initiated or been involved in any processes to determine how the 2015 biodiversity target and 2030 goal for invasive species will be met? What has this activity involved to date?</p> | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 16      | 1.1: Parks                  | Joyce   | Australian National Botanic Gardens Non-Potable Pipeline project | 1. How much did the Australian government contribute to the Australian National Botanic Gardens Non-Potable Pipeline Project? How much did the project cost in total?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 17      | 1.1: Parks                  | Siewert | Christmas Island oil spill and shipwreck – allocation of funding | <p><b>Page 93</b></p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I want to talk about the oil spill and the shipwreck at Christmas Island. Could you tell me where we are up to with environmental impact assessment and how much money has been committed to the assessment process or any clean-up process?</p> <p><b>Mr Cochrane:</b> I can answer the first question but not the next two. So far, the environmental impact of the foundering of that ship has been minimal. However, that is qualified by the fact that only limited surveys have been done. It is a very preliminary assessment. It is only just until recently that the large swells in the Flying Fish Cove have started to abate. Scientists have been up there from a few days after the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 93-94 (13/2/12)                                | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |         |                                                                   | <p>shipwreck and, as they can, they have undertaken surveys of the reef and the fish 23/03/12populations in Flying Fish Cove. Their preliminary reports suggest there has been no impact at this stage.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Page 94</b></p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Mr Cochrane, you said you could not answer my second and third questions around allocation of funding. I want to go back to them and ask why you cannot answer them.</p> <p><b>Mr Cochrane:</b> Primarily because the issues of insurance have not yet been sorted out. From our perspective, we have been accounting for all our activities and expenditure. We anticipate that they will be claimable against an insurer when that is sorted. But that is a question for AMSA.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> How much have you spent to date, or do you need to take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Cochrane:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p>                                                                                      |                                                |            |             |
| 18      | 1.1: Parks                  | Siewert | Christmas Island oil spill and shipwreck – Monitoring of impacts  | <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> How many scientists have been up there and what work has been undertaken?</p> <p><b>Mr Cochrane:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Cochrane:</b> I have this information: Dr Jean-Paul Hobbs from the University of Western Australia has resurveyed some of his sites in the last couple of weeks.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> How many? I am trying to find out the extent of the monitoring that has been done and long-term monitoring.</p> <p><b>Mr Cochrane:</b> He has looked at Ethel Beach and Ryan's Ravine on the east coast. There was no obvious immediate impact on habitats or fish species there or at sites surveyed in Flying Fish Cove.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Sorry, all sites have been surveyed?</p> <p><b>Mr Cochrane:</b> Not all sites. They are the sites that he was able to get to.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Do we know how many that is?</p> <p><b>Mr Cochrane:</b> No. I would have to take that on notice.</p> | 93<br>(13/2/12)                                | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 19      | 1.1: Parks                  | Waters  | Current conservation status of lizard species on Christmas Island | <p>1. What is the current conservation status of the following lizard species on Christmas Island:</p> <p>a. Coastal skink (<i>Emoia atrocostata</i>)</p> <p>b. Forest skink (<i>Emoia nativitatis</i>)</p> <p>c. Blue-tailed skink (<i>Cryptoblepharus egeriae</i>)</p> <p>d. Lister's gecko (<i>Leipodactylus listeri</i>)</p> <p>2. What is the known or estimated size of the wild populations for each of these species?</p> <p>3. Was there evidence indicating a major decline in these species by 2009, the year in which Christmas Island pipistrelle became extinct?</p> <p>4. What is the likelihood of these species going extinct in the near future?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Written                                        | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |         |                                  | <p>5. What budget has been allocated specifically for their conservation?</p> <p>6. What management actions are being taken to conserve them? Under what management plan have these actions been taken?</p> <p>7. Does the Australian Government have reptile experts stationed on the island to manage their conservation?</p> <p>8. Why are these species not listed under the EPBC Act as threatened species?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                |            |             |
| 20      | 1.1: Parks                  | Colbeck | Carbon Farming – Henbury Station | <p>1. Papers obtained from the NT government estimate there will be a \$327,000 benefit under the Carbon price of taking the cattle off Henbury Station and a \$78 million annual benefit from increased carbon storage from vegetation growth given that no baseline has been recorded for the current level of carbon storage on Henbury Station and given carbon in conservation areas is currently not counted in national greenhouse inventories are these figures realistic?</p> <p>2. Is the Commonwealth aware of these calculations? If the commonwealth were aware of these figures was it prudent to give the private company \$9 million for the purchase when they were going to make such a windfall.</p> <p>3. Given the Government in its press release said that Henbury station would lead the way in Carbon farming what calculations or estimations did the government use to justify this assertion in the Press Release?</p> <p>4. During the last senate estimates Senate Environment and Legislation committee hearing on Monday 17 October the Environment Department (page 150 of the committee Hansard) Mr Cochrane states that whether the station qualifies for the CFI is not their problem and that RM Williams bears the risk. Why then did Minister Burke in his press release say this project would lead the way in Carbon Farming?</p> | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 21      | 1.2: Marine                 | Waters  | Rio+20 obligations               | <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Will the Commonwealth be assessing the extent to which Australia has met or fallen short of our Rio obligations?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> Certainly within the department and in coordinating across other agencies, there has been some analysis of that undertaken, but I do not think any decision has been taken about what happens with that analysis.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Is that analysis able to be tabled?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I would have to take that on notice, I am sorry.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 83<br>(13/2/12)                                | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 22      | 1.2: Marine                 | Waters  | Snubfin dolphin                  | <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> ...I have a few questions about the snubfin dolphin, which is a listed migratory species that has been discovered just north of Gladstone at Balaclava Island where there is slated to be coal terminals and concomitant increases in shipping in those areas. What analysis has the department done and what advice have you provided to the minister, if you are able to answer me on that, on the impacts on the snubfin dolphin from these new proposed coal export facilities and the associated shipping?</p> <p><b>Ms Dripps:</b> All the information about assessment of prospective or potential developments is done by the Environment Assessment and Compliance Division. They will be here first up in the morning for 5.2.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> And they would be the relevant section of the department to</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 104<br>(13/2/12)                               | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|                |                                    |                |                                         | <p>advise on the expected impacts on snubfin dolphin?</p> <p><b>Ms Dripps:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> As well is just assessing the project? They would not seek any advice from any of the folk at the table here?</p> <p><b>Ms Dripps:</b> They will take advice from a range of different parties in undertaking that assessment, including the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and sometimes the Marine Division, but I do not have the specifics of whether that project is having advice sought from the Marine Division with me.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> If there is anything you could table that is from the Marine Division, that would be helpful. Thank you.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 23             | 1.2: Marine                        | Boswell        | Marine bioregional planning – Coral Sea | <p><b>Page 107</b></p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> ...Let us look at the marine bioregional planning process. Could you advise on the total cost to patrol, police and administer the Coral Sea marine park once it has been declared?</p> <p><b>Ms Dripps:</b> We have indicated that government is yet to make decisions on the scale and levels of protection within the Coral Sea marine reserve, so the department is at an early stage of planning such matters, and we are not able to give a definitive answer at this time.</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> You said the maps could be altered—by how much?</p> <p><b>Ms Dripps:</b> I do not know. I am going to have a look at the public consultation—</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> In other words, have you done any research, planning or costing on this question?</p> <p><b>Ms Dripps:</b> We have done preliminary work on that question, and Mr Routh might wish to add to my answer.</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> Could you assist me, Mr Routh, by telling me how much it will cost?</p> <p><b>Mr Routh:</b> The fundamental reason we do not have a final proposal is that we are still in the consultation phase. When there is a decision on a final proposal, we would then do the costings around management.</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> On the maps that are put out at the moment, what would the costing be?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I do not think anyone has done one.</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> They have. There are maps and there are changed maps there.</p> <p><b>Senator Conroy:</b> Are you asking for a future costing based on uncertain parameters?</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> I am asking for a costing on the maps. 'On the 24th we will declare it. No-one has any idea of how much it's going to cost.'</p> <p><b>Page 108</b></p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> As the officers have indicated, it is still an ongoing process of active policy consideration by the government. I am not sure what we can provide for you at the moment. We can take the question on notice.</p> | 107-108 (13/2/12)                                         | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 24             | 1.2:                               | Siewert        | South-west marine                       | <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> ...Has the department funded any organisation from the WA</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 109                                                       | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|         | Marine                      |         | bioregional planning – departmental funding                                   | <p>fishing industry as part of the marine planning process for the south-west marine region?</p> <p><b>Ms Musgrave:</b> The department has provided funding to commercial fishing representative bodies to facilitate thorough and good engagement with ABARES to ensure they can identify who the right people are that ABARES need to be talking to, which are the fishers who actually need to receive the survey because they are operating in the areas of interest and things of that nature.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Can you tell me how much they were funded and what the specific guidelines and activities are for?</p> <p><b>Ms Musgrave:</b> I can tell you how much. I do not have a copy of the contract terms here to tell you which activities, so I can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could.</p> <p><b>Ms Musgrave:</b> Is it specifically for a region?</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> It is for the south-west, but it would be helpful if you could provide it for any funding that has been made available for any of the other regions for the fishing industry to participate in that manner.</p> <p><b>Ms Musgrave:</b> Okay. Do you want me to give you the bits I know or do you want it just as one whole lot?</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you tell me how much for the south-west one now and then take the rest on notice?</p> | (13/2/12)                                      |            |             |
| 25      | 1.2: Marine                 | Siewert | South-west marine bioregional planning – use of funding                       | <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> ...Was any of this funding used to develop industry submissions or consolidated positions to the south-west process or for any of the other regions?</p> <p><b>Ms Musgrave:</b> I cannot imagine so if it was not the purpose of the contract; but, without actually having asked anyone to account for every single hour—I do not think so. It is not the purpose of the contract. I cannot imagine.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I have been in the other estimates hearing and found out some other things about a grant proposal being reported differently from what it potentially was supposed to be for, so could you take it on notice to check for me please?</p> <p><b>Ms Musgrave:</b> Certainly.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 110<br>(13/2/12)                               | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 26      | 1.2: Marine                 | Siewert | South-west marine region – funding to the Western Australian fishing industry | <p>In relation to the funding to the WA fishing industry as part of the Marine Bioregional Planning process in the South West Marine Region</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What information was provided to the Department in relation to this funding?</li> <li>2. Will you provide copies of all documents submitted in relation to this funding?</li> <li>3. Did this funding assist the Industry in putting forward to the Department its consolidated Industry position?</li> <li>4. Was this funding intended to support the Industry in publicly communicating its consolidated position and campaigning for its implementation?</li> <li>5. Was this funding used by the industry in publicly communicating its consolidated position? If 'yes', how was this position communicated and did Commonwealth funding pay for the communicating of this position and the production of communications materials such as a brochure titled "We can have it all... with the right</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |           |                                                 | balance” and the web site <a href="http://www.seafoodforaustralia.com.au">www.seafoodforaustralia.com.au</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                |            |             |
| 27      | 1.2: Marine                 | Boswell   | Marine bioregional planning                     | <p>In a United Nations report published in January this year titled Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing in the section on Fisheries management the Great Barrier Reef was described the great success story in sustainable management?</p> <p>1. The report sources the Australian Government as providing the information on the Great Barrier Reef. Is that correct?</p> <p>The report states “sustainably managing the Great Barrier Reef requires balancing human use with the maintenance of the area’s natural and cultural integrity.”</p> <p>2. If the source of the information was the Australian Government can we assume then that the Gillard Government is proud of what has been achieved in the Great Barrier Marine Park and that the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is the benchmark for world’s best practice in sustainable fisheries management?</p> <p>3. The UN report applauds the management of the Great Barrier Reef which permits trawling so why will trawling be excluded in the Coral Sea and the other Bioregions?</p> <p>4. Did the Minister examine the sustainable fishing management practices in the Great Barrier Reef when drawing up the marine bioregion plans?</p> <p>5. Given the glowing report of our fisheries management in the United Nations report, is the Minister prepared to go back to the drawing board and use the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park as the model for the marine bioregions of the South-West, North, North-West, Temperate East and the Coral Sea?</p> | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 28      | 1.2: Marine                 | Macdonald | Gulf of Carpentaria Commonwealth marine reserve | <p>Gulf of Carpentaria Commonwealth Marine Reserve (submissions closed early October 2011)</p> <p>1. How many submissions were received?</p> <p>2. Was there a range of input from both stakeholders and community members?</p> <p>3. Was there submissions made in relation to the affect on the local economy in Karumba? What has been the general feedback?</p> <p>4. From the feedback is it already clear what operators will be the worst affected?</p> <p>5. From the feedback so far – will this affect the supply of Australian prawns to the domestic market?</p> <p>Some fisherman have expressed concern that excluding certain area could force commercial anglers over the top of one another</p> <p>6. Was this issue raised in the submissions?</p> <p>7. Could this be the case once the zone is implemented?</p> <p>8. What was the feedback and ideas put forward in relation to compensation packages to leave the industry?</p> <p>9. Has a report been finalised / when will it be?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 29      | 1.2:                        | Colbeck   | Shark fisheries                                 | 1. In response to QON 124 October 2011, the Minister advised that the effective                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         | Marine                      |          |                                              | closure of two Western Australian shark fisheries was due to the WA Department of Fisheries not undertaking the process of assessment under the EPBC Act. Isn't there a matter of conflict between state and federal legislation and hasn't this matter been running for over 4 years?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                |            |             |
| 30      | 1.3: LST                    | Siewert  | Review of NRM extension practices            | <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> ...Somebody mentioned to me that they thought there had been a review undertaken into extension practices. Are you aware of such a review?</p> <p><b>Mr Flanigan:</b> Of extension practices?</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Of NRM extension practices.</p> <p><b>Mr Flanigan:</b> It is not ringing any particular bells. We did commission from a consultant an examination of community skills, knowledge and engagement and how people were getting their information and participating in programs. That is the report that I mentioned before. But, again, it may be one of the projects embedded within our work plan. I would have to check that, but I am not familiar with that particular project.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you take that on notice to see if it is part of the process?</p> <p><b>Mr Flanigan:</b> It is a project about reviewing extension services?</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Flanigan:</b> We will take it on notice.</p> | 98-99<br>(13/2/12)                             | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 31      | 1.3: LST                    | Rhiannon | Impact of factory farming on the environment | 1. In light of statistics providing that factory farming is bad for the environment, including the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation's statistic that livestock production is responsible for approximately 18% of the total greenhouse gas emissions worldwide and the CSIRO's statistic that over 30% of greenhouse gas emissions produced in Australia can be attributed to animal industries, is DSEWPC conducting, or does DSEWPC have any plans to conduct, research into the effects of factory farming on climate change, with consideration of alternative practices such as free range and organic systems? If such research is being undertaken, please provide details of that research including the parameters and any conclusions reached.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 32      | 1.3: LST                    | Rhiannon | Biodiversity Fund – cessation of logging     | <p>Under the biodiversity fund, it is stated that "Funding will also be available to support conservation and management actions associated with the cessation of logging in publicly owned native forests."</p> <p>1. Can you confirm that this remains the case?</p> <p>2. Do any state forest agencies or state governments have made applications and inquiries to the biodiversity fund on the basis of accessing funding in order to implement a cessation of logging in publicly owned native forests?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 33      | 1: BOM                      | Cameron  | Media reports – Mr Kininmonth                | <p><b>CHAIR:</b> During his employment with BOM, would Mr Kininmonth be described as an expert in climatology?</p> <p><b>Dr Canterford:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I do know of him and I did work with him, not directly, in the early part of my career and I do know that he was in charge of the National Climate Centre at that stage. He was overseeing a collection of data.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Is overseeing a collection of data the equivalent of a research scientist?</p> <p><b>Dr Canterford:</b> I would prefer not to comment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 85-86<br>(13/2/12)                             | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |           |                                           | <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It is a simple question. It is a very simple question, I think. Is that the equivalent of a—</p> <p><b>Dr Vertessy:</b> I believe there has been a misreporting in the media about the function that Mr Kininmonth fulfilled in the bureau. It has been said that he was heading up the climate change research part of the bureau. That was not the case. Mr Kininmonth was in charge of data analysis for climatology in an operational part of the agency. There is a different group of people typically in the research arm who are responsible for climate change studies and the attribution of climate change to certain things.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> So he is more administrative than research?</p> <p><b>Dr Vertessy:</b> I would not say it is administrative but it was not researching the causes of climate change or the extent of climate change.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It is still being put that he is all of these things that I have just described. And he is on what is called a 'scientific advisory panel' for the Australian Climate Science Coalition. It says that he was a weather forecaster and worked in research and applied studies. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Dr Vertessy:</b> I need to confirm that.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I am happy for you to take it on notice.</p> |                                                |            |             |
| 34      | 1: BOM                      | Cameron   | Reports prepared by Mr Kininmonth         | <p><b>CHAIR:</b> He is also purported to have coordinated the international review of an El Nino period. Was that part of his work with the BOM? Can you check that for me?</p> <p><b>Dr Vertessy:</b> I am sorry, Chair, I am not familiar with that but I would be happy to look that up.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Also, he prepared a World Meteorological Organisation publication called <i>Climate into the 21st century</i>. Was that part of his work with the BOM?</p> <p><b>Dr Canterford:</b> I have not got access to his CV so I would not be aware of his history.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Could you take that on notice, because there has been a fair bit of debate?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 86<br>(13/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 35      | 1: BOM                      | Macdonald | BOM – staff reduction                     | <p>1. Why has there been a reduction of five staff in the Bureau of Meteorology field office in Cairns between 08/12/10 to 08/12/11?</p> <p>2. Why has there been a reduction of two staff in the Bureau of Meteorology field office in Townsville between 08/12/10 to 08/12/11?</p> <p>3. What job positions have been cut in the Townsville and Cairns offices since December 2010?</p> <p>4. Did the staff members cut from the Townsville and Cairns field offices receive redundancy packages or were they relocated to other offices?</p> <p>5. With good communication why is it that that cut back could not occur in capital cities with the work being done in regional areas?</p> <p>6. What is the Next Generation Forecast and Warning System?</p> <p>7. Has a decision been made as to whether staff will be cut with the introduction of the Next Generation Forecast and Warning System next year?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 36      | 1: BOM                      | Williams  | Flood warnings – Northern New South Wales | I refer to a flood warning bulletin headed “MODERATE TO MAJOR FLOOD WARNING FOR THE NAMOI RIVER AT GUNNEDAH AND DOWNSTREAM AND MINOR FLOOD WARNING FOR THE PEEL RIVER” issued at 9.33am EDT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |         |                                                                     | <p>on Sunday the 27th of November , 2011.</p> <p>Subsequent warnings were issued for the Gwydir River at Gravesend and Mehi River at Moree at 9.54am, and for the Severn and Macintyre Rivers at 1.11pm.</p> <p>The next flood warning was issued at 7.22am Monday the 28th of November for the Gwydir river at Pallamallawa and the Mehi river at Moree.</p> <p>1. Why is/was there a 22 hour gap in flood warnings being issued for the Gwydir River, and an 18 hour gap before any further flood bulletin at all was issued for this region?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                |            |             |
| 37      | 1: BOM                      | Cameron | William Kininmonth – role within the Bureau                         | <p>1. Is William Kininmonth the “former head of climate research at the Australian Bureau of Meteorology”?</p> <p>2. What position did he hold in BOM?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 38      | 1: BOM                      | Edwards | Regional groundwater monitoring                                     | <p>1. In 2009-2010 \$56 000 was provided to the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Regional NRM Board to upgrade regional groundwater monitoring at 16 sites across the region in 2010.</p> <p>2. Were you provided with feedback from the NRM Board that this was successfully completed? Can you provide a copy of the feedback you received from the AMLRNRM Board?</p> <p>3. Were the upgrades completed on time and on budget?</p> <p>4. What is the data is being used for and does it meet the KPIs for the initial funding hurdle?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 39      | 1: GBRMPA                   | Waters  | Risk analysis on the increase of shipping in the Great Barrier Reef | <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> ...In response to questions at the last estimates about shipping increases through the reef you provided me with a very helpful table which said that shipping movements for Abbot Point, where there is a multicargo facility proposed, would increase from 190 ships per annum to between 1,120 and as much as 3,425, an increase in shipping of between six and 18 times on an annual basis. Has GBRMPA done any risk analysis on the increase of shipping in those ports and on the implications for the reef and what are both the likelihood and the consequences of those risks—namely, how often can we expect a grounding or an oil spill?</p> <p><b>Dr Reichelt:</b> It is under way as we speak. The marine park authority, in partnership with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and Maritime Safety Queensland, has initiated a three-part cooperative review of shipping in the Great Barrier Reef looking at many aspects that were generated in the review, including on the back of the extension of the vessel traffic service that occurred last year. That risk assessment was high on our list of priorities for that group and is under way now. It is not completed but, yes, we are working on that issue because it looks set to happen.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> If you could table anything you are able to at this point before it has been finalised, that would be much appreciated.</p> | 91<br>(13/2/12)                                | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 40      | 1:                          | Waters  | Cooperative review                                                  | 1. In the February 2012 additional estimates hearings Dr Reichelt advised that a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         | GBRMPA                      |         | of shipping in the Great Barrier Reef                           | cooperative review of shipping in the Great Barrier Reef is underway. Please advise what are the three parts of the cooperative review? When will each part be concluded? Will they all be made publicly available?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                |            |             |
| 41      | 1: GBRMPA                   | Waters  | Western Basin Dredging project                                  | <p>1. In the February 2012 additional estimates hearings Dr Reichelt stated that he had reviewed the original approval of the spoil ground for the Western Basin Dredging project, and found it to be highly retentive compared to some on other parts of the Queensland coast. Please advise:</p> <p>a. What makes the Western Basin Dredging project spoil ground “highly retentive”?</p> <p>b. Which other parts of the Queensland coast was Dr Reichelt referring to, that are less retentive?</p> <p>c. What makes these other areas less retentive?</p> <p>2. In response to a question on notice following the October 2011 Estimates GBRMPA advised that spoil material dumped at the Western Basin Dredging spoil ground was to the greatest extent retained on the site and did not affect areas 2km off the site. If dredge spoil not travelling more than 2km is considered “highly retentive” how far can dredge spoil travel when dumped in less retentive locations?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                        | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 42      | 1: GBRMPA                   | Waters  | UN report “Resilient People, Resilient Planet”                  | <p>1. Regarding the UN’s recently released “Resilient People, Resilient Planet”:</p> <p>a. Was GBRMPA part of drafting this input? Was the Department of Environment, or the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade the lead contributor?</p> <p>b. When was this input submitted to the UN High-level panel on Global Sustainability?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 43      | 2.1: EQD                    | Ludlam  | The Australian Refrigeration Council’s compliance audit program | <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Can you tell us, first of all, which organisation is conducting the audit? Has that tender been let yet?</p> <p><b>Dr Wright:</b> I can tell you about the existing arrangements. If you want me to provide information on any tender, then I would need to take that on notice. It may be possible to get back within this session, but I do not have that information to hand. I can talk to you about the way the existing audit program runs.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Let's start there.</p> <p><b>Dr Wright:</b> The Australian Refrigeration Council runs the audit program of compliance with the regulations on behalf of the industry board, which runs the program for the department. If you wish to know how the program runs, audits of about 6,000 licence holders are undertaken each year. If someone is not compliant, if there is serious non-compliance, the Australian Refrigeration Council writes to the business and seeks to rectify. If that problem is not rectified, then the matter is handed over to the department who further writes to the organisation and follows up to check compliance. If there continues to be non-compliance, then the licence—and there are two types of licences: a handling licence or a trading authorisation—can be either suspended or cancelled.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> How often does that happen? Because we are a bit short of time, could you provide us on notice with some data? If this is in an annual report, just tell me where I can find it—the number of prosecutions and the number of licence revocations that have occurred.</p> | 113 (13/2/12)                                  | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |         |                                                                            | <p><b>Dr Wright:</b> I can advise that it is easier for licence holders and more desirable for them to comply, so I would not expect that number to be high, but I can take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Is the number zero?</p> <p><b>Dr Wright:</b> I do not have that information. I would need to check.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                |            |             |
| 44      | 2.1: EQD                    | Ludlam  | Tender for the Australian Refrigeration Council's compliance audit program | <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> ...You may need to take these questions on notice, because I am aware this is fairly specific. I am interested to know about the tender for the compliance audit. Has the tender been let? Is there an organisation or an independent consultant or another organisation that has been brought on board to do that?</p> <p><b>Dr Wright:</b> I will take this on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Okay. Let's rack up a few. Maybe you could tell us how and where the findings of the current auditor are reported so that we know how to find those things. Who does the auditor report to? What steps have been taken to assess their auditing performance?</p> <p>And if you could, perhaps, when did the Audit Office, if ever, take a look at overall performance?</p> <p><b>Dr Wright:</b> We will take that on notice. I was just asking if we had knowledge of whether some of the details you are asking for were in the annual report. I think it is easier if we do not take up time now so we will take it on notice.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 113<br>(13/2/12)                               | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 45      | 2.1: EQD                    | Ludlam  | Illegal export of e-waste                                                  | <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> ...I will turn to the subject of e-waste. I put a couple of questions to you last time we were here about dumping of shipping containers full of Australian televisions and computers and white goods and surplus electronic trash in Ghana where it was burnt near an open-air market. This was reported on two consecutive <i>Dateline</i> broadcasts. Can you give us any update on the investigation?</p> <p><b>Dr Wright:</b> We have been in contact with the Ghanaian authorities to seek further information on that particular case, both with a view to trying to identify the particular container and its origin, but also from the point of view of information that could be put into the compliance system and profiling for future cases. We have not had information from the Ghanaian authorities that has allowed us to progress that particular case further because the e-waste that was subject to that program had been let out on bond, basically. So we need to be able to track the container to progress the issue, but we are still in contact. However I can say that, as a result of our interactions and working with Customs, we detained a container headed for Ghana in Australia in January, and that is currently subject to investigation as to whether it constitutes working equipment or contravenes the Hazardous Waste Act.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> When was that container intercepted?</p> <p><b>Dr Wright:</b> In January. I do not have the specific date with me.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> What has become of the 15 containers of waste that you detained or impounded as a result of questions I put to you in October?</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> That has to be your last question.</p> | 113-114<br>(13/2/12)                           | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |          |                                                          | <b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> That is a shame. In that case, I am going to ask a different one, and I will put the other one on notice, if I can.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                |            |             |
| 46      | 2.1: EQD                    | Ludlam   | Statistics on compliance                                 | <b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Perhaps you could provide some statistics on compliance. You have made it sound as though you have to be pretty badly behaved before anybody will wave a stick at you.<br><b>Dr Wright:</b> Clearly there is engagement between those who run the audit program and the individual. My experience is that rectification is usually pretty quick, but I really need to get the statistics. I cannot talk any further at this stage.<br><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Page 113 (13/2/12)                             | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 47      | 2.3: SPAD                   | Waters   | 2011 State of the environment report - versions          | <b>Senator WATERS:</b> ...Can you provide an estimate of how many versions the <i>State of the environment</i> report went through?<br><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We may well have to take that on notice. I will to see if any officers here have that information to hand. We would have to take that on notice. I suspect it may be difficult for us to answer because segments of the report tend to be done as individual chapters before the report itself gets brought together.<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Sure. If you need to take that on a chapter-by-chapter basis, that would be fine, too.<br><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We can take that on notice and see what information we may be able to provide to you.<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> I am interested also in how many of those versions incorporated feedback or comments from the minister's office?<br><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We will be able to take that on notice and see if there is anything we can provide you at all. | 104 (13/2/12)                                  | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 48      | 2.3: SPAD                   | Waters   | 2011 State of the environment report – executive summary | <b>Senator WATERS:</b> Can you tell you what point the executive summary gets drafted and by whom?<br><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I personally cannot tell you the point at which it was drafted, but the officers here may be able to assist you.<br><b>Ms Wiley-Smith:</b> We will have to take that on notice. As you are aware, this is an independent report, so we will have actually have to liaise with the chapter authors to find out that type of information. We are happy to take it on notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 104 (13/2/12)                                  | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 49      | 2.3: SPAD                   | Waters   | 2011 State of the environment report – drafting process  | <b>Senator WATERS:</b> ...Are you able to provide original drafts of the <i>State of the environment</i> report before any comments or alterations were made in the course of those versions?<br><b>Dr Grimes:</b> The best we can do at this stage is taken that on notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 104 (13/2/12)                                  | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 50      | 2.3: SPAD                   | Fisher   | Renewable Energy Atlas                                   | 1. Please provide copies of correspondence between either the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities or the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and regarding the Renewable Energy atlas.<br>2. Does WindLab provide data on wind speed and direction free of charge?<br>3. How many complaints has the department received about the removal of the Atlas?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                        | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 51      | 2.3: SPAD                   | McKenzie | Suburban Jobs                                            | 1. What funding from the \$100m Suburban Jobs program announced at the last budget                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|                |                                    |                | Program - Victoria                                                                                          | has been allocated to Victorian cities?<br>2. What sort of projects have been funded so far?<br>3. What is the process for accessing the funding?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 52             | 4.1: OWS                           | Joyce          | Independent Expert Scientific Committee                                                                     | 1. How long will the Committee's work on coal seam gas take to complete?<br>2. How will the application process for an exploration or a production coal seam gas licence change as a result of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee?<br>3. Will all licences need to be assessed by the Committee before being granted? Will the Committee have to give its approval before a licence is granted?<br>4. How did you come up with the figure of \$150 million of funding for the Committee?<br>5. Have all states agreed to implement the legislation that is associated with the establishment of the Committee?<br>6. Will state governments have to act on the advice of the Committee or do all they need to do is consider the advice of the Committee?<br>7. When does the government intend to introduce the legislation to establish the Independent Expert Scientific Committee as a statutory body under the EPBC Act? | Written                                                   | 08/05/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 53             | 4.1: OWS                           | Waters         | Independent Expert Scientific Committee – approval of major Coal Seam Gas developments                      | 1. Please confirm that, currently under the EPBC Act, when approving a major new CSG development, in for example the Hunter, the Pilliga forest, or south east Queensland, the Minister is unable to consider and act on any advice of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee regarding the risks CSG wells and fracking to agricultural bores, or surface and groundwater flows, except in limited circumstances, where the impact on surface or ground what is likely to have a significant impact on MNES, such as a federally threatened species?<br>2. Please confirm that the legislative changes currently being proposed for the EPBC Act will not change the situation outlined in (1) above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 54             | 4.1: OWS                           | Waters         | Independent Expert Scientific Committee - approval of mines or gas fields in the Brigalow Belt South region | 1. Can the Department confirm that the substantial additional research under the auspices of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee will occur before any new mines or gas fields are approved in the Brigalow Belt South region? Will research include an assessment of the cumulative impacts of all proposed mining on biodiversity?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 55             | 4.1: OWS                           | Waters         | Members of the Independent Scientific Expert Committee                                                      | 1. In relation to each member of the interim Independent Expert Scientific Panel, can the Department please advise:<br>a. How much funding, income, funding or forms of direct or indirect financial benefit each interim member (or the organisations they represent) has received from the mining industry over the past five years?<br>b. In terms of the organisations they represent (for example, their research institutes) what, if any, representation does the mining sector within their management and/or governance arrangements?<br>2. Please advise the date for the creation of a permanent Independent Expert Scientific Panel.<br>3. What statutory (or other) checks and balances will be in place to ensure the                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|         |                             |         |                                                          | independence of the committee?<br>4. Will there be at least two ecologists included on the permanent Independent Expert Scientific Panel?<br>5. Will the factors in question 4 above be considered in making appointments to the permanent Independent Expert Scientific Panel?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                |            |             |
| 56      | 4.1: WED                    | Joyce   | Irrigation Efficiency Partners – referees                | <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> ...Regarding Irrigation Efficiency Partners, this seems to be the latest stumbling block where we do not seem to be able to get to the bottom of how much money we are getting, what exactly we are doing with it, who is getting it and why they are getting it. Ms Harwood, who were the referees that Irrigation Efficiency Partners provided in their application?</p> <p><b>Ms Harwood:</b> I am not sure if I have the names of the referees with me in my documentation. I do not have them.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Were there referees?</p> <p><b>Ms Harwood:</b> Yes, there were referees.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Were these referees contacted by the department?</p> <p><b>Ms Harwood:</b> Again, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> ...I would presume that on behalf of the Australian taxpayer you would have contacted the referees, especially in light of the Toorale Station debacle and the Twynham purchase debacle. We are not going to have another debacle, which it looks awfully like we are about to create. Why can't you tell me who the referees are and whether you have contacted them or not?</p> <p><b>Ms Harwood:</b> I just do not have the names with me, Senator. I will take the question on notice.</p> | 26<br>(14/2/12)                                | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 57      | 4.1: WED                    | Joyce   | Irrigation Efficiency Partners – project risk assessment | <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Did they provide a risk management plan as requested?</p> <p><b>Ms Harwood:</b> They provided a project risk assessment.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Okay. What was the detail of that project risk assessment? How in depth was in it?</p> <p><b>Ms Harwood:</b> I do not have that with me, Senator. I will take that on notice.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 27<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 58      | 4.1: WED                    | Joyce   | Irrigation Efficiency Partners – audited statements      | <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> The audited statements: tell me about them. Audited by whom?</p> <p><b>Ms Harwood:</b> Again I will take that on notice.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 27<br>(14/2/12)                                | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 59      | 4.1: WED                    | Joyce   | Audit of Irrigation Efficiency Partners                  | <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> I want to refer you to an answer that you gave to question 76 from the supplementary estimates. In that answer you stated that Irrigation Efficiency Partners was given a high-risk rating for profitability due to the recent formation of IEP. Were any other successful applicants under round 2 of the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program given a high risk rating for the financial indicator by KPMG?</p> <p><b>Ms Harwood:</b> For the rating for profitability, I do not believe that is the case. I think they were the only successful delivery partner that was given a high risk rating for profitability. They were given low risk ratings for liquidity, contingent liability and accounting policy, a medium risk rating for financing risk and a high risk rating for</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 27-28<br>(14/2/12)                             | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |            |                                                       | <p>profitability. The consultant noted that the latter risk ratings arose because of the factors connected with the recent formation of Irrigation Efficiency Partners.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> You have put in place issues to deal with that high risk area?</p> <p><b>Ms Harwood:</b> Yes, they are subject to audit, as are other delivery partners at each stage of their process, and they are undergoing a full and rigorous assessment of all the individual on-farm projects that they pull together as a delivery partner. We have close tracking of the delivery of the projects once they are under contract.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Who is doing that audit?</p> <p><b>Ms Harwood:</b> I would have to take that on notice in terms of the broader audit who we have commissioned to do the auditing for that.</p>                                                                                 |                                                |                       |             |
| 60      | 4.1: WED                    | Xenophon   | Northern Victorian Irrigation Renewal Project Stage 2 | <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Can you table on notice the due diligence and risk management processes that have been imposed by the Commonwealth on the Victorian government for the delivery of this project?</p> <p><b>Ms Harwood:</b> Yes. We can give you a copy of the contractual schedule for the project, which has those matters covered within it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 29<br>(14/2/12)                                | 23/03/12<br>+ 1 att't | 10/05/12    |
| 61      | 4.1: WED                    | Birmingham | Irrigation efficiency systems                         | <p>1. What system assessments have been conducted to assess the efficiency of irrigation delivery systems in different catchments or irrigation districts? What were the findings?</p> <p>2. Where have Hotspots Assessments been undertaken to date? What were the findings? What actions or projects have been undertaken in response to these assessments? What prompts a Hotspot Assessment to be undertaken?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                        | 19/04/12              | 10/05/12    |
| 62      | 4.1: WED                    | Birmingham | Water recovery                                        | <p>1. Has the Government received a proposal from landholders in the Nimmie-Caira for the sale of water entitlements? Has the Government assessed the potential of this proposal? Has any progress been made?</p> <p>2. Has the Government completed its water recovery strategy?</p> <p>3. Has the Government developed a purchase plan as outlined in the incoming Minister brief after the 2010 election?</p> <p>4. Please detail what targeted buybacks have occurred since the announcement of the suspension of general tenders?</p> <p>5. How much does the Government expect to expend on water buy backs still? Please provide breakdowns of planned expenditure in each year.</p> <p>6. What is the total spend on water buybacks to date? How much water (measured in the same form as MDBA SDL's are set) has been recovered? What is the average price per Megalitre and per Gigalitre paid for buybacks?</p> | Written                                        | 24/04/12              | 10/05/12    |
| 63      | 4.1: WED                    | Birmingham | Water infrastructure                                  | <p>1. What volume of water entitlements has been secured to date via infrastructure projects?</p> <p>2. What is the volume of water entitlements expected to be secured from projects approved but not yet completed?</p> <p>3. What volume of water entitlements is expected to be secured from as yet unallocated funds?</p> <p>4. What is the average cost per megalitre of water entitlements secured under the on</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Written                                        | 19/04/12              | 10/05/12    |

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|                |                                    |                |                                                             | <p>farm program compared to the off farm program?</p> <p>5. Please provide a table outlining for each catchment the volume of water recovered from each infrastructure program, the proportion of such water being returned to the environment, the cost per megalitre of this water since 2007.</p> <p>6. How much has been spent on water-saving infrastructure projects to date since 2007? How much water (measured in the same form as MDBA SDL's are set) has been recovered? What is the average price per Megalitre paid for water-saving infrastructure?</p> <p>7. How much does the Government expect to expend on water saving infrastructure projects still? Please provide breakdowns of planned expenditure in each year and size of entitlements expected to be acquired.</p>                                                                                                                    |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 64             | 4.1: WED                           | Birmingham     | Private Irrigators Infrastructure Program – South Australia | <p>1. How much of the announced \$110 million has been spent under this program to date? How much water has been recovered? How many projects have been funded? Please provide details of each. How many applications were received for funding? Please provide details of why any unsuccessful applications were unsuccessful.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 65             | 4.1: WED                           | Birmingham     | Menindee Lakes                                              | <p>1. What progress has been made on progressing a joint discussion paper analysing NSW and Federal Government options for reengineering Menindee Lakes? When is this expected to be completed?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 66             | 4.1: WED                           | Birmingham     | Irrigator-led Group Proposal program                        | <p>1. How much has been expended on proposals under this program? How many programs have been funded? How much funding is available?</p> <p>2. How many proposals have been received? How is the program promoted?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 67             | 4.1: WED                           | Birmingham     | Small Block Irrigators Exit Grant Program                   | <p>1. How many grants were made under the Small Block Irrigators Exit Grant program? Please detail grants by state. How much land was involved? Please break down by state.</p> <p>2. Is it correct that all plantings and irrigation infrastructure had to be removed as a condition of the grant? Please detail the terms of the grants related to future land use.</p> <p>3. Has any research been undertaken as to what has become of this land? How is this land now used?</p> <p>4. How long does the ban on irrigated agriculture apply to this land?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 68             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Irrigation Efficiency Partners                              | <p>1. Does IEP still propose to deliver 11,818 ML of water savings under its application?</p> <p>2. How do their savings compare to the average cost of other applicants?</p> <p>3. Please provide a list of all applications, there proposed water savings and at what cost?</p> <p>4. Has a funding application with IEP been reached? If so, can we have a copy of it?</p> <p>5. Has the department given IEP more time to meet any of the requirements it needed to provide the department following its successful stage 1 application? If so, what have been the extensions for and for how long?</p> <p>6. Have any other successful applications been given extensions of time?</p> <p>7. Has IEP given the department details of the specific projects that it will proceed with? If so, when were these receive and were these delivered within the times originally requested by the department?</p> | Written                                                   | 08/05/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|                |                                    |                |                                                             | 8. Has the department given IEP the opportunity to rewrite, adjust or in any way modify the details of the projects it was planning to fund in its original application? If so, have any other applicants been given this opportunity? If so, what have been the details of these adjustments? Has the amount of water savings proposed by IEP changed in any way?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 69             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Strengthening Basin Communities program                     | 1. How much has been spent so far under this program and what has this money been spent on?<br>2. Has any funding been granted under round 2 of the Water Savings Initiative component?<br>3. Does the department have any plans to award funding under round 2 of the Water Savings Initiative component?<br>4. Has the Department advised anyone that it does not intend to fund further projects under this program?<br>5. If the government does decide not to fund any more projects under this program, how much water would it have actually saved?<br>6. This program was the result of an agreement that the government reached with Senator Xenophon to acquire his support for its stimulus measures. Has the government advised Senator Xenophon of any potential changes to this program?                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 70             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Water buybacks and infrastructure                           | 1. How much water do you expect to be returned to the environment from the current Water for the Future program? How much through buyback and how much through infrastructure?<br>2. What is the Department's best estimate of how much it costs to buyback 1 ML of water? What is the average cost of saving 1 ML of water through infrastructure funding?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Written                                                   | 24/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 71             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Decommissioning of water infrastructure at Toorale Station  | 1. Has the government decided against a full decommissioning of the dams and other water infrastructure at Toorale station?<br>2. Has any infrastructure been decommissioned at Toorale? When is that likely to start?<br>3. What are the plans for the future of Toorale station? When are these plans likely to be finalised?<br>4. Can you confirm that one of the reasons you will not be fully decommissioning is that a new ecology has grown in the dams over its 150 years of history? In other words, irrigation infrastructure can actually be good for the environment in some instances? How are we going to protect both natural and artificial ecologies through a basin plan? That would appear to be impossible to fully achieve?<br>5. If the department is not going to fully decommission the water infrastructure will it consider allowing farming to recommence on Toorale? Is there any possibility that grazing could occur at Toorale in the future? | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 72             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Water infrastructure at Toorale Station – impact on ecology | 1. If you are letting water go through the infrastructure at Toorale to downstream, how can you be protecting the ecology located at Toorale at the same time?<br>2. In 2009, the then Minister Wong said that the Toorale purchase would provide up to 80 billion litres of water downstream in flood years. Yet in 2010-11, certainly a flood                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|                |                                    |                |                                                                       | year, only 7.6 billion litres was provided downstream. Why? Was the outcome to only let 7.6 billion litres downstream at all influenced by the need to protect the local ecology at Toorale?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 73             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Water entitlement through Toorale Station                             | 1. Would the entitlement available through Toorale have entitled you to more water in 2010-11 than 7.6 billion litres. How much were you entitled to use and what happened to this water?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 74             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Provision of water from Toorale Station                               | 1. How much water has the purchase of Toorale provided to the Murray mouth?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 75             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Social and economic analysis of Toorale Station on Bourke Township    | 1. Has the department ever undertake an economic or social impact analysis on the town of Bourke before it bought back Toorale station?<br>2. Is the department aware Toorale station represented 10 per cent of Bourke's business and 4 per cent of the shire's rates?<br>3. What compensation has the government offered to the town of Bourke?                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 76             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Impact of water saving infrastructure on Sustainable Diversion Limits | 1. What volume of water entitlements has been secured for the Murray-Darling, to go towards the sustainable diversion limit set by the basin plan, to date via infrastructure projects?<br>2. How much has been spent on infrastructure projects which have delivered or are expected to deliver water savings into the Murray-Darling to contribute towards the SDL set by the basin plan?                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 77             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Increase in impairment losses – water buybacks                        | 1. Can you please explain why the department has experienced an \$84m increase in impairment losses recognised on water entitlement assets, in 2010–11 impairments of \$183.9m were recognised (2009–10: \$99.8m). Does this mean that taxpayers have lost \$184 million by overpaying for water buybacks over the past two years?                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 78             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Menindee Lakes - status                                               | 1. What is the status of negotiations between the government and the NSW government on works on Menindee Lakes?<br>How much water are works at Menindee expected to contribute towards the sustainable diversion limit set by the basin plan?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 79             | 4.1: WED                           | Joyce          | Expenditure for water programs                                        | 1. Can the Department please provide a list of expenditure under each of the following programs for all financial years beginning 2007-08, and include the most up to date spending for the current financial year. Can the Department also provide forecast or projected for these programs over the forward estimates?<br>a. Restoring the Balance.<br>b. Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure.<br>c. National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns<br>d. National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative<br>e. Green Precincts Fund | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 80             | 4.1: WED                           | Hanson-Young   | Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project Stage 2 – MDBA analysis  | 1. Regarding the NVIRP stage 2 water savings, has due diligence been completed for this project? How much water is certain to be regained through NVIRP and what is the best case scenario projected? Are the water savings contingent on a commitment in principle from the Victorian government and has that commitment been given? What amount of the NVIRP water savings is expected to be lost to evaporation? How much                                                                                                                     | Written                                                   | 08/05/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|         |                             |            |                                                        | will the water cost per mega litre? Is there a business case in existence which demonstrates the cost efficiency of the billion dollar federal funding for stage 2 water purchases which is said to achieve 214GL in water savings? Does the MDBA have any analysis on which it is relying which shows that the water purchased through this program will be cost efficient and at appropriate market price?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                |            |             |
| 81      | 4.1: WED                    | Joyce      | Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project Stage 2   | 1. In what catchments will the 214 GL from NVIRP stage 2 be recovered from?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 82      | 4.1: WED                    | Joyce      | Water budget                                           | 1. How much additional money does the department expect it to cost to reach the MDBA's proposed target of 2750 GL, on top of money that is already set aside in the Water for the Future program?<br>2. What provision has the government made in the budget for these additional costs?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Written                                        | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 83      | 4.1: WGD                    | Birmingham | Adelaide Desalination Plant                            | 1. Please outline the milestone payment delays experienced for the 50GL Adelaide Desalination Project? Have any such payment delays been incurred under the implementation plan for the 100GL Adelaide Desalination Plant? What payments have been made? What milestones have been met? What milestones remain outstanding?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 84      | 4.1: WGD                    | Joyce      | Adelaide Desalination Plant                            | 1. When will the government complete payments to the South Australian government for the Adelaide Desalination project? Have payments under this program been held up for any reason? If so, why? Have any milestones been missed? If so, which ones?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 85      | 4.1: WRD                    | Waters     | EPBC Act – Water trigger                               | <b>Senator WATERS:</b> Water is not a current trigger under the act, is it?<br><b>Mr Parker:</b> Not of itself. But when the act is triggered because of a matter of national environmental significance, then water becomes relevant.<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Are you aware of a bill that I have tabled in the Senate to add a water trigger as regards mining impacts?<br><b>Mr Parker:</b> Yes, Senator.<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Have you provided the minister with any advice as to the scope and impact of that bill?<br><b>Mr Parker:</b> Yes, Senator.<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> I suppose I cannot get a copy of that, can I? I would love one if I can.<br><b>Mr Parker:</b> Ordinarily we do not provide the advice that we have provided to the minister, but if you were to ask for it then we could take the question on notice. | 41<br>(14/2/12)                                | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 86      | 4.1: WRD                    | Waters     | Mining on Stradbroke Island – proximity to Ramsar site | <b>Senator WATERS:</b> ...I want to move now to mining on Stradbroke Island in Queensland. As you would know, Moreton Bay was designated as a Ramsar site about 18 years ago. Can you confirm for me that no ecological character description and no management plan exists for the North Stradbroke Island area of Moreton Bay?<br><b>Mr Parker:</b> Senator, I will see if we have someone who can answer that question.<br><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> That is under my responsibility, Senator, but regrettably I cannot answer that question right here, so I will have to take it on notice.<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> If you could, thank you. It is my understanding that there is not, but please, by all means.                                                                                                                                    | 42<br>(14/2/12)                                | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |            |                                                                                          | <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> I may be able to get an answer for you.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> That would be helpful, thank you. Are you aware that the Queensland government has authorised open-cut sand mining to take place within 30 metres of the Ramsar boundary of 18 Mile Swamp on North Straddie?</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> I will have to take it on notice whether the department has been notified of that.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                |            |             |
| 87      | 4.1: WRD                    | Waters     | Mining on Stradbroke Island – Advice received by Commonwealth from Queensland Government | <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> ...Did the Queensland government ask the Commonwealth about the Ramsar impacts of this renewed mining lease?</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> Again I apologise, Senator. I do not have that data.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> If you could take that on notice as well. If the Queensland government did not consult, is the Commonwealth aware that, in renewing the expired lease to allow the mine, deep dredging mining below the water level has been permitted by the state government—and obviously with Ramsar implications? If you could take that on notice as well.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 42<br>(14/2/12)                                | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 88      | 4.1: WRD                    | Waters     | Mining on Stradbroke Island – management plan for Ramsar site                            | <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> My question is about whether or not the Commonwealth will develop its own management plan for that relevant area as a Ramsar site?</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> We only do that for Commonwealth owned property; it is the state that develops the management arrangements and implements those management plans.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> That is done in conjunction with the Commonwealth, it is my understanding.</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> Yes. We are consulted, of course, but it is the state's responsibility to manage the site.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> So, given this threat to the Ramsar values of Eighteen Mile Swamp, will the Commonwealth now suggest to the Queensland government that it begin to develop a management plan to deal with those threats?</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> I will take on notice our interaction with Queensland on that site. I did not bring that with me.</p> | 42-43<br>(14/2/12)                             | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 89      | 4.1: WRD                    | Birmingham | Water for the Future                                                                     | <p>1. Can you please update me on the Water for the Future programs review. When is this review expected to be completed? Released?</p> <p>2. Please detail how much has been expended to date and how much water has been recovered to date under each of the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure</li> <li>b. Restoring the Balance in the Basin</li> <li>c. Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative</li> <li>d. National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns</li> <li>e. Green Precincts</li> <li>f. National Rainwater and Greywater Initiatives</li> <li>g. National Urban Water and Desalinisation Plan</li> <li>h. Water Smart Australia</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                            | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 90      | 4.1: WRD                    | Birmingham | National Water Commission review                                                         | <p>1. Has Dr David Rosalky's review of the NWC been completed? When will this review be released?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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| 91             | 4.1: WRD                           | Birmingham     | Removal of Structures in the Lower Lakes          | 1. Have all conditions imposed under EPBC Act approvals or funding agreements associated with the removal of structures built around Lake Alexandrina and Lake Albert during the recent drought been adhered to? If not, please detail those that have not and what action has been taken as a result of such breaches?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 92             | 4.1: WRD                           | Joyce          | Continuation of the National Water Commission     | 1. Has the Department provided any advice to the government on whether the National Water Commission should continue? If so, does the department consider that the National Water Commission should continue?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 93             | 4.1: WRD                           | Joyce          | Refined purchase plan                             | 1. In the advice the Department gave to the Minister after the election it proposed to announce a refined "purchase plan" as soon as the Guide is released. Was that purchase plan released? Does the government plan to release a refined "purchase plan" in the future? If so when?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                                   | 24/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 94             | 4.1: WRD                           | Joyce          | Water for the Future Review                       | 1. Please provide an update on the Water for the Future program review. When is it due for completion?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 95             | 4.1: WRD                           | Waters         | North Stradbroke Island - Ramsar wetland          | 1. Is the Department aware that the Queensland government has authorised the open cut sand mine, Enterprise mine, to take place within 30 metres of the Ramsar boundary adjacent to the 18 mile swamp wetland on the East coast of North Stradbroke Island?<br>2. Prior to the Queensland government renewing expired lease ML 1117 at the Enterprise mine in April 2011 under special legislation (North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability Act 2011) to 31 December 2019, did the Queensland government inform or consult with the Commonwealth on this matter?<br>3. If the Queensland government did not consult, is the Commonwealth aware that the Queensland government renewed this expired lease which allows open cut sand mining, including deep dredge mining below the island's water table level, to continue at Enterprise mine?<br>4. Section 333 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act requires that the Government use its best endeavours to ensure a management plan is prepared and implemented in co-operation with relevant States or territories. What steps has the Government taken to ensure its obligations in accordance with s.333? Has the Government taken any steps to ensure that an Ecological Character Description and management plan for these areas on North Stradbroke Island be prepared? If so, what steps have been taken to date, and when can these documents be expected for public release?<br>5. Has the Minister or the Department engaged in any discussions or correspondence with representatives for Enterprise mine regarding mining on North Stradbroke Island?<br>6. Has the Minister or the Department engaged in any discussions or correspondence with the Queensland Government regarding the Enterprise mine, or sand mining more broadly on North Stradbroke Island? | Written                                                   | 08/05/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 96             | 4.1: WRD                           | Birmingham     | Role of the Murray-Darling Reform Joint Taskforce | 1. What role does this group have in the development of the Basin Plan?<br>2. What input have they had and what changes have been suggested by the group?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                                   | 08/05/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 97             | 4.1: WRD                           | Birmingham     | Basin Plan –                                      | 1. Please detail the members of the interdepartmental committee formed to assist in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                                   | 08/05/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|                |                                    |                | Interdepartmental committee                                | <p>progressing input into the draft Basin Plan.</p> <p>2. Please provide all minutes of meetings of this committee.</p> <p>3. How often has the committee met?</p> <p>4. What input has the committee had into the draft Basin Plan?</p> <p>5. What role does the committee have in relation to the Basin Plan?</p> <p>6. What input has the MDBA sought from the committee?</p> <p>7. Did the committee review the draft Basin Plan before its release? Did the committee make any recommendations or propose changes to the draft Basin plan? Were these recommendations or changes accepted?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 98             | 4.1: WRD                           | Joyce          | Dr Rosalky's Review of the National Water Commission       | 1. Has the government received Dr Rosalky's Review of the National Water Commission? When does it expect to respond to this review and make a decision on the future of the National Water Commission?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 99             | 4: CEWO                            | Birmingham     | Commonwealth Environmental Water                           | <p>1. What is being done with the water currently held?</p> <p>2. What allocations have been made for 2011/12? Will all holdings be allocated?</p> <p>3. What is the expected size of holdings by the end of 2011-12?</p> <p>4. How/where has water been used to date this year?</p> <p>5. What volumes have been allocated for the remainder of the year?</p> <p>6. How will the NWC's report on the Framework for the assessment of river and wetland health be used in relation to the use of environmental water holdings, or for that matter by the MDBA in development of the basin plan?</p> <p>7. How will the CEWH make allocation decisions prior to the completion of environmental watering plans by the states?</p> <p>8. Where is carryover water stored?</p> <p>9. Have any decisions been made to carryover water from 2011/12 into 2012/13?</p> | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 100            | 4: CEWO                            | Joyce          | Environmental purposes of Commonwealth Environmental Water | 1. To what additional environmental purposes is the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder going to put purchased environmental water and what specific volumes are required in each of the Border Rivers, Gwydir, Namoi and Macquarie for these purposes?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 101            | 4: CEWO                            | Joyce          | Environmental watering event – Gwydir system               | 1. In late 2011 a supplementary water event was announced in the Gwydir regulated system. My understanding is that the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder declined the access to their share of the event. Why was the access declined?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 102            | 4: CEWO                            | Joyce          | Release of environmental water – Macquarie Marshes         | <p>1. In respect of the release of environmental water to the Macquarie Marshes last summer. Did you originally use water from a water sharing plan for this environmental watering?</p> <p>2. After this watering event in the Macquarie did you ask State Water to change the accounts in respect of the released water so that the debt came from purchased buyback water not water from a water sharing plan? If so, why was this direction given?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 103            | 4: CEWO                            | Joyce          | Use of Commonwealth Environmental Water in the Gwydir      | 1. In May 2009, the Federal government purchased 240 GL of water entitlement from Twynam for a reported \$303 million. Two and a half years later, can the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder report on how the Twynam water purchased in the Gwydir has actually been used and can you please substantiate this                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|         |                             |            | catchment                                                                            | use with copies of water orders and diversion? What specific environmental benefit has resulted from this use?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                |            |             |
| 104     | 4: CEWO                     | McKenzie   | Commonwealth Environmental Water Holders usage of recovered water                    | 1. How was the water that has already been recovered used by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder this year (2011/2012).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 105     | 4: MDBA                     | Birmingham | Murray-Darling Basin Plan                                                            | 1. What discussions has the MDBA had with the state governments since the release of the proposed basin plan?<br>2. How many times has Mr Knowles met with representatives of each of the Basin state governments since July 2011?<br>3. Have state governments requested any changes or any further work on any aspects of the proposed basin plan?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 106     | 4: MDBA                     | Xenophon   | Surface water modelling                                                              | <b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> ...Has modelling been done by the authority on the impact on surface water of taking out 2,600 gigalitres of ground water?<br>...<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> The reason I have referred you to the document—and I am happy to provide the detailed answer to your question on notice as well—is that there are many different types of ground water resources. A lot of those do not have any connection with surface water. Some are fossil; some have quite shallow connections; some have very rare connections. There is quite a range of categories, and all the categories in the broad number you are talking about include all those categories. So there is not a simple answer to that broad question, but there is a complex analysis which has been done and which we can refer you to and provide on notice. | 31<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 107     | 4: MDBA                     | Xenophon   | Export of salt from the Murray-Darling Basin                                         | <b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> ...I want to go very quickly to the issue of exporting salt from the basin. I think the target is two million tonnes a year.<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> Yes.<br><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> That is the target in order to keep a healthy river, particularly in South Australia.<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> That is a long-term average.<br><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Yes, it is a long-term average, but that is important for Adelaide's water supply and for irrigators in South Australia. How many tonnes of salt will be exported from the basin with 2,750 gigalitres of surface water—that target—minus the inputs of 2,600 groundwater extraction?<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> I think that is a fairly detailed question, if you are happy for us to take that on notice.                                                     | 31<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 108     | 4: MDBA                     | Heffernan  | Modelling and calculations of extraction from non-renewable groundwater and aquifers | <b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> Could we be provided, on notice, with the modelling and the calculations of extraction from non-renewable groundwater and the limit and the life that that will give to the non-renewable aquifers? Take it on notice.<br><b>Senator Conroy:</b> We can take on notice whether we can do that.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 31<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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| 109     | 4: MDBA                     | Birmingham   | Recommendations from the states on extraction of groundwater       | <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Did any of the states provide recommendations of what the groundwater SDLs should look like to you?</p> <p><b>Dr McLeod:</b> There were some views expressed by some states as to what the appropriate level of sustainable diversion limit for the groundwater resources in those states was—that is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Which states?</p> <p><b>Dr McLeod:</b> I would have to check whether it was every state; certainly some states did.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 34<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 110     | 4: MDBA                     | Birmingham   | Groundwater extraction                                             | <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> This is the last thing from me on groundwater. Can I give you an example that is put by the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists in their submission of the Gunnedah-Oxley Basin, where they indicate that the draft plan increases the potential level of extraction from zero gigalitres to 300 gigalitres a year. They have highlighted a 2010 NSW Office of Water report into groundwater from the Gunnedah-Oxley Basin which assessed the risks of potential extraction of 371 gigalitres—so a little bit more than you have proposed but not that much more—and apparently that report identified a high overall risk to aquifer from groundwater extraction, high risk to groundwater dependent ecosystems from declining groundwater levels, and high risk of increasing frequency and duration of low flows in rivers. So we are only a year and a bit away from 2010. Whose science was right there: the New South Wales government's analysis in 2010 or what you proposed late last year in the Basin Plan?</p> <p><b>Dr McLeod:</b> This resource you mention is the one that we did not actually tackle in the guide. It was not so much that we went from zero to 300; we did not have any view on it in 2010. We looked at the information associated with that particular resource in 2011 and thought it was best to actually specify a sustainable diversion limit—or, at this stage, a proposed sustainable diversion limit—for that particular resource. We took on board all the information available for this particular resource and made a judgment about the level of take that is sustainable from that system. It is what we have done everywhere in the system.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Okay. On notice, can you provide me with an analysis of that particular—</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> I can. I was asking if you could provide on notice an analysis of that one.</p> | 35<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 111     | 4: MDBA                     | Hanson-Young | Salinity and water-quality target for Lakes Alexandrina and Albert | <p><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> Can I get an answer to the other question which was: is there a salinity target and water-quality target for Lake Alexandrina and Lake Albert that has been factored into your 2,750 gigalitre target?</p> <p><b>Dr McLeod:</b> There are salinity targets. In the modelling we have done for the entire basin we have included salinity thresholds that we would seek to see not exceeded in the Lower Lakes and also in the Coorong. I do not have that information with me in detail.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 36<br>(14/2/12)                                | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |              |                                                                       | <b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> Can you take that on notice, please.<br><b>Dr McLeod:</b> Okay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                |            |             |
| 112     | 4: MDBA                     | Heffernan    | Consideration of groundwater salt interception in the salinity target | <b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> Could I seek a clarification: in the calculations for the good points the senator is making for the two million tonnes, is the groundwater salt interception considered to be a constant in that?<br><b>Dr McLeod:</b> I would have to check, Senator. We could take that on notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 37<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 113     | 4: MDBA                     | Hanson-Young | Increase of groundwater extraction                                    | <b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> ...Was there a specific request put to the authority from the New South Wales government?<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> I will have to check on that, Senator, if I can take that on notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 37<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 114     | 4: MDBA                     | Hanson-Young | Groundwater usage                                                     | <b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> Were there any details in the discussions that you had with the states—as has already been discussed—in relation to what that groundwater would be used for?<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> We have not discussed the use. As Dr McLeod made clear, our focus is on the sustainability of the extraction limits that we propose, not the use of the water.<br><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> Can you confirm whether there was any indication of what that water would be used for in any documentation between the authority and the New South Wales government?<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> I would have to take that on notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 38<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 115     | 4: MDBA                     | Fisher       | The 'Without development scenario'                                    | <b>Senator FISHER:</b> Put it this way: you could suggest that of all the rain that falls, say, about five per cent makes into the Murray anyway and then you might also suggest, for example, that of the water that makes it into the Murray, if that water was 'shepherded' all the way down—if that is the term; Senator Joyce thought it might be, but I do not know—so without human intervention, a best case scenario would be that only five per cent of that would make its way to the Murray.<br><b>Senator Conroy:</b> Is it possible to be that precise?<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> I think what we could do is give you the data on the modelling we have done on what is called the 'without development scenario', which has been modelled as our comparison to current day which removes all the irrigation, diversions and dams from the river and looks at what the flows are under that scenario. If that is what you are after, we could probably provide that to you on notice unless—<br><b>Senator FISHER:</b> What would that show for South Australia?<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> We have something to hand.<br><b>Dr McLeod:</b> I am sorry, Senator, but I do not have the data to hand. As Dr Dickson has been saying, we have done a, what we call, 'without development scenario' to create a best estimate of the flow regime that would have existed in the rivers of the Basin over the last 114 years had there been no development. It is not a perfect measure of natural flow conditions, which some people use as a shorthand, because there are a range of things that have happened in the Basin, most notably changes in land use, that are caught up in the numbers that we're actually using. Nonetheless, we have used it as the best measure of 'without development' flow regimes in the Basin would have been. As to the part of your question that goes to what that would have | 38-39<br>(14/2/12)                             | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |            |                                       | meant for South Australia, we have estimated what that flow would have been at the SA border and also at that sea.<br><b>Senator FISHER:</b> Can you recall?<br><b>Dr McLeod:</b> I do not recall off the top of my head, I am afraid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                |            |             |
| 116     | 4: MDBA                     | Heffernan  | Identification of water resources     | <b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> Can you provide to this committee the salinity? You can go to Grong Grong and you can barramundi farm out of the ground water. It is a fantasy, isn't it, if you have not identified what it is good for, even though you have identified the water to extract it? It is either good for agriculture, mining licences or for barramundi farming.<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> We have not determined, for any of the water, what it is used for.<br>...<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> It is not our responsibility to determine the use of the water. In fact, it is like telling irrigators what crops they are going to grow.<br><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> Thanks for that. You have identified the water. You have allowed a certain extraction of the water. You do not know what the water is good for, though.<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> We have identified the water and the nature of the resource, including the highly saline resources but the decisions about what that water can be used for—<br><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> So you will give me the breakdown to inform the committee on where the water is—the 300 gigs or whatever it is—and what the status of the water is in the various establishments you have identified. Thanks.<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> We will identify the assessment that we have done of the different water resources in line with the previous question that we said we would take on notice. | 43<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 117     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce      | Inflows into the Murray-Darling Basin | <b>Senator JOYCE:</b> What have been the inflows into the Murray-Darling Basin for the years 2009-10, 2010-11, and do you have any figures for 2011-12?<br><b>Dr Dickson:</b> We do have that data but we would have to take that on notice. I do not think we have it here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 44<br>(14/2/12)                                | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 118     | 4: MDBA                     | Birmingham | MDBA - budget                         | 1. I refer to the budget breakdown provided in answer to Question 121 from Supplementary estimates. Funding for the River Murray program drops from 96 million in 2012-13 to \$70 million in 2013-14 – how does it get cheaper to manage the River Murray's operations over time?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 119     | 4: MDBA                     | Birmingham | Carp monitoring                       | 1. Please provide details for the last 3 years on carp numbers and carp removal.<br>2. How much has been expended by the MDBA on carp monitoring and carp programs. Please provide details for each program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 120     | 4: MDBA                     | Birmingham | Water quality targets                 | 1. What targets are set for water quality at different monitoring points along the river in the proposed Basin Plan? What targets have been set for the Lower Lakes and Coorong?<br>2. If the MDBA is taking an adaptive, outcomes based approach to the Basin plan – doesn't it need to know what the quality of water is at key sites?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 121     | 4: MDBA                     | Birmingham | Murray-Darling Basin Plan             | 1. Please outline the indicative forward timeline for the development of the Basin Plan.<br>2. What discussion or instructions have been given to states regarding the development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|                |                                    |                |                                                 | of environmental watering plans?<br>3. What impact do you expect including 2010 and 2011 in the MDBA's dataset for modelling have on the model's results? How difficult would it be to amend the modelling to include these years?                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 122            | 4: MDBA                            | Fisher         | Capped water entitlements of New South Wales    | 1. If water taken by NSW irrigators from unregulated streams 'will be counted' and won't allow NSW to take above its cap, how will water taken from unregulated streams be measured, when it is largely unmetred?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 123            | 4: MDBA                            | Hanson-Young   | Salt export from the Murray-Darling Basin       | 1. When will the MDBA release the full modelling and data that demonstrates how much salt will realistically be exported from the system per year (not the long-term projection given at Estimates) with the returned water volume of 2750GL as currently anticipated in the Draft Plan?                                                                                                                                                                     | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 124            | 4: MDBA                            | Hanson-Young   | Receipt of correspondence from NSW Government   | 1. Did the MDBA receive correspondence from the NSW Government asking for an increase groundwater SDLs in order to supply water to the mining industry?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 125            | 4: MDBA                            | Hanson-Young   | Impact of increase of groundwater extraction    | 1. For alluvial aquifers that are known to be highly connected to surface water for which the MDBA Draft Plan proposes increases in SDLs, such as the Lachlan Alluviums, what modelling has been done showing the impact of increased groundwater extraction on surface water?                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 126            | 4: MDBA                            | Hanson-Young   | Sustainable Diversion Limits – Lachlan Alluvium | 1. For the Lachlan Alluvium, can the MDBA provide an explanation for why it changed the proposed SDL from a reduction of 57GL in the Guide to the Plan to an increase of 26GL in the draft Plan?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 127            | 4: MDBA                            | Hanson-Young   | CSIRO Science Review                            | 1. The CSIRO Science Review states that the 2,800GL/yr reduction scenario does 'not meet the majority of the hydrologic targets: they meet 55% of the 'achievable' targets'? Do you accept that target achievement of only 55% of environmental targets is acceptable? What does this mean in terms of projected loss environmental assets? Does this meet the requirements of the Water Act?                                                                | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 128            | 4: MDBA                            | Hanson-Young   | Impact of climate change on surface water flows | 1. Can the MDBA advise what the predicted impact of climate change will be on surface water flows in the southern Murray-Darling in 2030? Given that the Basin Plan will be in effect from 2019 – 2029, how does it manage the risk posed by these impacts?                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 129            | 4: MDBA                            | Hanson-Young   | Basin Plan – ecological targets                 | 1. Were any ecological targets adjusted because of system constraints, and by how much? Why ecological targets were adjusted?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 130            | 4: MDBA                            | Hanson-Young   | Voluntary flood easements                       | 1. Regarding the voluntary flood easements that have been recently offered by a number of farmers across the MDB, covering almost 500,000ha of land, has the MDBA contacted these farmers to discuss their offer? Does the MDBA intend to take them up on their offer? Has the MDBA commenced a process to invite additional flood easements from willing farmers? What work, if any, has the MDBA done to negotiate flood easements since its commencement? | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 131            | 4: MDBA                            | Hanson-Young   | Sustainable Diversion Limits for the ACT        | 1. Is there a gross SDL for ACT rather than the net SDL which appeared in the Draft Plan?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |

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| 132     | 4: MDBA                     | Hanson-Young | Basin Plan – comparisons of period between flow events        | 1. Can the MDBA provide complete comparisons of period between flow events (as per page 91 of the ELST document) for each component of all 18 key environmental assets considered by the Plan in order to enable a proper assessment of the ecological impact of the 2,750GL/yr scenario?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 133     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce        | South Eastern Australian Climate Initiative                   | 1. Will the MDBA ask the South Eastern Australian Climate Initiative to update its climate change work given that the report it relies on does not incorporate any data from the past couple of years?<br>2. When will Phase 2 of the South Eastern Australian Climate Initiative be complete?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 134     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce        | Sustainable Diversion Limits                                  | 1. Is the true amount needed for the environment under the proposed plan the difference between the SDL (10,873 GL) and the average annual inflows over the historical period (31,599 GL)? That is, 20,726 GL per year (31,599 – 10,873).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 135     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce        | Sustainable Rivers Audit report                               | 1. Has the Sustainable Rivers audit report been distributed at a Ministerial Council meeting as foreshadowed in your annual report? If not, why wasn't it when it was listed as an action in the MDBA annual report?<br>2. Have any state governments objected to its release?<br>3. When is the report due to be released?<br>4. Will the MDBA incorporate its findings into its final report?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 136     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce        | Ms Gibbs – new report                                         | In the ABC report of 25 January, 2011, Ms Gibbs was quoted as saying:<br><i>'I think I was given a new report that addressed some of my own concerns when we were in Mildura last week, so it's a moving process.'</i><br>1. What is this new report and in what way does it address Ms Gibbs concerns?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 137     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce        | Basin Plan - extension of the consultation period             | 1. If the MDBA is still undertaking and releasing work in the middle of its consultation period, will it give stakeholders an extension of time to respond to this work?<br>2. Is the MDBA at all considering an extension of time for the consultation period?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 138     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce        | CSIRO report on the economic benefits of the draft basin plan | 1. Has the CSIRO conducted any work for the MDBA on valuing the economic benefits of the draft basin plan?<br>2. If so, has the MDBA seen that report and when did it see it?<br>3. When is this report likely to be released?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 139     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce        | Basin Plan - release of reports                               | 1. How many reports does the MDBA have to release before it finalises the Basin plan?<br>2. What are these reports and when will these reports be released?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 140     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce        | Basin Plan – socioeconomic analysis                           | 1. If you get feedback in your consultations that the economic and social impact is too great in particular areas, will you be able to increase the SDL based on this information alone? That is, if the environmental science stays the same can you recommend a lower amount of water recovered because of the economic and social analysis?<br>2. Can you give me a specific example where any of your economic and social research on the impact of the plan has reduced the amount of water you have recommended for recovery in the draft basin plan?<br>3. Have you reduced the amount recommended to be recovered in any specific catchment because you thought the economic and social impact would otherwise be too high? If so, what specific work influenced this decision?<br>4. How much have you spent on economic and social research to date? | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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| 141     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Legal advice on the Water Act 2007                 | <p>1. Has the MDBA sought any additional legal advice on the Water Act 2007 since Mr Knowles has taken over as Chairman of the MDBA?</p> <p>2. If so, what was the nature of this advice? When was it received and how many pages did it amount to?</p> <p>3. Has Mr Knowles read the legal advice on the Water Act that the MDBA has previously sought or sought since his arrival?</p> <p>4. Has the MDBA sought legal advice on whether they have met the requirements of the Water Act to include an environmental watering plan?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 142     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – economic costs                        | <p>1. I refer to p. 120 of the plain English summary which says:<br/> <i>“Overall, economic modelling of the impacts of the proposed Basin Plan revealed that at an aggregate level, the Basin-wide economic costs will be small”</i><br/> Is “small” a technical, economic term? How big would the effect need to be for it not to be “small”? Why don’t you just describe the impact in dollars or even percentage terms than rely on undefined words like “small”?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 143     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – opening of the Murray Mouth           | <p>1. Under the draft basin plan, the MDBA claims that the Murray Mouth will be open 9 years in 10. How much water needs to be recovered to meet this target?</p> <p>2. That is, if we only recovered water to meet this target, without worrying about any other environmental assets, how much water is required?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                        | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 144     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan - export of salt                        | <p>1. How much water is required to meet the target of exporting 2 million tonnes of salt from the River Murray if you just acquired water for that purpose and no other?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 145     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – sustainability of Ramsar listed sites | <p>1. How much water is required to achieve environmental sustainability for the 16 Ramsar listed sites the Basin? That is, if we only acquired water to improve the health of these 16 sites, without regard to any of the other 2,440 key environmental assets, how much water would we need?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                        | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 146     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Hydrological indicator sites                       | <p>1. Can you provide a table listing the water requirements of each of the 122 hydrologic indicator sites? Please detail how these amounts add up to the required 2750 GL? If the same water can be used to water multiple sites please indicate this.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 147     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – carp numbers                          | <p>1. How much would the Basin Plan reduce carp numbers in the Basin by?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 148     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – Condamine-Balonne area                | <p>In respect of the 100 GL proposed reduction in water use in the Condamine-Balonne area proposed under the draft basin plan:</p> <p>1. How has the MDBA assumed that these losses will be spread over the Condamine-Balonne area?</p> <p>2. Can any sizeable amount of this reduction come from St George to meet the environmental targets located in the Condamine Balonne?</p> <p>3. In your view is their "connectivity" between flows above St George and the Culgoa floodplain and the Narran lakes?</p> <p>4. Has the MDBA modelled any impacts of a reduction in water use above St George? If so, what impact did this reduction have on the environmental health of the Culgoa floodplain and the Narran Lakes?</p> <p>5. To get to the Barwon-Darling where will the Condamine-Balonne's share of the 143</p> | Written                                        | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |         |                                                | <p>GL of shared reduction have to come from?</p> <p>6. In a letter written by Mr Knowles on the 29 September 2011 to Minister Rachel Nolan the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources. In that letter, Mr Knowles states that:</p> <p><i>"I note your primary concern relates to the proposed sustainable diversion limit (SDL) for the Condamine-Balonne and the potential social and economic impacts this may have. I acknowledge that the proposed reduction in the Condamine-Balonne is significant and that it is important the Authority provides a sound scientific basis for its proposal."</i></p> <p>What action has the MDBA taken to respond to Minister Nolan's concerns about the social and economic impact?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                |            |             |
| 149     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – consultation process              | <p>1. How many public meetings did the MDBA hold after the release of the Guide to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan?</p> <p>2. How many public meetings has the MDBA undertaken or announced that it will undertake since the release of the draft Basin plan?</p> <p>3. Why are you holding less public meetings in the consultation on the draft than you did for the consultation after the Guide?</p> <p>4. How have you established which communities want a public meeting and which don't?</p> <p>5. Do a certain number of people need to request a meeting before one takes place?</p> <p>5. How many requests have you had for public meetings?</p> <p>6. Will you consider extending the 20-week consultation period if communities request more time?</p> <p>7. The MDBA has held a number of private, invitation only meetings. Has the MDBA or the government discussed the details of any infrastructure funding arrangements or any funding programs not yet publicly announced with those invited to these meetings?</p> | Written                                        | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 150     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – vulnerable communities            | <p>1. In a leaked version of the plain English summary of the proposed plan, in a discussion about the economic and social impact of the plan, it listed 14 towns as "vulnerable". In the final released version of the plan, this section was removed and there were no mention of these towns. Why was mention of these towns removed?</p> <p>2. Does the MDBA continue to consider these towns as "vulnerable"? If not, what has changed your mind? If so, what specific changes has the MDBA made to account for the vulnerable nature of these communities?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 151     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Environmental watering – Barmah-Millewa forest | <p>1. Have you reduced flows in the Murray to attempt to reduce the amount of water in the Barmah-Millewa forest?</p> <p>2. If water in the Barmah-Millewa forest is not reduced is there a risk of damage to red gums occurring? How severe is this risk? How did this risk come about, was environmental watering too high over the past year?</p> <p>3. How much environmental water has been delivered to the Barmah-Millewa forest over the past few years? Please list amounts for 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (year to date).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|                |                                    |                |                                                           | 4. In the MDBA's view does the Living Murray Initiative provide sufficient water to protect the environment of the Barmah-Millewa forest and the Gunbower-Koondrook-Perricotta forest? If not, how much additional water is required for these assets?<br>5. With the watering of the Barmah-Millewa forest under the Living Murray Initiative. How much did the decision to originally operate under 'dry' conditions at the start of 2010-11 contribute to too much water going into the Barmah-Millewa forest?   |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 152            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Environmental watering – NSW Murray area assets           | 1. What environmental assets in the NSW Murray area are being watered from the 262 GL put aside in the draft plan for the "local reduction amount"? Can you provide a list of assets and how much water they each need to make up this 262 GL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                                   | 08/05/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 153            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Environmental watering – flows past Doctors Point         | 1. What is the peak amount of water that the MDBA expect to have to flow past Doctors Point in the future in ML / day terms?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 154            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Purchase of easements                                     | 1. Is the MDBA considering the possibility of acquiring easements between Hume Dam and Lake Mulwala? If so, over how much land would easements need to be purchased?<br>2. What would this cost?<br>3. Has the MDBA done any other assessment over other easements that would need to be purchased?<br>4. Does the MDBA have an estimate over how much land would easements need to be purchased under the draft basin plan?<br>5. Are there any assessments of the approximate cost of purchasing these easements? | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 155            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Basin Plan – environmental watering plan                  | 1. Under s 22 of the Water Act the mandatory elements of the Basin plan include “an environmental watering plan to ensure the effective management of environmental water”. How will the MDBA meet the requirements of the Water Act if the Basin plan does not include an environmental watering plan?<br>2. Have you received any legal advice on whether the extent that you have included an environmental watering plan in the proposed Basin plan meets the requirements of the Water Act? If not, why not?   | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 156            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Watering local environmental assets – Macquarie catchment | 1. In the guide to the Murray-Darling Basin plan, 20 GL was identified for watering local environmental assets. In the draft basin plan this figure was increased to 65 GL. What is the increase in water going to be used for? Is it just coincidence that the required amount has been increased to exactly match the amount of water that has been bought back from the Macquarie catchment?                                                                                                                     | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 157            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | MDBA Socioeconomic assessment of Collarenebri             | 1. At the Narrabri MDBA Guide public meeting, the chairman of the day undertook publicly to visit Collarenebri and take stock of the financial and community implications of the Twynam water purchase from the Collymongle property. Has the MDBA visited Collarenebri and made a socio-economic assessment as promised? If so, what were the findings? If not, why hasn't the undertaking been honoured?                                                                                                          | Written                                                   | 08/05/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 158            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Living Murray Initiative                                  | 1. How much of the 402 GL allocated under the Living Murray Initiative was used in 2010-11?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 159            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Price of temporary                                        | 1. What was the average price of temporary water in the Murray-Darling during 2010-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|         |                             |         | water                                                    | 11?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                |            |             |
| 160     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | State environmental watering plans                       | <p>1. What happens if the states come up with environmental watering plans that need less water than what has been decided in the basin plan?</p> <p>2. Is the Commonwealth going to give the states any financial assistance to help develop these plans? Is it considering giving them any money? Have any states asked for money to help develop these plans?</p> <p>3. How will the States coordinate the development of plans that involve en watering in areas which straddle state borders?</p> <p>4. I refer you to s 7.19 of the proposed Basin plan which states that the Authority or a Basin state may publish a long-term environmental watering plan. Why isn't there an obligation to publish these plans?</p> | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 161     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – environmental assets                        | 1. I refer you to s 7.27 of the proposed Basin Plan. How many priority environmental assets will there be?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 162     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – priority ecosystem functions                | 1. I refer you to s 7.28 of the proposed Basin Plan. How many priority ecosystem functions will there be?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 163     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – tabling process                             | <p>1. How long after the conclusion of the 20 week consultation period does the MDBA expect to take before it hands the final version of the plan to the Minister?</p> <p>2. Does the MDBA have an estimate of how long the process will then take before the plan is tabled in Parliament?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                        | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 164     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – expenditure                                 | <p>1. How much has the MDBA spent on the Basin plan to date?</p> <p>2. How much does the Authority expect to spend on the Basin plan over the next financial year?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 165     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – legality of Sustainable Diversion Limits    | 1. I refer to s 6.06 of the proposed Basin Plan, where the Authority says that it way express view on whether an SDL should be adjusted based on works or measures, river management and river operational practices, and other things. Without new SDLs being tabled in parliament will this “view” actually change the amount that the government legally needs to recover under the Basin plan? That is, if an environmental work and measure increases the efficiency of environmental watering by 10GL then does that automatically reduce the amount of water legally needed to be recovered by 10GL or will the SDL require specific change through parliament?                                                        | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 166     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – process for introducing amendments          | <p>1. Could you explain the following comment on p. 23 of the plain English summary with respect to any changes in the SDLs:</p> <p><i>“Any amendments that MDBA considers necessary, must go through a formal process set out in the Water Act, which includes consultation and tabling in Parliament by the Commonwealth Water Minister.”</i></p> <p>Does that mean that no changes can be made without them being tabled in Parliament? Will all of these changes be a disallowable instrument?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 167     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – attribution of downstream reduction amounts | 1. Have you attributed the downstream reduction amounts for the purposes of modelling? If so, can you provide the committee with these attributions? If not, why not? Have you attributed for the economic modelling?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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| 168            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Basin Plan – additional water recovery         | 1. In s 7.53(2) of the proposed basin plan it states that the Authority may publish on its website recommendations about where additional water should be recovered. How are you going to do that when two thirds of the water yet to be recovered has not been allocated to specific catchments?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 169            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Basin Plan – target values for different zones | 1. I refer to schedule 9 of the proposed basin plan which lists target values for different zones. Can you provide data on what levels these targets have been for as long back as possible by year?<br>2. How have you come up with these target values? Have you modelled how much water is needed to reach the targets for the Ramsar sites independent of the other sites? If so, could you provide these calculations?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 170            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | MDBA staffing and administration               | 1. How many people does the MDBA employ in the Murray-Darling basin outside of Canberra?<br>2. How many indigenous people does the MDBA employ?<br>3. What impact has the Indigenous employment strategy have on these outcomes?<br>4. What accounted for the 8% increase in employee benefits expenses in 2010-11?<br>5. How much of this were due to pay rises? How much were due to increase in the classifications of staff and how much was due to an increase in the number of staff?<br>6. What was average pay rise given to MDBA staff during 2010-11?<br>7. What are the pay rises set in the current enterprise agreement for future years?<br>8. How much is the average remuneration for MDBA staff?<br>9. What is the average income in the Basin?<br>10. Have you renewed the lease at the Albury office due to end on 1 September 2011? If so, why? If not, why not?<br>11. How many staff does the Authority have working on the Basin plan? | Written                                                   | 24/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 171            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Basin Plan – environmental works and measures  | 1. How much will the environmental works and measures at Chowilla cost? How much extra costs have been incurred because of the delays due to high rainfall?<br>2. How much will the environmental works and measures at Koondrook-Perricotta forest cost? How much extra costs have been incurred because of the delays due to high rainfall?<br>3. Please provide the costs for environmental works and measures at Chowilla, Koondrook-Perricotta, Gunbower forest, Lindsay Island and Hattah Lakes? Please provide budgeted costs for each year of the forward estimates? Please indicate the expected timing of these projects and how much water they are expected to recover? How much of this funding for these projects is under contract?<br>4. How has the MDBA taken into account the efficiencies that will be provided by these works and measures in its calculation of the SDLs in the proposed plan?                                          | Written                                                   | 08/05/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 172            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Basin Plan – compliance under the cap          | 1. I refer to compliance under the cap. Can you confirm that cap models have not been finalised for the ACT and Adelaide? Why have they been delayed.<br>2. Since diversions have been below the cap every years for the last 14 years, how can you assess its environmental impact when this period has been dominated by drought?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 173            | 4: MDBA                            | Joyce          | Potential fraud                                | 1. In your 2010-11 annual report you refer to one “potential fraud” being under                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|         |                             |         | investigation                                                                                           | investigation. Can you provide details on what this investigation covers and has the investigation concluded? What has been the outcome of the investigations?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                |            |             |
| 174     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | MDBA – improved compliance                                                                              | 1. On p. 170 of the 2010-11 annual report you say that:<br><i>‘The compliance audits found a strong and positive attitude to internal control, but identified actions needed to ensure improved compliance.’</i><br>What were the actions identified and how you are going in implementing them?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 175     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | MDBA - Briefing provided to the Minister and Prime Minister                                             | 1. Could you please provide the Committee with a list of the briefings the MDBA has given to the Minister for Water or his staff, and the Prime Minister, or her staff, since 18 October 2011?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Written                                        | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 176     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | MDBA – records of decisions made                                                                        | 1. Could the Authority please provide this Committee with all the decisions it has made since 18 October 2011 in accordance with Section 198 of the Water Act which requires the Authority to keep records of all of its decisions?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 177     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | MDBA – meeting minutes                                                                                  | 1. Could you please provide the minutes to any of the meetings the Authority has held since 18 October 2011?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 178     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Communications between MDBA and State and Federal governments                                           | 1. What communications has the MDBA had since the release of the Guide with state and federal governments regarding the timetable for implementation of the Plan? Please provide lists of and copies of all relevant correspondence and meetings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 179     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | MDBA – balancing the needs of the environment, communities and rural economies under the Water Act 2007 | 1. Has the Authority received or requested any legal advice in relation to balancing the needs of the environment, communities and rural economies under the Water Act 2007, since Mr Knowles was appointed as Chair? If not, why not?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 180     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – conveyance water target                                                                    | 1. I refer you to the following statement on p. 58 of the plain English summary:<br><i>“The proposed Basin Plan sets the annual shortfall in conveyance water at 620 GL (based on a minimum historical inflow) and an annual volume to be set aside to meet the shortfall at 225 GL (based on hydrological modelling).”</i><br>How much of the 2750 GL must be set aside to meet the conveyance water target?                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 181     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce   | Basin Plan – delivery of environmental flows                                                            | 1. How much has the government budgeted to deliver proposed environmental flows under the Murray Darling Basin Plan for the following activities:<br>a. Contingency reserves to compensate for additional flood events – Murray, Murrumbidgee and Goulburn river systems<br>b. Purchase of land easements between Hume Dam and Yarrawonga Weir<br>c. Purchase of land easements below Yarrawonga – between Yarrawonga and the Barmah choke<br>d. Purchase of land easements between Deniliquin and Swan Hill<br>e. Purchase of land easements on the Murrumbidgee River<br>f. Purchase of land easements on the Goulburn River | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |          |                                                       | g. In the above mentioned river regions, what is the estimated cost of building or raising current heights of bridges, or access crossings, necessary to maintain private or public property access<br>h. Payments to Shire Councils for road/bridges and other infrastructure repairs that will arise from increased flood risks due to delivery of environmental flows                                                                                                         |                                                |            |             |
| 182     | 4: MDBA                     | Joyce    | Basin Plan – climate change                           | 1. In Phase 1 of the South Eastern Australian Climate Initiative it stated on p. 28 of their report that:<br><i>‘There is some evidence linking the rainfall change in the region to global warming, but more work is needed to clarify or attribute the causes of the regional change.’</i><br>Why didn’t the MDBA include reference to the need for more work in the draft plan, specifically in the discussion on climate change in the plain English summary on pp. 115-116? | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 183     | 4: MDBA                     | Xenophon | Basin Plan – scientific basis                         | 1. I have concerns regarding the scientific basis of the Draft Plan. What basis was the figure of 2750 GL to be returned to the environment decided, particularly given initial estimates placed the figure at at least 3000 GL?<br>2. On what scientific basis is the assumption that the Murray Mouth will be open 9 years out of 10 made?                                                                                                                                     | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 184     | 4: MDBA                     | Xenophon | Basin Plan – groundwater extractions                  | 1. The draft Murray Darling Basin plan provides for an increase in groundwater extractions of 2600 GL. Can you please give me an indication of how this figure was reached – particularly given the groundwater systems are linked to the river system?                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Written                                        | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 185     | 4: MDBA                     | Xenophon | Salt export from the Murray-Darling Basin             | 1. How many tonnes of salt will be removed from the mouth using the figure of 2750 GL minus the 2600 GL of groundwater?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 186     | 4: MDBA                     | Xenophon | Management of constraints in the Murray-Darling Basin | 1. The draft plan mentions there are a number of constraints that have made it more difficult to manage water in the Basin for multiple objectives. Is there any feasible way for these constraints to be dealt with, in terms of spending some of the money allocated for water buybacks to address some of the constraints?                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 187     | 4: MDBA                     | Xenophon | Risks to river health from climate change             | 1. What provisions are made in the plan for any risks to river health from climate change? I understand that there will be a review of the plan in 2015, however it's worth noting that 3 years ago the river was in a vastly different state to what it is now. How does the plan manage periods of drought or flood, conditions we may experience more of?                                                                                                                     | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 188     | 4: MDBA                     | McKenzie | Scheduling of public consultation meetings            | 1. Why are there no Draft MDBP public consultation meetings scheduled for Bendigo or Cobram?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 189     | 4: MDBA                     | McKenzie | Basin Plan – socioeconomic modelling                  | 1. Have the MDBA modeled the socio economic impact of the SDLs reducing water available for trade – particularly the impact on allocation trade on people selling only a portion of their entitlement?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 190     | 4: MDBA                     | McKenzie | Basin Plan - Hattah Lakes                             | 1. Have the Hattah Lakes water savings projects been included in the 2 750 figure?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 191     | 4: MDBA                     | McKenzie | Basin Plan – data                                     | 1. How was local data collected from Catchment Management Authorities and fed into                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |          | collection                                                                    | the development of the 2 750 figure?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                |            |             |
| 192     | 4: MDBA                     | McKenzie | MDBA – socio-economic modelling report                                        | 1. When will the MDBA's socio-economic modelling report be released?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 193     | 4: MDBA                     | McKenzie | MDBA – water regulated flows                                                  | 1. In relation to Senator Birmingham's questions on water regulated flows. How will you measure it?<br>2. How will water users get an idea of what this will cost?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 194     | 4: MDBA                     | McKenzie | Water user trends over last 5 years in Victoria                               | 1. What has been the growth over the last 5 years in water users in Victoria? Per annum?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 195     | 4: MDBA                     | McKenzie | SEWPaC and MDBA staffing growth                                               | 1. What has been the growth of people working in SEWPAC and MDBA over the last 5 years?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 196     | 4: NWC                      | Joyce    | Review of the National Water Commission                                       | 1. Is the Commission aware of whether the government has received Dr Rosalky's Review of the National Water Commission?<br>2. When will the government respond to this review?<br>3. Has the government made you aware about what their plans are for future for the National Water Commission?<br>4. What arrangements are the NWC putting in place if the government does not extend funding for the NWC beyond the end of this financial year?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 197     | 4: NWC                      | Joyce    | National Water Commission audit of the implementation of the Basin Plan.      | 1. Is the National Water Commission planning to conduct audit of the effectiveness of the implementation of the Basin Plan as required by section 88(1) of the Water Act? If not who will be doing this review given that section 88(1) calls for the first audit five years after the commencement of the Act?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 198     | 5.1: HWD                    | Waters   | Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area report to the World Heritage Committee | <b>Senator WATERS:</b> ...There is a subsequent reference in that same report which cites an article by Professor Pandolfi saying that the reef is the 'largest and best managed reef in the world'. When you look at the source for that quote, you will see that it has been selectively quoted. The full quote is:<br>Even on Australia's Great Barrier Reef (GBR), the largest and best-managed reef in the world, decline is ongoing.<br>Those statements were made back in 2003 and Professor Pandolfi has made more recent statements. For example, in January of this year he said that the intensity of development was 'unacceptable' in the absence of a strategic plan and showed 'disregard for World Heritage requirements'. I think it is a little misleading, given that that selective quote was included in a section of the report which refers to 'contemporary management of the World Heritage area', yet the quote was from 2003 and the author has then distanced himself from those remarks. I wonder how such a selective quote appeared in this document that Australia has sent to the World Heritage Committee.<br><b>Ms Dripps:</b> Is the question, 'How did that quote get selected?'<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> The question is how and why was the quote selectively quoted out of context and out of date; and why was the quote selected when the author has clearly | 5<br>(14/2/12)                                 | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |         |                                                                | stated an alternate view since.<br><b>Ms Dripps:</b> I will have to take that on notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                |            |             |
| 199     | 5.1: HWD                    | Cameron | National Historic Sites – shearing sheds                       | <b>CHAIR:</b> ...One of the areas I have been concerned about for some time—<br>...<br><b>CHAIR:</b> is shearing sheds—historic shearing sheds and bridges. I used to be a country organiser, and I have seen some historic shearing sheds and bridges, and they have always been very interesting. Has anything specific been done in that area?<br><b>Mr Hooy:</b> I do not recall any shearing sheds, Senator, but I will take that on notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 7-8<br>(14/2/12)                               | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 200     | 5.1: HWD                    | Boswell | Departmental budget for World Heritage listings                | <b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> Can the department provide details of all monies allocated by the department in the 2011-12 financial year for World Heritage listing and provide a breakdown of those funds, including the amount direct to non-Commonwealth parties, such as the Queensland state government, lobbying groups and other third parties? Obviously you will not be able to answer that.<br><b>Ms Dripps:</b> It might be one best to take on notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9 and Written<br>(14/2/12)                     | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 201     | 5.1: HWD                    | Boswell | Departmental expenditure – Cape York World Heritage Listing    | <b>Page 9</b><br><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> Can the department provide a breakdown of monies spent on the consultation with Aboriginal communities in relation to World Heritage, where and when those consultations took place and with whom, the amount spent on printed materials—and I would like copies of that to go to the committee—the amount spent on outside consultation, the process and their names? Could the department provide details of the amount spent by the Commonwealth developing a model of consent, including details of consultants, and provide the committee with material relating to the government's development of the consent models?<br><b>Ms Dripps:</b> We can provide you an update on Cape York consultations that will touch on those questions.<br><b>Page 10</b><br><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> Can you answer any of those questions or give us some sort of an answer to those questions I put forward?<br><b>Dr Grimes:</b> On the more detailed questions you asked?<br><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> Yes.<br><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We can take those on notice. | 9-10<br>(14/2/12)                              | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 202     | 5.1: HWD                    | Waters  | Status of the World Heritage Listing of the Great Barrier Reef | <b>Senator WATERS:</b> My question is: does the World Heritage Committee's concern about the status of the listing of the Great Barrier Reef not constitute significant new information that might be threatening the World Heritage status of the reef in the department's opinion?<br><b>Ms Dripps:</b> I am sorry, Senator; can you repeat the question? I think you asked whether the World Heritage Committee's view and concerns about the management of the reef constitutes significant new information.<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> That is correct; and whether that would therefore justify reviewing—<br><b>Ms Dripps:</b> I am going to have to take advice from the team, but my understanding of                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 20<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |          |                                                                       | 'significant new information' is that it is significant new information that relates to the matter of national environmental significance—so scientific information about distribution, abundance, location and such similar matters.<br><b>Senator WATERS:</b> I am interested in any advice the department has sought on that point—because I take a very different interpretation. Could you take that on notice, please?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                |            |             |
| 203     | 5.1: HWD                    | Rhiannon | Importation of primates from Indonesia                                | 1. Why is Australia importing primates from Indonesia when we have three government funded primate breeding facilities for the purpose of research?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 204     | 5.1: HWD                    | Rhiannon | Permits for importation of primates into Australia                    | 1. Is it correct that eight permits have been granted to import primates into Australia for research over the last 10 years. Please detail what years and what animals have been imported.<br>2. Do you consider this potentially creates an illegal trade in wild caught primates?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 205     | 5.1: HWD                    | Rhiannon | Import of primates to Australia for research purposes – CITES data    | 1. Is it correct that CITES (Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species) data shows in the period 2000 to 2008 a total of 220 pigtail macaques were imported from Indonesia and 46 owl monkeys came to Australia from the USA - all for research purposes? If not can you provide the correct figures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 206     | 5.1: HWD                    | Rhiannon | Import of primates to Australia for research purposes                 | 1. Have there been any primates imported for research use since 2009? If so please provide details.<br>2. Is this practice being reviewed?<br>3. What advice has your department prepared for the government on this matter?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 207     | 5.1: HWD                    | Wright   | Register of the National Estate – transfer of places to jurisdictions | 1. First, it seems that approximately 400 places were transferred from the Register to the National Heritage List and Commonwealth Heritage List back in 2006. Can you tell me what has happened since then with respect to the remaining places on the Register which are potentially eligible to be included on the Commonwealth Heritage List. Has the Department identified all such places, and will they have been assessed and transferred to the CHL by the time the Register is phased out on 19 February 2012?<br>2. Has the Department taken a leadership role in ensuring that each of the States and Territories will have completed the transfer process by February 2012? By the transfer process I mean identifying, assessing and transferring all eligible Register places to the appropriate heritage registers within their respective jurisdictions?<br>3. So, has the Department had any oversight of the transition process at all or has it been left up to the States and Territories to basically fend for themselves?<br>4. Is it possible, or even likely, then that a great many places currently listed on the Register will be left without any legislative protection when the Register is phased out on 19 February 2012? | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 208     | 5.1: HWD                    | Rhiannon | Australia's kangaroo industry                                         | 1. How much funding does DSEWPC allocate/provide for the marketing, promotion, maintenance and development of Australia's kangaroo industry in Australia and overseas?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 209     | 5.1: HWD                    | Boswell  | Cape York World Heritage Listing –                                    | 1. The Commonwealth Government has stated that "any negotiations going forward in terms of tentative listing for world heritage "are dependent on the full consent and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|                |                                    |                | Indigenous consent                                                                        | participation of Indigenous people in Cape York". Is the Commonwealth planning to propose the tentative listing of Cape York during this or next financial year?<br>2. Provide details of the amount spent by the commonwealth developing a model of consent, including details of consultants. Provide the committee with material relating to the government's development of the consent model.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 210            | 5.1: HWD                           | Boswell        | Cape York World Heritage Listing – breakdown of expenditure                               | 1. Can the department provide a breakdown of monies spent on consultations with aboriginal communities in relation to World Heritage -<br>a. where and when those consultations took place<br>b. with whom<br>c. amount spent on printed materials - please furnish the committee with copies<br>d. amount spent on outside consultants to the process, and their names                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 211            | 5.1: HWD                           | Waters         | Impact on World Heritage Areas - Quarterly reporting to UNESCO                            | 1. The Australian government has established a process in place for quarterly reporting to UNESCO on projects likely to pose a significant impact on our world heritage areas. Will these reports be publicly available?<br>2. If yes to (1):<br>a. will the reports be made publicly available at the same time they are sent to the World Heritage Committee?<br>b. where will they be made available? Ie where on the Department's website?<br>c. please confirm these reports will be available every March, June, September and so forth?                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 212            | 5.1: HWD                           | Waters         | EPBC reform legislation                                                                   | 1. Is the EPBC reform package of legislation on track to be introduced in the Autumn sittings?<br>2. Will there be an exposure draft of the legislation?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 213            | 5.1: HWD                           | Birmingham     | EPBC Act – referred decisions calendar year 2011                                          | For calendar year 2011:<br>1. What was the total number of proposed actions referred for decision under the EPBC Act?<br>2. What was the total number of proposed actions referred under the EPBC Act that were determined to be controlled actions?<br>3. What was the total number of proposed actions referred under the EPBC Act that either lapsed or were withdrawn after having been determined to be controlled actions?<br>4. What was the total number of proposed actions referred under the EPBC Act for which approval was granted after having been determined to be controlled actions?<br>5. What is the total number of proposed actions referred under the EPBC Act still awaiting approval after having been determined to be controlled actions? | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 214            | 5.2: EACD                          | Waters         | Proposed port developments at Balaclava Island - potential impacts on the snubfin dolphin | 1. Has the Department assessed the potential impacts on the snubfin dolphin of the proposed port developments (including dredging and associated increases in shipping) north of Gladstone at Balaclava Island?<br>2. What are the likely impacts on the snubfin dolphin of the proposed developments?<br>3. On the information currently available about the species, is the Department confident that impacts on this species from proposed new developments are able to be managed so that the species is not significantly impacted?                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Written                                                   | 08/05/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|         |                             |          |                                               | 4. What advice has the Department received to explain the unusually high deaths of reportedly at least five pacific-humpback dolphin in Gladstone Harbor last year?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                |                        |             |
| 215     | 5.2: EACD                   | Siewert  | James Price Point – social impacts assessment | 1. What studies has the Minister or SEWPAC commissioned for the Browse Strategic assessment?<br>2. When can they be made available?<br>3. When does the Department expect to make recommendations to the Minister on the Browse Strategic assessment?<br>4. Has the Department received the additional studies from DSD on Browse?<br>5. Is the Department concerned that there was no free, prior and informed consent on the proposal?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Written                                        | 23/03/12               | 10/05/12    |
| 216     | 5.2: EACD                   | Joyce    | Queensland Coal Seam Gas projects - maps      | <b>Page 16</b><br><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Who would deal with issues pertaining to the destruction of aquifers for stock and domestic?<br><b>Ms Dripps:</b> The constitutional arrangements that we have give those powers generally to the states, and I probably should not stray too much further into water policy given that it is not my area of responsibility.<br><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Will your discussions with this independent expert scientific committee have any overlay regarding issues pertaining to the EPBC Act?<br><b>Ms Dripps:</b> We will seek advice from the independent expert scientific committee on any projects that relate to coal seam gas or large coalmines.<br><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> I am just trying to nail it down. With those three approvals you gave, what are we showing? Are we showing one lease area that covers Dalby, Chinchilla and Roma? Are we talking about an area around Dalby? Are we talking about an area around Roma?<br><b>Ms Dripps:</b> We can provide you with a map of those three projects if you wish.<br><b>Page 18</b><br><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> What were the specific listed matters that triggered these three references to the EPBC Act?<br><b>Ms Dripps:</b> The ecological community does have an unusual name, and Mr Barker has reported the listed name of that community. It is ground spring dependent ecological communities. It means the collection of plants and animals that exist in that place that rely on those springs for their life.<br>...<br><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> ...Ms Dripps, where are those certain communities that you are referring to in those three references?<br><b>Ms Dripps:</b> I can provide you with a map on notice. | 16,18<br>(14/2/12)                             | 23/03/12               | 10/05/12    |
| 217     | 5.2: EACD                   | McKenzie | Cattle grazing in the Alpine National Park    | <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> What studies have been done—I would rather you answer this now rather than on notice—on the impact of cattle, given that this trial was only for 400 cattle, as you stated, in certain parts of the park?<br><b>Ms Murray:</b> There is a range of scientific information that dates back, as I understand, from late in the 19th century to early in the 20th century that provides scientific                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 22<br>(14/2/12)                                | 19/04/12<br>+ 4 att'ts | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |         |                                                                     | evidence about the impact of grazing on heritage values and biodiversity in those alpine areas in the park. There is a range of information, so I can provide it all to you on notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                |            |             |
| 218     | 5.2: EACD                   | Siewert | EPBC Act – release of petroleum acreage                             | <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I would like to know if you were consulted and if you provided any advice over the current release of acreage, one of which covered potential marine sanctuaries and one of which covered the blue whale habitat feeding area.</p> <p><b>Mr Ward:</b> Annually we provide information to the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism on matters of environmental sensitivity in relation to proposed acreage release. There is also a general disclaimer that it is the responsibility of people taking up acreage to refer matters to the department if the acreage involves matters of NES.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> That is once it is taken up by a proponent?</p> <p><b>Ms Dripps:</b> We provide advice to the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism before the release of acreage about the existence of particularly sensitive areas in the marine environment and we also provide them with advice that, should acreage be released in those areas, the proponents are likely to have obligations under the EPBC Act and require an understanding of avoidance, mitigation and offsetting of any particular environment impacts.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I appreciate the wording around environmental sensitivity. Did you specifically provide advice that those particular areas are proposed for, firstly, marine sanctuary and, secondly, a feeding area for blue whales?</p> <p><b>Ms Dripps:</b> We would have to look up our files to determine that. We will take that question on notice.</p> | 22-23 (14/2/12)                                | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 219     | 5.2: EACD                   | Waters  | Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area – approved/proposed projects | <p>1. In response to questions on notice following the October 2011 Senate Estimates, the Department advised that a total of 113,184,000 cubic metres had been approved, or had been applied for to be dredged within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. Please provide a breakdown of this figure – which approved/ proposed projects will involve dredging, where the dredging will occur, what quantities of dredging at each site, timeframes for dredging, and whether the figures include maintenance dredging.</p> <p>2. Please also provide an update, to ensure latest data on approvals and applications have been captured.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 220     | 5.2: EACD                   | Waters  | Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area – ecosystem services         | 1. Has the Department (or GBRMPA) undertaken or commissioned any assessment of the value of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area's ecosystem services?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 221     | 5.2: EACD                   | Waters  | Great Barrier Reef strategic assessment                             | <p>1. What major port and industrial projects within the region to be covered by the GBR strategic assessment, are currently being assessed through project-based assessment by the Department?</p> <p>2. What major port and industrial projects within the region to be covered by the GBR strategic assessment, is the Department currently aware of that are likely to be referred for assessment under the Act prior to the conclusion of the strategic assessment?</p> <p>3. How many of the projects listed in 1 and 2 above relate to coal or coal seam gas development and/ or export?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                        | 24/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|                |                                    |                |                                                                | <p>4. What transitional arrangements have been in place for previous strategic assessments (SA) under the EPBC Act to deal with:</p> <p>a. projects within the SA area which are referred or which are subject to a controlled action decision prior to the commencement of the SA – ie where the final decision was made during or after the conclusion of the strategic assessment.</p> <p>b. projects within the SA area which are referred or which are subject to a controlled action decision while the SA is underway - ie where the final decision was also made during or after the conclusion of the SA.</p> <p>5. Please give examples of implications (if any) that previous SAs have had for projects falling in these 2 categories in question (4) above?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 222            | 5.2: EACD                          | Waters         | Gladstone Harbour - Western Basin dredging approval conditions | <p>Given the inconclusive findings of the Gladstone Fish Health Scientific Advisory Panel's Final Report (5 January 2012):</p> <p>1. Has the Department revisited the Western Basin dredging approval conditions and reviewed whether the monitoring requirements are adequate?</p> <p>2. Has the Department taken any steps (such as first hand investigations) to satisfy itself that the monitoring, evaluation and compliance regime for the Western Basin Dredging Process is adequate, given high levels of community concern? If so, what steps have been taken?</p> <p>3. Has the Department advised the Minister on the adequacy of the current water monitoring requirements, and/ or any options to change/ expand the monitoring requirements?</p> <p>4. What has the Department done to ensure the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Panel's Final Report are being implemented, at least as far as there are implications from the recommendations for matters of national environmental significance?</p> <p>5. Do the EPBC approval conditions and/or environmental management plans established in accordance with the Western Basin Dredging approval conditions require the water sampling undertaken to test water quality (both in the baseline and ongoing monitoring) to be conducted throughout the water column? At what depths is sampling required at each monitoring site?</p> <p>6. Is it common practice for the Department when approving large scale dredging activities to require water sampling undertaken to test water quality (in baseline testing and ongoing monitoring) to be conducted throughout the water column?</p> | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 223            | 5.2: EACD                          | Waters         | Environmental Impact Assessments                               | <p>1. In making an approval decision under the Act, the Minister has to consider economic and social matters (s.136(1)). Proponents often include economic data and claims in their Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). Does the Department critically analyse proponent's claims about the economic benefits of their projects? Does the Department undertake any independent analysis of the potential economic costs and benefits of a proposed project?</p> <p>2. What expertise does the Government have in-house, and what is drawn on externally to analyse the economic aspects of a proposed project?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|         |                             |         |                           | <p>3. Please provide examples of the types of analysis the Department has undertaken (or out-sourced) to assess the economic claims made by proponents, and independent assessments undertaken?</p> <p>4. Does the Department critically analyse the potential social impacts of proposed projects?</p> <p>5. What expertise does the Government have in-house, and what is drawn on externally to analyse the social aspects of a proposed project?</p> <p>6. Please provide examples of the types of analysis the Department has undertaken (or out-sourced) to assess the potential social impacts of proposed projects?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                |            |             |
| 224     | 5.2: EACD                   | Waters  | Boggabri Coal Project     | <p>1. In relation to the Department's decision not to call-in the Boggabri Coal Project continuation project for assessment under the EPBC Act, on the grounds that it had a previous approval under the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act 1974 (EPIP Act):</p> <p>a. Can the Department confirm that this project proposes to destroy 542ha of very intact, high conservation value critically endangered Box Gum?</p> <p>b. Can the Department confirm that the project will now proceed without any further federal assessment?</p> <p>c. Did the Department investigate and consider the differences between the original Boggabri Coal Project (approved under the EPIP Act) and the current proposal?</p> <p>d. Did the assessment referred to in (c) consider the fact that there is no underground mining proposed, and that the overburden emplacement areas, annual extraction rates and associated infrastructure have changed markedly?</p> <p>e. Please give examples of what the Boggabri Coal project would hypothetically need to involve in order for the Department to determine that this project was no longer the subject a prior existing approval?</p> | Written                                        | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 225     | 5.2: EACD                   | Waters  | Key Threatening Processes | <p>1. How many properly made nominations for key threatening processes (KTP) did the department receive in each of 2009, 2010, and 2011? Please provide a list of these nominations and any existing summaries of these nominations.</p> <p>2. What is the status for each of these nominations (eg. recommendation made to Minister, currently being assessed, rejected)?</p> <p>3. On average, how long does it take for a KTP listing and the development of a threat abatement plan? More specifically, for the last 3 examples relevant to each stage, how long did each of the following stages take;</p> <p>a. From the closing date from applications to the publication of TSSC's decision about nominations to be assessed?</p> <p>b. From the TSSC decision to assess a KTP nomination to completion of that assessment and a recommendation to the Minister?</p> <p>c. From a recommendation to the Minister to a listing of a KTP?</p> <p>d. From a KTP listing to the finalisation of a threat abatement plan for those KTPs for which a TAP is recommended.?</p> <p>4. Have there been any KTP nominations in the past decade that have taken less than 5</p>                 | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |            |                                       | <p>years from nomination to development of a TAP?</p> <p>5. What is the current level of funding allocated to assessment of KTP nominations?</p> <p>6. Based on current resources, what is the maximum number of KTP nominations that can be assessed in a year?</p> <p>7. Is there a quota for acceptance of nominations based on the resources available for assessment? What is that quota?</p> <p>8. What criteria does the Threatened Species Scientific Committee apply to determine which of the KTP nominations will be assessed?</p> <p>9. What is the current level of funding allocated to development of threat abatement plans, per plan and in total?</p> <p>10. How much federal funding was allocated to the implementation of threat abatement plans in the past two years? What is the breakdown of this allocation to specific TAPs?</p> <p>11. How does the Government plan to implement the recommendation of the Hawke review of the EPBC Act to make KTP listings more flexible and to permit regional KTP listings?</p> <p>12. What extra funding will be allocated to implement the Hawke review recommendations on KTP listings?</p>                                                                                                                                 |                                                |            |             |
| 226     | 5: SHFT                     | Birmingham | HMAS Platypus - waste disposal tender | <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> You are at the very, very advanced stage, by the sound of it, of the primary tender, which is to achieve what, precisely?</p> <p><b>Mr Bailey:</b> To remove the tarry waste from the site—the by-product of the coal gas plant that existed there until the Commonwealth resumed the site in 1942. It was a coal gas-generating facility, and a by-product of that industrial process was tar, which they buried in pits under the ground. Those pits are still there. Because the pits were excavated out of sandstone and the sandstone is porous, some of that tar, which is in a liquid form, moves through the porous sandstone.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> How many tenderers did you have for that?</p> <p><b>Mr Bailey:</b> Six.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> And you are down to negotiating with the final one, I assume.</p> <p><b>Mr Bailey:</b> It is between two.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Are you able to tell us who the six tenderers are? Is that public information?</p> <p><b>Mr Bailey:</b> It would be public information, but I cannot rattle them all off the top of my head. I can certainly give them to you. It is not a secret. I will remember some and not others and I suspect that is not a good idea.</p> | 10-11<br>(14/2/12)                             | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 227     | 5: SHFT                     | Birmingham | HMAS Platypus - volume of waste       | <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> How is the waste transported off-site?</p> <p><b>Mr Bailey:</b> It is being barged off-site.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> And transport to?</p> <p><b>Mr Bailey:</b> A licensed landfill. There are two types of waste: about a third of it will go that way; the other two thirds, which are the less toxic materials, will be processed on-site and reburied on the site. By 'processed' I mean it will be mixed up with a</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 11-12<br>(14/2/12)                             | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |            |                                                         | <p>cementitious material—basically solidified—and put back in the hole that it came out of. By that time it is immobile and cannot leach. It is regarded by all of the authorities as safe.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> What volume of the two types of waste are we looking at?</p> <p><b>Mr Bailey:</b> As to the relative volumes, I have forgotten. I could take that on notice and let you know. The total volume of excavated material was around 35,000 tonnes. I am not sure if that has changed, but it will not be any more than that. It may be a bit less.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Thank you. If you could take that on notice, that would be great.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                |            |             |
| 228     | 5: SHFT                     | Birmingham | Long-term plan for the HMAS Platypus site               | <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Back on the planning front, just remind me of when the long-term plan for the site was finalised and of the pathway forward you see once his contract for a mediation is let and that process is underway. How then might you consider updating, revising or pursuing the long-term plan for the site?</p> <p><b>Mr Bailey:</b> Are you asking that as a question on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> If you are able to give a quick snapshot now, that would be great. But if you need to give more detail on notice—</p> <p><b>Mr Bailey:</b> I would prefer to give you the detail, but my recollection is that it was signed off by the minister in 2009. As for the other detail you are asking for in that question, I would rather come back to you.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 12<br>(14/2/12)                                | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 229     | Corporate: CSD              | Birmingham | Magazine subscriptions                                  | <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> My colleague Senator Fisher asked a question on notice that caught my eye. She had a series of questions about the subscription activities of various departments and so on. You provided a list of all of the subscriptions that the department undertakes, and the list was quite extensive with 331 different journals, magazines and the like. Many of them looked very worthy, and I can understand in the world of needing to undertake the assessments that you undertake as to why they would be necessary. I am curious however as to how a subscription to something like <i>Music Forum</i>, which is a music industry news, CD, book review et cetera journal, is necessary.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I imagined that that legacy issue is from when the department had responsibility for arts and for arts and culture. You might imagine that it might undertake a subscription of that sort. We can look at that further but I imagine that that is the response for that journal.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> You might want to look at <i>Stamp Bulletin Australia</i> as well.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> Once again, that could be relating either to our functions in arts but it is just possible that it relates to our heritage functions as well.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Certainly.</p> | 81<br>(13/2/12)                                | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 230     | Corporate: CSD              | Waters     | Section 516A of the EPBC Act – Ecologically Sustainable | <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Under section 516A of the EPBC Act, all Commonwealth agencies, authorities and companies have very broad obligations as part of their annual reports to report on how their activities accord with the principles of ESD, ecologically sustainable development. Obviously, this can be a fairly large task and I do not assume</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 82<br>(13/2/12)                                | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |            | Development                                                         | <p>that all agencies have that expertise in house. What support does SEWPaC provide to those other agencies to make sure that they can comply with their obligations? Do you have experts on hand to review their draft reports or, more importantly, to review and advise on the operations of those other agencies?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> There is a small team within our Corporate Strategies Division which helps prepare the guidelines which are available on the web and which also provides advice on request to departments. I think your comment went to whether we look at drafts of reports provided by departments.. I am not aware that they provide that extensive a level of support, but they are in a position to answer questions about the collection of information, the use of indicators and those sorts of things across a range of measures, including things like stationery use, waste, water use et cetera.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Perhaps you might help me with a follow-up question as well. You said that SEWPaC does provide advice to those other agencies. Can you tell me how many agencies in the last three reporting cycles have sought such advice, what kinds of questions were asked and what advice was given.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I am sorry, I do not have that information.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Are you able to take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I can take it on notice.</p> |                                                |            |             |
| 231     | Corporate: CSD              | Waters     | Section 516A of the EPBC Act – Ecologically Sustainable Development | <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Finally, what analysis has SEWPaC done to ensure that ESD is in fact being fully incorporated into the department's own decisions as intended by 516A?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> An environmental management committee operates in the department and it looks on a regular basis at the various measures that we use to indicate how we are dealing with ecologically sustainable development principles in relation to the EPBC Act. That then informs not only the reporting that we do on a regular basis but also where we can improve that performance.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> If you could table a little bit more information for me on that aspect, that would be very helpful.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I will see if I can do that.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 82<br>(13/2/12)                                | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 232     | Corporate: CSD              | Birmingham | DSEWPaC - Staffing                                                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many staff are currently employed in the Department across all program areas?</li> <li>2. How many staff will be employed in the Department at the end of this year across all program areas?</li> <li>3. What is the number of permanent and contracted staff?</li> <li>4. What is the allocated budget and what is the operative budget for the Department?</li> <li>5. Please detail all staff training programs for which the Department has paid in financial year 2011-12 to date, including costs, numbers of participants, the title of each training program and the name of each training provider.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 233     | Corporate: CSD              | Birmingham | DSEWPaC - Travel                                                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many Department staff travelled overseas? Please detail the total number of trips for each departmental position and their total travel expenses. How many staff travelled first class? How many staff travelled business class?</li> <li>2. What was the total cost of overseas travel for the Department? Please include a list</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|                |                                    |                |                                                   | <p>of all international travel itemised by trip, detailing the number of Departmental staff involved and the cost of each trip including the total amounts spent on accommodation and meals, cities or other destinations visited, the purpose of the travel and any specific outcomes achieved.</p> <p>3. What was the total amount spent by the Department on overseas accommodation and meals?</p> <p>4. How many staff travelled interstate?</p> <p>5. What was the total accommodation and meals bill for staff travelling interstate over the past year?</p> <p>6. How many future overseas trips is the Department currently planning?</p> |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 234            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide - staff recruitment                | <p>1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>2. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 235            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide staffing – cessation of employment | <p>1. How many ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>2. How many non ongoing staff left in the year 2001-11? What classification were these staff?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 236            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide - staff reduction                  | <p>1. 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.</p> <p>2. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 237            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide - efficiency dividend              | <p>1. How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department?</p> <p>2. What percentage of your budget must be cut?</p> <p>3. Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency dividend? If yes, provide details of where the positions are located, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not.</p> <p>4. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.</p>                                                                                                                                          | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 238            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide - SES staffing                     | <p>1. Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 239            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide - graduate staffing                | <p>1. How many graduates have been engaged this year? Where have they been placed in the department/agency? Were these empty positions or are they new positions?</p> <p>2. List what training will be provided, the name of the provider and the cost.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 240            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide - hospitality and entertainment    | <p>1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|         |                             |         |                                | <p>spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>3. What is the Department's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p>                                                                                                              |                                                |            |             |
| 241     | Corporate: CSD              | Fisher  | Portfolio wide - consultancies | <p>1. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10?</p> <p>2. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? 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). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>3. 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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Written                                        | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 242     | Corporate: CSD              | Fisher  | Portfolio wide - contractors   | <p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.</p> | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|                |                                    |                |                                                             | 8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.<br>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 243            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Government payment of accounts                              | 1. For this financial year to date, 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)<br>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?<br>b. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?                                                                                | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 244            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Government stationery requirements                          | 1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 245            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – media subscriptions                        | 1. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)?<br>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.<br>b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?<br>c. What is the cost for this financial year to date?<br>2. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers?<br>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.<br>b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?<br>c. What is the cost for this financial year to date?<br>3. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines?<br>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.<br>b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?<br>c. What is the cost for this financial year to date? | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 246            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – education expenses                         | 1. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. Also include the reason for the study.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 247            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – executive coaching and leadership training | In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:<br>1. Total spending on these services<br>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification<br>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |

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|                |                                    |                |                                                                                | <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.</p> |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 248            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – paid parental leave                                           | <p>1. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 249            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries | <p>1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.</p>                                                                 | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 250            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – corporate cars                                                | <p>1. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio?</p> <p>2. Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>3. What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>4. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</p> <p>5. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 251            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – taxi costs                                                    | <p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |

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| 252            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – credit cards                | 1. How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? What is their classification?<br>2. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?<br>3. How is corporate credit card use monitored?<br>4. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?<br>5. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.<br>6. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?                                                                                                               | Written                                                   | 23/03/12              | 10/05/12           |
| 253            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – provision of equipment      | 1. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.<br>2. What equipment is provided to department/agency staff? Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                                   | 23/03/12              | 10/05/12           |
| 254            | Corporate: CSD                     | Humphries      | Portfolio wide - contractors                 | 1. How many contractors are currently employed in the department/agency?<br>2. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 2 years?<br>3. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 5 years?<br>4. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years?<br>5. Does the department/agency make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?                                                                                                                                                                                      | Written                                                   | 23/03/12              | 10/05/12           |
| 255            | Corporate: CSD                     | Humphries      | Portfolio wide – efficiency dividend         | 1. What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 percent to 4 percent on the department/agency's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15?<br>2. What percentage of the department/agency's budget is designated to staffing?<br>3. What is the size of the department/agency's staffing establishment? Include figures for FTE, PT, casual, contractors, and consultants.<br>4. What specific strategies will the department/agency adopt to ensure continued operation within budget?<br>5. Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants? | Written                                                   | 19/04/12              | 10/05/12           |
| 256            | Corporate: CSD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – social media                | 1. 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 publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.                                                                                                                    | Written                                                   | 23/03/12<br>+ 1 att't | 10/05/12           |
| 257            | Corporate: CSD                     | Waters         | Section 516A of the EPBC Act – principles of | 1. What analysis has the Department undertaken (or commissioned) on the effectiveness of s.516A of the EPBC Act in incorporating the principles of ecologically sustainable development into decision-making across federal government agencies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Written                                                   | 23/03/12              | 10/05/12           |

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|         |                             |            | ecologically sustainable development  | subject to s.516A obligations? What were the findings?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                |            |             |
| 258     | Corporate: CSD              | Fisher     | Portfolio wide – discretionary grants | 1. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.<br>2. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 259     | Corporate: PCD              | Joyce      | Fraud cases 2010-11                   | 1. Can you provide details of the three suspected fraud cases referred to the Australian Federal Police in 2010-11? Have any charges been laid as a result of these referrals? If so, what are the details of these charges?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 260     | Corporate: PCD              | Fisher     | Portfolio wide – media training       | In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:<br>1. Total spending on these services<br>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification<br>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted<br>4. The names of all service providers engaged<br>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:<br>a. The name and nature of the service purchased<br>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based<br>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification<br>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees<br>e. The total amount spent on the service<br>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)<br>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:<br>i. The location used<br>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion<br>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part<br>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 261     | Corporate: PCD              | Birmingham | DSEWPac - communications/ advertising | 1. Please detail all advertising expenditure in financial year 2011-12 to date by campaign, including the campaign's purpose, total cost (including campaign research and design) and media (i.e. print, radio, TV etc) involved. In each case, if the campaign was part of a broader strategy, what other communications activities were undertaken and at what cost? Please provide a similar breakdown on budgeted future spending.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 262     | Corporate: PCD              | Waters     | Regulatory Impact Statement process   | <b>Senator WATERS:</b> Has the Office of Best Practice Regulation sought advice from you, SEWPaC, over the last five years, in terms of quantifying environmental impacts for the RIS process?<br><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I could not tell you that off the top of my head, sorry.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 82 (13/2/12)                                   | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|         |                             |            |                                         | <b>Senator WATERS:</b> Could you take that on notice, too?<br><b>Mr Thompson:</b> Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                |            |             |
| 263     | Corporate: PCD              | Birmingham | One-off sustainability grants           | With reference to a number of grants listed for the period 3 May 2011 to 26 September 2011, pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008, having been identified as 'One Off Sustainability Grants':<br>1. For each of financial year 2010-11 and financial year 2011-12 to date, please list all 'One Off Sustainability Grants' provided, detailing each recipient and the value of each grant.<br>2. On what basis were these 'One Off Sustainability Grants' provided? For each grant provided this financial year, what deliverables are expected?<br>3. Were these grants the subject of competitive applications? What, if any, criteria applied?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 264     | Corporate: PCD              | Fisher     | Government advertising                  | 1. What was the total cost of all advertising for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?<br>2. For each of those years, list whether the advertising is campaign or non-campaign and details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.<br>3. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.<br>4. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.<br>5. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.<br>6. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake? | Written                                        | 08/05/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 265     | Corporate: PCD              | Fisher     | Portfolio wide – board appointments     | 1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.<br>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?<br>3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Written                                        | 23/03/12   | 10/05/12    |
| 266     | Corporate: PCD              | Fisher     | Portfolio wide – freedom of information | 1. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?<br>2. What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11?<br>3. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?<br>4. How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11? For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?<br>5. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Written                                        | 19/04/12   | 10/05/12    |

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|                |                                    |                |                                   | department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?<br>6. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                           |                   |                    |
| 267            | Corporate: PCD                     | Fisher         | Community cabinets                | 1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date?<br>2. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel?<br>3. How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses.<br>4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Written                                                   | 23/03/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 268            | Corporate: PCD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide - reviews          | For this financial year to date:<br>1. How many Reviews are being undertaken?<br>2. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded<br>3. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?<br>4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?<br>5. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?<br>6. What reviews are planned?<br>7. When will each of these reviews be concluded?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |
| 269            | Corporate: PCD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – media monitoring | 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?<br>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11<br>3. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?<br>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?<br>b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?<br>c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?<br>4. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?<br>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?<br>b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?<br>c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? | Written                                                   | 19/04/12          | 10/05/12           |

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| 270            | Corporate: PCD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – commissioned reports | <p>1. How many reports were commissioned by the government in your portfolio in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p> <p>2. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>a. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>b. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Written                                                   | 19/04/12              | 10/05/12           |
| 271            | Corporate: PCD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – travel costs         | <p>1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.</p> <p>2. For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff 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.</p> <p>3. For the financial year to date, 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.</p> <p>4. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.</p> <p>5. Are employees taking the most direct route when travelling? If not, please explain why.</p> <p>6. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the cost per employee.</p> <p>7. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as their Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> | Written                                                   | 24/04/12<br>+ 3 att's | 10/05/12           |
| 272            | Corporate: PCD                     | Fisher         | Portfolio wide – legal costs          | <p>1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Written                                                   | 19/04/12              | 10/05/12           |

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|                |                                    |                |                    | <p>of each service and costs.</p> <p>3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> |                                                           |                   |                    |