

ESTIMATES 2009-10 – ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES, FEBRUARY 2010

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE INDEX – IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Questions Taken on Notice					
1.	6	Barnett	1.1	What was the cost of establishing the original MARA website?	Visa Services Transformation and Business Support Branch
2.	6	Barnett	1.1	In relation to the OMARA website, did you get a consultant's report to consider the privacy issues? If so, provide a copy of the report.	Office of the MARA
3.	7	Barnett	1.1	What redundancy amount has been paid to date to the former CEO of the MARA?	Visa Services Transformation and Business Support Branch
4.	11	Humphries	Internal Product	How has the travel budget been affected since the budget was brought down in May?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch
5.	13	Humphries	1.1	Provide a copy of the most recent quarterly report on 457 visas.	Migration Strategies Branch
6.	16-18	Humphries	1.1	How many times has the minister exercised his power to disclose personal information under section 140ZH of the Migration Act this year to date and last financial year? Provide the number of times that discretion has been used to disclose information to a visa holder or a former visa holder, to an approved sponsor or former approved sponsor or to a Commonwealth, state or territory agency. What measures are in place to ensure this power is used for the purpose it was intended and the impact of those measures on the number of visas granted.	Labour Market Branch
7.	17-18	Humphries	1.1	Do the inspectors do other things? Do they have other roles as well? Or are they purely field workers, as it were? Provide a picture of what the monitoring officers do vis-à-vis the inspectors, where they are based and the number of inspections they have conducted since they were appointed. What proportion of the department's investigative activities of business sponsors comprise education and awareness actions, desk audits, interviews and site visits?	Labour Market Branch
8.	18-19	Humphries	1.1	Have any actions been taken against a sponsor using the new monitoring investigation powers provided by the worker protection amendments in the Migration Act? I do not want to know names but rather how many people and what states they are in. I assume that has not led to any prosecutions. Advise whether any sponsors have been barred or had	Labour Market Branch

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				approvals cancelled to date.	
9.	19	Humphries	1.1	What appeal options are available to an employer who is issued with an infringement notice?	Labour Market Branch
10.	27	Barnett	1.1	How many of those students onshore will potentially be affected? I am not saying 'adversely'. How many will potentially be affected under this new system?	Migration Strategies Branch
11.	29	Barnett	1.1	Did the Minister for Education talk to the education sector about the announcement of the changes to the General Skilled Migration program?	Labour Market Branch
12.	30	Barnett	1.1	What feedback did ACPET give to the department last week when they were advised of the announcement of the changes to the General Skilled Migration program?	Labour Market Branch
13.	39-40	Trood	1.1	Provide a current accounting of the number of people who are here on 410 visas, the total number of 410 visas granted, the number who are abroad and the number that are on 10-year visas.	Education and Tourism Branch
14.	47	Humphries	2.1	On what date precisely did the department first become involved with the passengers on board the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> ?	Humanitarian Branch
15.	48	Humphries	2.1	At what point was DIAC able to develop a manifest of the names of the 78 passengers on board the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> ?	Humanitarian Branch
16.	49	Humphries	2.1	Did Cabinet approve the agreement with Indonesia in relation to the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> ?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
17.	51	Barnett	2.1	What was the date of the decision by the BPC regarding the settlement of the passengers on the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> ?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
18.	51	Barnett	2.1	When did the first discussions about the agreement with Indonesia occur with the passengers on board the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> ?	Humanitarian Branch
19.	56	Humphries and Barnett	2.1	When were the names of the passengers on board the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> referred to the AFP?	Humanitarian Branch
20.	59	Hanson-Young	2.1	How much funding does DIAC give to the IOM in the region?	International Cooperation Branch
21.	62	Hanson-Young	2.1	Provide a copy of the letter of agreement with IOM.	International Cooperation Branch
22.	63-64	Hanson-Young	2.1	Provide information on the circumstances surrounding the death in December 2009 of a passenger from the Merak vessel.	International Cooperation Branch
23.	66	Barnett	2.1	When was the first communication from the department, DIAC, to ASIO or from ASIO to DIAC regarding the passengers on board the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> ?	Humanitarian Branch

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24.	67	Humphries and Barnett	2.1	When was DIAC formally advised that there were adverse security assessments of four of the passengers on the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> ? Did DIAC advise others? If so, who and when?	Humanitarian Branch
25.	67-68	Humphries	2.1	When did the National Security Committee of Cabinet take the decision to transfer the four Tamils with adverse security assessments to Christmas Island?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
26.	68	Humphries	2.1	Who are the members of the National Security Committee of Cabinet?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
27.	68	Barnett	2.1	Were there any other cases, and give details, where someone who had an adverse security assessment was taken onto Australian territory?	Border Intelligence Branch
28.	72	Hanson-Young	2.1	In relation to Indonesia and Malaysia, how many people who are found by the UNHCR to be refugees were accepted for resettlement in 2008-09 and to date in 2009-10?	Humanitarian Branch
29.	73	Hanson-Young	2.1	How many people, who are currently held on Christmas Island, have already been found to be refugees by UNHCR?	Onshore Protection Branch
30.	74	Humphries	2.1	How many refugee claims have been assessed by the department during 2009-10 on Christmas Island? What were the source countries of those that were processed?	Onshore Protection Branch
31.	74	Humphries	2.1	In relation to Christmas Island, how many people have had their claims refused and how many have been sent elsewhere as a result of their claims being refused?	Onshore Protection Branch
32.	74 and 114	Humphries and Barnett	2.1	In relation to those on Christmas Island whose claims were refused, how many sought a merit review and how many have been successful? What is the cost associated with merit review?	Onshore Protection Branch
33.	75	Humphries	3.1	We were told yesterday that in the last financial year—and I think these figures are right—we had 1,039 IMAs and ASIO only assessed 207 of them. Are you saying that that is because ASIO determines the numbers that have some sort of potential security concern associated with them?	Border Intelligence Branch
34.	76	Barnett	2.1	Provide the dates the Border Protection Committee of Cabinet met to consider the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> situation, or provide advice to the Committee the reasons why the request would be refused. There needs to be public interest immunity and the detail of that needs to be set out.	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
35.	77	Barnett	2.1	Did the Secretary attend meetings of the Border Protection Committee of Cabinet which considered the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> issue? If so, on what dates?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
36.	77-78	Humphries	2.1	In the course of negotiations dealing with the passengers on the <i>Oceanic Viking</i> were there any discussions between the Australian and Indonesian governments that brought in the status of the 255 or so Tamils on the boat that is moored at Merak.	Humanitarian Branch
37.	84	Barnett	3.1	In relation to the 153 Australian on MAL, provide further particulars. Are they involved in people-smuggling? Do they have a criminal record? Provide an overview of the type of people on the list.	Border Operations Branch

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38.	85	Barnett	3.1	In relation to the 153 Australian on MAL, would some of those within Australia be under some sort of surveillance from the AFP or other police or security agency representatives?	Border Operations Branch
39.	85	Barnett	3.1	How many DIAC officers have direct access to the MAL database? What is their level?	Border Operations Branch
40.	85	Barnett	3.1	In relation to Recommendation 4 of the ANAO Audit of MAL, provide a copy of the report on the outcome of the inquiry when it is complete.	Border Operations Branch
41.	85	Barnett	3.1	In relation to point 4 of the ANAO report in regard to the privacy impact assessment on MAL, advise when the consultant is appointed, the name of the consultant and the nature of that consultancy.	Border Operations Branch
42.	87	Humphries	4.3	You have sought additional money for accommodation on Christmas Island. The two figures on page 12 of the PAES are \$11.2 million for accommodation on Christmas Island and \$34.2 million for capital expenses. I assume there are other expenses associated with that. Can we break down that cost to the costs associated with the detention contract, interpreting services, air charter, freight charter, health services and so forth?	CDSD Coordination
43.	95	Barnett and Hanson-Young	4.3	How many family groups are on Christmas Island? How many children are within those family groups?	CDSD Coordination
44.	96	Hanson-Young	4.3	What are the nationalities of the 425 detainees that have been on Christmas Island for more than 120 days?	CDSD Coordination
45.	96-97	Hanson-Young	4.3	Provide details of the incidents of activities conducted outside the Christmas Island detention centre. How are the excursions being managed now that there are more people on the Island?	CDSD Coordination
46.	98	Hanson-Young	4.3	How many psychologists, counsellors and psychiatric nurses are working out of the medical facilities on Christmas Island at the moment?	CDSD Coordination
47.	99-100	Hanson-Young	4.3	Has anybody been removed from Christmas Island as a result of self-harm, have they been taken to Perth or to wherever else to access health care? Has there been an increase in the distribution of antidepressants or antipsychotic medication and how does the distribution at the moment compare to where it was six months ago?	CDSD Coordination
48.	100-101	Hanson-Young	4.3	Are mental health checks mandatory for immigration detainees, and, if so, at what intervals are reviews done? What are the arrangements for children? Is there always an independent party present when children and minors are interviewed and, if so, who is the accompanying person?	CDSD Coordination
49.	101	Barnett	3.1	Provide an update of the table listing boat arrivals which was tabled at the estimates hearing on 9 February 2010.	Border Intelligence Branch
50.	101	Barnett	4.3	How many detainees have departed Christmas Island by month since 1 July of the current financial year? Advise who were granted a permanent protection visa and how many were failed asylum seekers and returned to their country of origin or some other country.	CDSD Coordination
51.	101	Humphries	4.3	Can you confirm that at the time you made the estimates of the number of arrivals you expected for the rest of the financial year, in October, when you were bidding for additional	CDSD Coordination

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				estimates revisions that the actual arrivals at that point were in the order of 1,018?	
52.	102	Humphries	4.3	<p>You were not able to give me a figure for what the marginal cost of each additional person going onto the island might be. Are you able to give me the average cost per day of each person? I do not mean what you project but back-casting, as it were, what the average cost per day per additional person actually is.</p> <p>You have obviously got to have a calculation of some sort in order to go to Finance and say, 'We expect this number of people that will need this number of dollars.' That is the figure that I am after.</p>	CDSD Coordination
53.	103	Humphries	4.2	What were the commissioning times for the detention facility on Christmas Island and the Berrimah facility in Darwin?	CDSD Coordination
54.	103	Humphries	4.2	How many staff are employed currently at Berrimah?	CDSD Coordination
55.	105	Humphries	4.2	Can you give me the date of the media release from Minister Ruddock that you were reading from before?	CDSD Coordination
56.	106	Humphries	4.3	How many security staff are currently employed at the North West Point?	CDSD Coordination
57.	111-112	Humphries	4.3	Is a dance teacher being provided specifically for teaching dance in the centre? Is this dance teacher, as part of the Serco contract, flown to Christmas Island for the purpose of teaching dance, or is it a local person who has been recruited for that purpose? What sort of dancing does the teacher teach?	CDSD Coordination
58.	112-113	Barnett	4.3	How many departmental staff, contract staff and clients were on Christmas Island as at 30 June 2008, 30 June 2009 and 31 January 2010? What was the staff-to-client ratio at those points in time?	CDSD Coordination
59.	113	Barnett	4.3	Advise the number of people going in and the number of people in going out in the last calendar year in those 54 charters. What is the cost (1) for the 2009 financial year for the charters and (2) what is the cost on average per charter?	CDSD Coordination
60.	116	Humphries	4.1	How many visas were refused under section 501 of the Migration Act?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch
61.	116	Humphries	4.1	How many section 501 cases have been considered this year to date and how many in 2008-09?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch
62.	117	Humphries	6.1	Since Senator Humphries' correspondence, have there been any citizenship ceremonies held in Canberra other than the one on Australia Day? Was there a ceremony held on 5 February 2010 in Canberra? If so, provide details.	Citizenship Branch
63.	118	Fifield	6.1	Provide data on the number of applications for citizenship and the number granted, and the average processing times by each of the main offices around Australia since 1 July 2009 to date, by month?	Citizenship Branch
64.	119	Fifield	6.1	Are there particular backlogs at the moment at the Melbourne and Dandenong offices that you are aware of? It has been suggested to me that there is something in the order of a	Citizenship Branch

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				6,000-person backlog. Would that be in the ballpark? That is, 6000 people that are beyond the 90-day turnaround.	
65.	124	Barnett	5.1	The department is in the process of trialling a variety of service delivery models through the funding of a number of pilot projects. Are there any particular pilot projects you can advise us of? Are there any in Tasmania?	Settlement Branch
				Written Questions on Notice	
66.	Written	Hanson-Young	2.1	What support is Australia currently providing to Indonesia, Malaysia and other States in the Asia-Pacific to assist them to ensure effective protection of asylum seekers and refugees in their jurisdiction? Specifically; (a) What is Australia doing to improve the living conditions for refugees and asylum seekers in the Asia-Pacific region? (b) How is Australia increasing refugees' in the Asia-Pacific region access to durable solutions?	International Cooperation Branch
67.	Written	Hanson-Young	2.1	Is the Australian Government providing funding for legal aid services in the Asia-Pacific to support independent legal advice for asylum seekers and refugees? If so, what is the nature of this funding?	International Cooperation Branch
68.	Written	Hanson-Young	2.1	(1) Between 2002/03 and 2009/10 what financial support has the Australian Government provided each year to the UNHCR and IOM for refugee protection activities in the Asia-Pacific region? (2) What plans does the Australian Government for funding UNHCR and IOM to carry out refugee protection activities in the Asia-Pacific region in 2010/11?	International Cooperation Branch
69.	Written	Hanson-Young	2.1	Does the Australian Government plan to increase refugee resettlement intake in 2010/2011 period, and if so, what is the increase?	Humanitarian Branch
70.	Written	Hanson-Young	4.3	<u>Christmas Island</u> (1) Has DIAC provided induction information to clients immediate to their arrival in a language appropriate to the client? (2) (related to Afghans) Given, past ethnic conflict, are clients advised that hazaragi is recognised as an official language in Australia and they have the right to ask for a hazaragi speaking interpreter and furthermore to change the interpreter if they cannot understand the interpreter.	CDSD Coordination
71.	Written	Hanson-Young	2.1	<u>Christmas Island</u> Is there a regulatory framework to ensure that clients are receiving adequate services from migration lawyers? Can clients make complaints about their lawyers? What happens if a client cannot get in contact with their lawyer?	Onshore Protection Branch
72.	Written	Hanson-Young	2.1	<u>Christmas Island</u> (1) Please provide information about how many interviews a day lawyer's conduct? Do "for profit" migration agents conduct larger caseloads compare to "not for profit" migration agents? (2) Since January 2009, please provide a breakdown of each migration agent (eg. Florin Burhala, RACS, RILC, Libby Hogarth etc) and how many cases they have represented? Of	Onshore Protection Branch

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				each case represented, per migration agent how many cases of RSA were refused/successful, rejected/successful second time application, went to independent review? (3) Is the Department placing pressure on lawyers to complete as many interviews as possible during their time on Christmas Island?	
73.	Written	Hanson-Young	2.1	<u>Christmas Island</u> (1) Are the interpreters on the island – accredited by NAATI or only recognized? (2) How many interpreters are NAATI accredited in Hazaragi? (3) How often are interpreters given days off for rest and recovery?	CDSD Coordination
74.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) How many permanent staff were recruited since the supplementary budget estimates? (2) What level are these staff?	People Services Branch
75.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	How many temporary positions exist or have been created since budget estimates?	People Services Branch
76.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	Since supplementary budget estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	People Services Branch
77.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? (2) If so, where and at what level?	People Services Branch
78.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) Are there any plans for staff reduction? (2) If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.	People Services Branch
79.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? (2) If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.	People Services Branch
80.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<u>Government Advertising</u> (1) What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken, or are planning to undertake? (2) For each program, what is the total spend?	Procurement and Contracts Branch and National Communications
81.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? (2) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Accounting and Financial Control Branch
82.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) For each Minister/Par Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. (2) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
83.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? (2) How many FOI requests has the Department received? (3) How many have been granted or denied? (4) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?	Governance and Stakeholder Engagement Branch

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84.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates? (2) How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? (3) What was the total cost of this travel? (4) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
85.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies. (2) 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.	Procurement and Contracts Branch
86.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<u>Board Appointments</u> What is the gender ratio on each board across the portfolio?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
87.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	<u>Grants</u> Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Procurement and Contracts Branch
88.	Written	Barnett	Internal Product	(1)How many reports commissioned by the Minister are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency? (2) When will each of these reports be concluded? (3) Which reports have been completed since Budget Estimates? (4) When will the Government be responding to the respective reports that have been completed? (5) What is the total number of reports both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007? (6) What is the estimated cost of these reports? (7) What further reports are planned for 2009-10 FY?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
89.	Written	Humphries	2.1	When did the Government have a manifest of those aboard the <i>Ocean Viking</i> ?	Humanitarian Branch
90.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) How many staff work in the Christmas Island IDC's kitchen? (2) What is the total yearly cost of employing the staff? (3) What is the daily and annual budget of the kitchen? (including wages, food, electricity, maintenance and cleaning)	CDSD Coordination
91.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) Who determines the meal plan for the Christmas Island IDC? (2) Where does the food come from and how is it brought to the Island? (3) Is food sourced from the same shipping company as for the Christmas Island residents?	CDSD Coordination
92.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) Where is the bread for the Christmas Island IDC sourced from?	CDSD Coordination

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				(2) What is the cost of the bread including transport?	
93.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) What is the cost of flying in food for the Christmas Island IDC? (2) What is the cost of this versus the method shipped to the local Christmas Islanders?	CDSD Coordination
94.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) Are there any special requirements for food preparation at the Christmas Island IDC? (2) Was there any training provided to kitchen staff to prepare food in a Halal approved way? (3) Is food for the IDC sourced from Halal providers? Does this cost extra?	CDSD Coordination
95.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) With the current amount of people in the Christmas Island IDC how many meals are prepared in one day? (2) Can you provide a menu plan for any given week? (2) Were extra kitchen staff hired to cope with the rapid growth in arrivals?	CDSD Coordination
96.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) Will the Department provide an itemised list of what is provided in the detainees rooms in the Christmas Island IDC? (2) Where are these items sourced from and how are they brought to the Island? (3) What is the average cost of each room, including furniture and on-going maintenance, cleaning?	CDSD Coordination
97.	Written	Humphries	4.3	Is there a curfew at the Christmas Island IDC?	CDSD Coordination
98.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) Is there a ballet teacher at the Christmas Island IDC? (2) How much did it cost to fly the dance teacher over to Christmas Island and be paid to teach dance classes? (3) How many dance classes do they teach per week?	CDSD Coordination
99.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) What other activities are provided to the detainees at the Christmas Island IDC? Can you confirm that they include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Yoga. •Sewing classes. •Cooking classes. •Bingo nights. •Dance nights. •Trivia. •Movie nights. •Music classes. •Arts and crafts. •Badminton. •Volleyball. •Group fitness training. •Indoor cricket. •Indoor football. •Basketball. •Tennis. 	CDSD Coordination

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				(2) How many people are employed to teach these classes? Are they locals?	
100.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) Is there a gym facility at the Christmas Island IDC? (2) What kind of equipment is in the gym? (3) How was the equipment brought to the Island? Was it air freighted or shipped? (4) Where was it purchased?	CDSD Coordination
101.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) What is the cost of providing an internet service to detainees at the Christmas Island IDC? (2) Is there a cap on how many minutes they can use the internet for? (3) Are they supervised when using the internet at all times?	CDSD Coordination
102.	Written	Humphries	4.3	What is the electricity bill of the Christmas Island IDC over the last 12 months?	CDSD Coordination
103.	Written	Humphries	4.3	(1) How many pool tables are at the Christmas Island IDC? (2) How many times have the pool tables been re-felted in the past 12 months? • What is the cost of this?	CDSD Coordination
104.	Written	Humphries	4.3	Is there a cap on spending at the Christmas Island IDC?	CDSD Coordination
105.	Written	Humphries	4.3	How often is the lawn mowed at the Christmas Island IDC?	CDSD Coordination
106.	Written	Humphries	5.1 and 6.1	For each of the following settlement services programs: (1) Adult Migrant English Program. (2) Australian Cultural Orientation Program. (3) Complex Case Support (4) Settlement Grants Program. (5) Integrated Humanitarian Strategy Scheme. (6) Diverse Australia Program. (7) National Action Plan. (8) Language, Literacy & Numeracy Program. (9) Workplace English Language and Literacy Program. (10) English as a second language – New Arrivals Program. (11) Employment Pathways Program. (12) Work Readiness Program. (13) Any other program under outcome 5 or outcome 6 not listed. Please provide the following by financial year for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10: (a) Funding. (b) Terms of Reference and mission statement (c) Services provided by each program, including any sub-programs. (d) Process and guidelines for providing funding. (e) DIAC staffing requirements, by type of personnel. (f) Methods of monitoring and reporting service delivery. (g) Primary service provider for each program.	Settlement Branch Refugee Support Branch Multicultural Affairs Branch

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				(h) Outcomes and Key Performance Indicators. (i) Eligibility requirements and method of application. (j) Duration. (k) Cost of each program to the applicant. (l) Number of persons enrolled in the programs. (m) Number of persons enrolled in the programs by ethnicity, age and gender. (n) Number of persons who've successfully completed the programs. (o) Number of persons who've failed the programs. (p) Number of persons employed who've successfully completed the program.	
107.	Written	Humphries	5.1	(1) In answer to question 111 following the October Estimates, DIAC provided a table of humanitarian entrants settled in regional areas by calendar year of arrival. Can you update that table with settlements to date? (2) Additionally, what is rate of employment of humanitarian entrants settled in regional areas by area? (3) What English training programs or other education programs are available to humanitarian entrants settled in regional areas?	Settlement Branch
108.	Written	Humphries	6.1	In response to question 118 following the October Estimates, DIAC provided details of: (1) How many people have passed the citizenship test in 06/07, 07/08, 08/09? (2) How many people failed in the citizenship test during the same periods? (3) How many exemptions were granted for the citizenship test in the same period? (4) How many were assisted during the citizenship test? (5) What nationalities are people sitting the test? Can this information be updated to include 09/10 to date?	Citizenship Branch
109.	Written	Humphries	Internal Product	Please provide details of all advisory councils including: (a) Membership. (b) Duration of term. (c) Terms of Reference and mission statement. (d) Reporting dates. (e) Meetings per year. (f) Any reports provided to Government to date.	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
110.	Written	Humphries	1.1	<u>Permanent Skilled Migration:</u> (1) The 2009-10 Budget announced a reduction in the size of the skilled stream by 25,400 places to 108,100 places. Has there been any change to this figure since it was announced in May 2009? (2) What has been the total number of visas granted in the skilled stream year to date? (3) How many outstanding applications under the skilled stream are with the Department? (4) Is there likely to be more applications for visas under this stream than available places? (5) What is the additional waiting time this Budget decision will have upon applicants under	Labour Market Branch

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				<p>the skilled migration stream?</p> <p>(6) What is being done to manage this caseload and the expectations of visa applicants?</p> <p>(7) What rights to work, Medicare and other benefits do these applicants have while they are waiting for their applications to be decided?</p> <p>(8) How is the Department of Immigration dealing with the \$9.2 million reduction in its budget as a consequence of this measure? Have other services been affected?</p>	
111.	Written	Humphries	1.1	<p><u>Subclasses 487, 885, 886</u></p> <p>(1) Who are the main groups of people affected by the changes to General Skilled Migration program that came into effect on 1st January 2010?</p> <p>(2) What is required for applicants that must participate in the Jobs Ready program, in terms of timeframe and obligations to undertake testing and evaluation?</p> <p>(3) If there are potential applicants for one of these visa classes who are currently already in Australia on another type of visa, such as a 485 Graduate visa, seeking permanent residency, do they now have to undertake the Jobs Ready program?</p> <p>(4) Is this caseload impacted by the changes to priority processing?</p> <p>(5) How long does the department anticipate that these people will have to wait before their application is decided?</p> <p>(6) What is being done to manage this caseload and the expectations they had to be issued with visas quickly?</p> <p>(7) What rights to work, Medicare and other benefits do these applicants have while they are waiting for their applications to be decided?</p> <p>(8) How long will they have to wait?</p>	Labour Market Branch
112.	Written	Humphries	1.1	<p>(1) The 2009-10 MYEFO foreshadowed the Government was spending \$0.2 million in the current financial year to strengthen the integrity of the student visa program. This measure will include initiatives such as improved checks of student visa holder's documents, better combating cases of document fraud and streamlining visa processing arrangements for post graduate research students. How will each of these measures be put into effect?</p> <p>(2) Of the 28,000 student visas that were refused in 2008-09, what were the main reasons for these applications being refused and what proportion of those applications refused falls into each category?</p> <p>(3) What has been the cause of an increase of 68% in the number of visa applications being refused between 2007-08 and 2008-09?</p> <p>(4) Does the Department keep statistics on the number of applicants who after being refused a student visa, were then granted a visa after making a new application that addressed the reasons for refusing their first visa application? If so, what was this number? If not, can you estimate?</p> <p>(5) How will the cost of this measure be met within the existing resources of the Department?</p> <p>(6) What is the estimates cost of this measure?</p> <p>(7) Will other activities provided by the Department lose resourcing as a result of these</p>	Education and Tourism Branch

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				measures being implemented?	
113.	Written	Humphries	1.1	(1) How many international students currently on 485 visas are awaiting resolution of their application for permanent residency? (2) How long on average, have these students been waiting for a decision on their applications? (3) From which countries are these students, and in what proportions? (4) What mechanism is used to extend their visa? (5) Are they given Bridging Visas? (6) What if any conditions are placed on those visas? (7) Do they have work rights or access to Medicare?	Labour Market Branch
114.	Written	Humphries	1.1	The 2009-10 MYEFO announced that the Government was spending \$1.7 million over 4 years to enhance the integrity of the Working Holiday Maker visa program. Components of this initiative include specified employers to register the employment of WHMs with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and reducing the period of time that a visa holder may stay with a specified employer. (1) Have there been integrity issues associated with this visa? (2) If so, how long has the Government been aware of these issues? (3) Did the Government consider any options to resolve the integrity issues associated with the Working Holiday Maker visa? (4) What were those policy alternatives? (5) What are the types of industries that will be affected by this initiative? (6) What consultation has the Government undertaken with main sectors affected by these measures? (7) What has been the outcome of any such consultations? (8) How will the cost of this measure be met within the existing resourcing of the Department? (9) Will other activities provided by the Department lose resourcing as result of these measures being implemented?	Education and Tourism Branch
115.	Written	Humphries	1.1	(1) How many applications for family reunion visas were made in the last financial year and in which categories? How many were for parents, aged parents, spouses, children? (2) How many were granted, how many refused and how many appealed to the Migration Review Tribunal? (3) Of those, how many were successful? (4) How do these numbers above compare with each of the previous three years? (5) What kind of bona fide checks are carried out prior to the grant of visas? (6) Has the department detected a higher level of non bona-fide applications? (7) Is there a trend? In any particular countries?	Family and Health Policy Branch
116.	Written	Humphries	2.1	Where have the refugee and humanitarian visa grants been made in the past year and what numbers in each post?	Humanitarian Branch
117.	Written	Humphries	2.1	(1) How many Afghans has Australia issued visas from offshore posts in the past year?	Humanitarian

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				(2) Which posts? (3) Does Australia still accept and process applications for the refugee and humanitarian program out of Pakistan?	Branch
118.	Written	Humphries	2.1	(1) How many humanitarian visas have been granted out of Indonesia from the caseload of asylum seekers processed by the UNHCR? (2) What visas were they given?	Humanitarian Branch
119.	Written	Humphries	2.1	How many places in the humanitarian and refugee program have been provided to onshore asylum claims, including by those who have arrived by boat?	Onshore Protection Branch
120.	Written	Humphries	2.1	How many places in the humanitarian and refugee program have been provided to the family members of onshore asylum claimants, including by those who have arrived by boat?	Onshore Protection Branch
121.	Written	Humphries	4.1	(1) What is the current budget for the conduct of compliance activities in the department? (2) What activities are undertaken? (3) Can you provide full details? (4) How does the budget this year compare with other years?	Compliance Resolution Program Management Branch
122.	Written	Humphries	4.1	(1) Has any portion of the budget allocated to compliance activities in the 2009-2010 budget been transferred to other output areas? (2) If so, how much to each of those other output areas.	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch
123.	Written	Humphries	1.1	(1) What kind of bona fide checks are undertaken in high risk posts? (2) Which posts are they? (3) What is the current overstay rate of visitors from those overseas posts? (4) How does this compare with the past three years?	Education and Tourism Branch
124.	Written	Humphries	3.1	(1) How do departmental officers verify documents? (2) How many travellers to Australia have presented with false or altered documents? (3) What happens to them? (4) Has anyone been prosecuted for presenting false or fraudulent documents?	Identity Branch
125.	Written	Humphries	3.1	(1) How much of the Department's interviews of unauthorised arrivals and protection visa applicants both onshore and at offshore places, constitute "intelligence" gathering and analysis? (2) What happens to that information? (3) What sort of information is gathered?	Border Intelligence Branch
126.	Written	Humphries	4.1	(1) How many unlawful non citizens have been located as a result of compliance activities? (2) How many have been removed? (3) How does this compare with activity in each of the last three years?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch
127.	Written	Humphries	2.1	What percentage of detainees that were successful with their application for asylum were able to substantiate their claim with supplementary documentation?	Onshore Protection Branch
128.	Written	Humphries	2.1	How many off-shore protection visas were granted to Myanmar refugees from Thailand in each of the last three years?	Humanitarian Branch
129.	Written	Humphries	4.1	(1) How many visa holders, either temporary or permanent, have had their visas cancelled because they provided fraudulent or false information and/or documents? (2) How many have been prosecuted?	Identity Branch

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130.	Written	Humphries	4.2	(1) How many detainees subject to interest by the Ombudsman, ie those who have been detained for more than six months, have subsequently been granted permanent visas? (2) What kind of visas? (3) What were the reasons for their extended detention? (4) How many were subject to serious character concern? (5) How many were subject to adverse security assessments that were subsequently either overturned or re-assessed by the relevant authorities and changed? (6) How many were either removed from Australia or voluntarily departed?	CCM Coordination
131.	Written	Humphries	3.1	(1) How many times has the Minister used his powers under s501 to cancel or refuse a visa on character grounds? (2) How many times have departmental officers used this power? (3) How does this compare to each of the last three years?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch
132.	Written	Humphries	3.1	How much has it cost to remove failed asylum seekers? From Christmas Island? From the Mainland?	Compliance Resolution Program Management Branch
133.	Written	Humphries	4.2	(1) What has been the cost to date of upgrades to the Perth detention centre? (2) What is the status of the lease at the detention centre at Perth Airport?	CDSD Coordination
134.	Written	Humphries	3.1	(1) How many people are there currently on Bridging Visa E's – how does that compare to each of the past five years? (2) How many people hold other types of Bridging Visas? (3) How many people on Bridging visas are awaiting an outcome of a request for the Minister's intervention? (4) How many people have been on bridging visas for more than one year? More than 2 years? More than 5 years? By type of Bridging visa? (5) How many people on Bridging visas have access to work rights and Medicare? By type of Bridging visa? How does this compare to each of the past five years?	Policy Framework Evaluation and Analysis Branch
135.	Written	Humphries	5.1	(1) From what funding do the plane flights come from in bringing refugees to Australia? i.e. Foreign aid budget or otherwise? (2) Is the foreign aid budget used in any way in the resettlement process? (3) In what type of accommodation are refugees housed in Sydney/Melbourne/processing before being moved permanently to regional towns such as Wagga Wagga? (4) What sort of housing are the resettled refugees provided once they have been relocated to regional areas? (5) Are refugees given priority to public housing over those who have applied locally, including aboriginals/? (6) Exactly which Centrelink benefits do refugees have access to? (7) What is the overall Government spend per year on the resettlement of refugees? (8) What percentage of overall budget is this? (9) What courses are available? Are these fully funded?	Refugee Support Branch

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				(10) Are there any other entitlements, funds, or special help available to refugees?	
136.	Written	Eggleston	Internal Product	(1) What is the total expenditure on staffing for the Department and for all portfolio agencies? What is the SES and non-SES breakdown? (2) What are the current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers? What is the breakdown by location? (3) What have been the changes in ASL since November 2007? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the Budgetary implications? (4) In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? What functions have been sacrificed and why? (5) Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this? (6) Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how have staff been identified for such offers? Are there such plans for the future?	People Services Branch
137.	Written	Eggleston	Internal Product	(1) What is the status of each election commitment within the portfolio? (2) Which election commitments are experiencing slippages? Why? Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates? What are the implications of this slippage?	Financial Strategy and Budgets Branch
138.	Written	Eggleston	Internal Product	(1) Are there plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? What data will be included? (2) Does the Department prepare electorate level reports for Ministers? What data is included in these reports? How often is this updated? Why is this material not publicly available? Request copy of latest reports. (3) Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007?	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch
139.	Written	Eggleston	Internal Product	(1) How much has the Department spent on consultancy services since November 2007? How can the department justify this expenditure? (2) Could the Department provide a complete list of current consultancy services. For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use. For each consultancy, please indicate why the Department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves.	Procurement and Contracts Branch
140.	Written	Eggleston	Internal Product	(1) How much has the Department spent on advertising and marketing since November 2007? Ask for justification of expenditure. (2) Could the Department provide a complete list of current contracts. Please indicate the rationale for each service provided and its intended use.	Procurement and Contracts Branch and National Communications
141.	Written	Eggleston	Internal Product	Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since November 2007? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Procurement and Contracts Branch
142.	Written	Eggleston	Internal Product	(1) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio since November 2007? (2) Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed	Ministerial and Executive Services Branch

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				<p>to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. (3) How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? (4) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	
143.	108	Humphries	4.3	Provide a copy of the Minister for Home Affairs' press release etc. announcing a \$50 million infrastructure package for Christmas Island.	CDSD Coordination