

**2012 SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES – MAY 2012
 RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO**

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BR1	BUSHBY	RET - BREE	Overseas Research Agencies	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Does the bureau liaise with overseas research agencies in terms of what it does?</p> <p>Prof. Grafton: Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Which agencies do you continue to work with most?</p> <p>Prof. Grafton: We have liaised with Natural Resources Canada. We are working with them on a particular project. They have particular expertise that complements our own, so we are working with them.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Would you mind taking on notice the details of that project?</p> <p>Prof. Grafton: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: There is no need to worry about it today. Can you provide those details? That might do with the bureau.</p>	Page 111 28/5/12	27/07/2012	
BR2	BUSHBY	RET - Clean Energy Division	GCCSI Financial Statements, Key Personnel and Remuneration	<p>Senator BUSHBY: So it is the same as it was in February. I understand the department receives audited financial statements from the institute. How often does it receive them?</p> <p>Ms Sewell: Are you referring to the statements provided in response to your question on notice that go to all members of the institute?</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: I am referring to comments—I am not sure if I have them here—on page 137 of the <i>Hansard</i> from 15 February.</p> <p>Ms Bennett: The institute has to provide an annual audited financial report to the government.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: That answers the question. So once a year?</p> <p>Ms Bennett: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Are those audited financial statements publicly available?</p>	Page 112-113 28/5/12	27/07/2012	

			<p>Ms Bennett: There is a summary that is given to members of the institute that we provided on notice at the last Senate estimates in a response.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Just a summary. But generally the full audited document is not available?</p> <p>Ms Bennett: I would have to take that on notice. Generally it is not publicly released, as far as I am aware.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Do they—</p> <p>CHAIR: What financial year do they operate on? The Australian financial year or the UK or US?</p> <p>Ms Bennett: I think it is from June to June. I will check that.</p> <p>CHAIR: Take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Bennett: I can answer that. It is for the year ending 30 June.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Do the audited financial statements include the levels of executive remuneration, including the remuneration levels of the institute's CEO and chairman? Or is it just the summary total that was provided in the answers to questions on notice?</p> <p>Ms Bennett: It is the summary.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: So the full audited statements do not provide any further breakdown?</p> <p>Ms Bennett: Not that I am aware of, Senator.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: If you are not sure, you can take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Bennett: Not that I am aware of, Senator.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: If you are not sure, you can take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Bennett: Yes. I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: So you are not able to tell us how much the CEO, the chairman, the CFO and the general manager of the institute are paid? Are you aware of that?</p> <p>Ms Sewell: No, Senator. We do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: By any other way other than the audited statements? There is not other information that has been provided to you that would have given you those details?</p> <p>Ms Sewell: No, Senator. The total board remuneration, including the chairman's fees, is capped at \$400,000. Within that figure and depending on the number of board members that they have at any one time, the remuneration can vary up to a total of \$400,000.</p>			
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BR3	BUSHBY	RET – Clean Energy Division	GCCSI International Advisory Panel	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Who is on the international advisory panel which advises the institute?</p> <p>Ms Sewell: I am sorry, Senator. We do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: You can take that on notice. Can you tell me whether members of the international advisory panel are paid? If so, how much?</p> <p>Ms Sewell: Yes. They are paid. I would have to take remuneration on notice too.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: And whether there is any cap involved in that. When did Mr James Wolfensohn leave the international advisory panel?</p> <p>Ms Sewell: It was last year, Senator. Off the top of my head, I would say about 12 months ago.</p>	Page 114 28/5/12	27/07/2012	

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BR4	BUSHBY	RET – Clean Energy Division	Auditing of the GCCSI	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Is the institute something that the Auditor-General will be able to undertake an audit of?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I do not believe so. I do not know what the limitations are.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Is that something you can take on notice?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Sure.</p>	Page 116 28/5/12	27/07/2012	
BR5	BUSHBY	RET – Clean Energy Division	GCCSI – 457 Visas sponsored by the Institute	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Thank you. Are you aware of how many 457 visas the institute has sponsored since its inception?</p> <p>Ms Sewell: No, Senator.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Is that something you could find out on notice?</p> <p>Ms Sewell: We could ask the institute to supply that information, yes.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: And a list of the staff sponsored would be appreciated too, if you could ask them that as well.</p> <p>Ms Sewell: I am happy to take that on notice. I am conscious of privacy issues around those sort of questions.</p>	Page 116 28/5/12	27/07/2012	
BR6	BUSHBY	RET – Clean Energy Division	GCCSI – Meeting costs organised by the Institute	<p>Senator BUSHBY: If you can, I will look at your answer when it comes in. I am happy for you to take this on notice. Can the department please provide an itemised list of the cost of each of the meetings that the institute has organised with its members as opposed to its board, which I think is what I asked last time, since its inception. On that list, please include against each meeting the number of staff from Australia, the travel to that meeting, the location of the meeting, the number of staff from elsewhere that travelled to the meeting, the cost of travel, the cost of accommodation and the</p>	Page 116 28/5/12	27/07/2012	

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BR7	MILNE	RET – Corporate Services	HRL Funding from LETDF	<p>Senator MILNE: Can the department confirm that \$101 million from the Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund was deferred in this year’s budget from the next financial year to later years?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I will need to take advice on that.</p> <p>Ms Rose: Yes. There was a reprofiling of funds.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Can you tell me what quantum of the \$101 million deferred from the next financial year had already been allocated to HRL?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Just repeat your question.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Basically I was asking about the \$101 million from the Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund. This was deferred in this year’s budget from the next financial year, as in 2012-13 to later financial years. What quantum of that \$101 million deferred from 2013 had already been allocated or would HRL have been expecting to get in this coming financial year?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: That is not the way we manage the accounting. There would be a notional amount. I am happy to come back on notice and give you the notional answer. But we mention the fading, the expectation of the cash flow, through these programs on a whole of program basis. We build it up from the individual projects. But our structure is to ensure that we do not overcommit the fund—that we have the funds available to meet the contracts that we entered into. But the money is not quarantined as separately as the HRL money. I understand the spirit of your question. It is probably best if I take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: And maybe take on notice in that context what they would have expected to receive in 2013-14 and 2015-16.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: It would be against the previous estimates of notional cash flow.</p>	Page 117-118 28/5/12	27/07/2012	

BR8	SIEWERT	RET – Resources Division	Indigenous Agenda – Workshops and program evaluation	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I want to go to the budget statements. One of your deliverables is effective engagement between the resource sector and the government’s indigenous agenda. What do you intend to do to achieve this objective? How many resources are you contributing to achieve that agenda?</p> <p>Ms Constable: Thank you for that question, Senator. The department is engaged in a range of indigenous issues. We have the Working in Partnership Program. It is a series of workshops that we have run over the course of about seven years now in different jurisdictions around Australia. It is a workshop that involves industry, services and indigenous participants. We bring those groups together to have a conversation about the issues that are facing particular regions and what they might do about it in establishing their own program to address some of those issues. In addition to that, we have also been participating through a memorandum of understanding run by FaHCSIA. That is a whole of government partnership run by FaHCSIA with the Minerals Council of Australia. So there is a number of initiatives within that memorandum of understanding. The secretary of the department represents RET on that particular committee.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: If you are interested, we could talk to you tomorrow about this in the section on tourism, because there is quite a strong Indigenous engagement in our tourism policy work as well.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. I will try to get here. I am running between committees. Otherwise I will put some more questions on notice. What about the resources that are committed to running those workshops and the MOU?</p> <p>Ms Constable: We have a consultant that has run the workshops over a period of time. It is a very experienced consultant. We also have two dedicated resources within the department that participate in that workshop in the preparation of the workshop. In addition to that, my colleague Mr Stamford has participated as a speaker within those workshops over a period of years. Indeed, previously, when I headed up the resource development branch, I also participated in those workshops.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you perhaps provide me with a copy of some of the outcomes from the workshops or the agenda for the workshop, please?</p> <p>Ms Constable: Certainly, Senator.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: And maybe take on notice what level of financial resources you commit to running those workshops.</p>	Page 118-119 28/5/12	27/07/2012	
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BR9	LUDLAM	RET – Resources Division	Radioactive Waste repatriation	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Strong language. Are you aware of whether the government has sought to renegotiate the contracts for return of the spent fuel from France to delay its return until we get our house in order?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: No. Senator, I am not. But I will take it on notice.</p>	Page 120 28/5/12	27/07/2012	

				<p>Senator LUDLAM: And which minister is going to hold portfolio responsibility for that? If you take it back to the minister you are representing here and it is nothing to do with him, are you able to undertake to work out who that is?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Yes. Obviously I am the minister responsible for ANSTO and Mr Ferguson is responsible for resources and energy. The suggestion is that we might have renegotiated the agreements?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: It is entirely possible, legitimate and legal for the Australian government to pay for an extension of the period of time—buy ourselves another two or three years.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: What was your advice as to who is responsible for that?</p> <p>Ms Constable: ANSTO is responsible, Minister.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: In a technical sense, but they are not responsible for negotiations on behalf of the government.</p> <p>Ms Constable: That is my understanding, Minister.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Could I ask you to take on notice whether those options are exercised. If not, why not?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Yes.</p>			
BR10	LUDLAM	RET – Resources Division	Passage of Radioactive Waste Legislation – Materials to Stakeholders	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Can you tell me what your forward program of work is from here? We heard this morning that the waste, if it returns, if we are not renegotiating the shipments, will be parked temporarily in Sydney. What does that do for your work plan from here?</p> <p>Ms Constable: It is a very strong work plan. We have been working on a number of issues at the moment—the Federal Court matter; preliminary stakeholders updates on the passage of legislation; the review of international best practice for radioactive waste management facilities and waste management practices; and ongoing management in relation to Maralinga. There is a whole range of areas. We are also participating in international working groups. Last week there was a meeting of the joint convention on the safety of spent fuel management and on the safety of radioactive waste management. That was held in Vienna. I am pleased to say that the approach that Australia is taking on regulation is indeed in line with international best practice. That was confirmed in that meeting.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Even the bit about informed consent?</p> <p>Ms Constable: Informed consent?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Informed consent. Was that in line with what has been discussed in Vienna? Free prior and informed consent?</p>	Page 121 28/5/12	27/07/2012	

				<p>Ms Constable: Yes, it was.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: You must be doing very well. I am not sure exactly how you phrased it—the stakeholder pack or some kind of stakeholder briefing. How did you put that?</p> <p>Ms Constable: We have been having preliminary stakeholder updates on the passage of the legislation.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Got it. Could you provide us with one of those, if you could contemplate this committee as a stakeholder? Can you provide us with the materials that you are providing to other stakeholders?</p>			
BR11	LUDLAM	RET – Resources Division	Indigenous Consultation under the EPBC Act – Ministerial correspondence	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Thank you very much. I would like to move on. Did DRET provide any advice in relation to Uncle Kevin Buzzacott’s Federal Court case against federal approval of Olympic Dam? Was RET asked to provide any advice, legal or otherwise, in relation to that case?</p> <p>Ms Constable: No. We did not provide any advice on that matter.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I refer to a letter that Minister Ferguson wrote to Mr Burke in his capacity as environment minister on 29 September 2011. It relates to a number of things, including Indigenous consultation under EPBC Act processes. Are you aware of the letter that I am referring to? I think he canvasses a number of issues in that correspondence.</p> <p>Ms Constable: I am not aware of the letter. I cannot recall the letter right at this time.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I am pretty sure the chair is going to close me down in a minute, so I will just get a couple of questions in on notice once you have had a chance to review the correspondence. Minister Ferguson writes to Minister Burke. He effectively is recommending a couple of things. One is a limit on the range of relevant Indigenous persons covered by consultation provisions in the proposed approval conditions for the Olympic Dam expansion. He wants the words ‘or interests’ to be removed from the statement ‘Indigenous persons with rights in the area’. The original comment is ‘or interests’. Minister Ferguson says in his explanation as to why he wants interests removed:</p> <p>There is danger unverified opponents not so far involved in the negotiation process could disrupt discussions between the parties.</p> <p>Could you provide us with the minister’s definition of ‘unverified opponents’ and what exactly that phrase should be taken to mean?</p> <p>Ms Constable: I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 121-122 28/5/12	27/07/2012	

			<p>Senator LUDLAM: Is there a list of such people, unverified opponents, and whether only parties in agreement with a mine expansion such as this would be invited into negotiations? According to my reading of the minister's correspondence, opponents would be automatically excluded.</p> <p>Ms Constable: We would have to examine that letter very carefully and speak to the minister about it. We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I would greatly appreciate that. It appears that the intention really is to simply restrict the number of people who might be parties to a discussion. I believe documents that were released under FOI that were received on 15 May 2012, in response to an application dated 12 December 2011, reveal that on the same day that Minister Burke signed the EPBC Act approval to Olympic Dam, which was 10 October last year, a final key change was made to the conditions of approval in accordance with, again, correspondence from the minister that you report to. Could you confirm for us whether or not the recommended level of protection was downgraded so that the activities covered by the approval went from not resulting in 'any adverse impact' to 'any significant impact' on the abundance and distribution of the Australian giant cuttlefish? Mr Ferguson wrote that he believed this was critical in his correspondence to Minister Burke on 29 September 2011. Have you got anything at the table with you that could shed some light on the minister's views?</p> <p>Ms Constable: We do not have the letter with us. The normal process on any sort of resource project is that the minister for environment would write to the Minister for Resources and Energy and ask if there are any issues that need to be taken into account before a decision is made on an EPBC matter. So that would be a normal course of correspondence that would be undertaken.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Maybe I have been out of this loop for a while. Is it normal, then, for the resources minister to write back seeking that environmental protections be downgraded for particular species?</p> <p>Ms Constable: There are a range of issues that the minister may put back to the environment minister to make sure that he is fully informed on economic and social issues that are relevant to the particular project. So I cannot answer the question specifically about that matter, but the advice varies. It would be based on the information that we have at hand and the expertise that we have in the department that would add value to the process concerned.</p>			
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BR12	SIEWERT	Geoscience Australia	Acreage Release Timeframes	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I will go to the process of the advice you provide for the release of oil and gas acreage, which I know we have traversed before. I would like to go back to some of the detail, please. When will you be providing advice on the next round of acreage release?</p>	Page 128 28/5/12	27/07/2012	

				<p>Dr Pigram: Senator, the 2012 acreage release was released at the APIA conference recently. So we start working on the 2013 one now. Basically, we are open for business in terms of suggestions from either industry or state government departments for the next round.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can you take me through it? You are starting now. In what timeframe will you provide that advice to the department?</p> <p>Dr Pigram: We will start to finalise that later this year. I will take it on notice for detailed timeframes. But the general timeframe is that we will have to prepare the packages and so forth for the information that would go out. So we would have, I think, a clear idea of what areas will go forward by the end of this calendar year. I will take it on notice and I will give you a detailed timeframe of each of the deadlines that we have.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated.</p> <p>Dr Pigram: Because there is a series of them.</p>			
BR13	SIEWERT	RET – Resources Division	Agencies consulted prior to Acreage Releases	<p>Senator SIEWERT: In terms of the process, do you actually write to the industry and to other government agencies letting them know the timeframe and that you are seeking their advice or input?</p> <p>Dr Pigram: Geoscience Australia does not, but I will pass it on to Martin Squire.</p> <p>Mr Squire: Senator, we do write to other Commonwealth agencies prior to the acreage release seeking their comments on potential issues that may impact potential applicants for those areas. Our state equivalents also undertake similar consultation with their consultation agencies as well.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So you write to the Commonwealth and state agencies?</p> <p>Mr Squire: To be perfectly clear, the Commonwealth writes to the Commonwealth agencies. The state member of the joint authority writes to the state agencies. But both state and Commonwealth agencies are consulted prior to acreage release.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Which agencies do you write to? You would not write to all of them?</p> <p>Mr Squire: No. We write to agencies, particularly at the Commonwealth level, who may have a particular interest. So at the Commonwealth level it is the department of the environment. It is also Customs, Defence and telecommunications. I am happy to provide a full list of those agencies we consult with.</p>	Page 128-129 28/5/12	27/07/2012	

BR14	SIEWERT	Geoscience Australia	Reoffering of acreage not previously taken up	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Would you go back to a particular area that had not been taken up through a previous release and look at it to try to prove it up some more?</p> <p>Dr Pigram: We may well do that with another work program, where we try it. We consult with industry and work out what it is that they feel is missing and we will see if we can fill in that piece of the puzzle.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So, for example, have you been back to look at the Mentelle Basin off the coast of WA?</p> <p>Dr Pigram: We have not, no.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Would you go back to look at that?</p> <p>Dr Pigram: Well, industry is telling us there is not adequate information there at the moment. But if there was sufficient interest from industry and there was sufficient interest from WA, we would consider looking at it again.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: He might have put it on his list then.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I am sure that anything I could say about prospectivity would not put it on the list. How many of those areas have you gone back to?</p> <p>Dr Pigram: In time frame, Senator? Recently?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Over the last, say, 10 years—the last decade.</p> <p>Dr Pigram: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 130 28/5/12	27/07/2012	
BR15	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Voluntary Redundancy process	<p>Senator BUSHBY: In terms of those who accepted voluntary redundancies, what sorts of packages are they getting?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: The process is not finished yet. Expressions of interest do not close for another week, so I do not have my final numbers.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Presumably they are being offered a package in order to take it?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Yes, it is an entitlement for staff—that is, non-SES staff—that is hardwired based on their employment history.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Without going into that in detail, would you mind taking on notice how that hardwired process works?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Yes, of course.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I should, for the record, clarify that while all of my remarks to date have been in regard to non-SES staff, I am executing a similar process—not identical in an administrative sense but in effect a similar process—for my SES staff.</p>	Page 61-62 29/5/12	27/07/2012	

				<p>Senator BUSHBY: Would you mind taking on notice the process you are putting in place for the SES, as well?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Of course.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Perhaps use a more diplomatic word than ‘executing’, when people are losing their jobs.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Thank you, Senator; you are right.</p>			
BR16	BUSHBY	Tourism Australia	Tourism Australia spend on Cooperative Airline attraction	<p>Senator BUSHBY: That is good. Thank you. What amount does Tourism Australia spend on cooperative airline attraction with Australia’s leading airports?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: Our main role, as you know, is a demand-side role—marketing. We do not spend any money on incentivising airlines to land at airports. When new capacity is coming to an airport, we often want to make sure it works and is sustained. We work very much with the states and the territories and the airports to put marketing campaigns together. There are two elements. Last year, we set aside some money—about \$2 million—specifically focused on this new route development, new routes that are coming. An example would be China Southern flying to Perth, a brand-new route, an untried route bringing China into Western Australia for the first time. We put money in partnership with Tourism Western Australia and Perth Airport—</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: You have got to go through Guangzhou rather than straight to Beijing. I almost took it the other day, but it took too long.</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: Yes, Guangzhou, Beijing. Maybe fix the transit times.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: While we're here, could you fix that! I would have taken it but—</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: It is not a bad flight. They do a good job.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: It added about six hours to the trip, though.</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: That is an example where we partner with them. Beyond that, we have airline partnerships with 14 airlines and spend over \$16 million in cooperation with airlines, including Qantas, Virgin, Emirates, China Southern, China Eastern, Air China, Singapore Airlines and so on. So, there are two elements. When a new route starts, particularly uncontested, and the Perth route is a good example, for Australian tourism it is great if that can not only work but be sustained over the long term. We market with the airline, the airport and the state. Normally, our money is minor, but each of the partners use Brand Australia, so that whole positioning was about Perth Australia using ‘There is nothing like Australia’ as the brand marketing campaign. I do not know the exact numbers and I am happy to give</p>	Page 64-65 29/5/12	27/07/2012	

				<p>them to you, but in that case we might have put something like \$500,000 into the mix, but it probably bought a \$2 million campaign about that route into Perth.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: I think we have been over some of the details of that in past estimates, but would you mind just taking on notice your list of all the airlines that you are working with and the details of how much you are putting into each of those? If you can—if it is not commercially sensitive—how much of that is leveraging out of the partnerships?</p>			
BR17	BUSHBY	RET – Tourism Division	National Tourism Research Agenda	<p>Senator BUSHBY: What are the priorities of Tourism Research Australia? You have got that modelling that we are talking about. What are their priorities? What are they using those scarce resources to do?</p> <p>Dr Jago: Having recently joined Tourism Research Australia, in terms of the research priorities, we do a lot of work in terms of the satellite accounts. We are in the process of releasing the state based tourism satellite accounts. We are doing some work at the moment on the impact of the mining boom on the tourism sector. We hope that will be released in July. There is an advisory board meeting coming up next month. From that our research agenda will be further fleshed out in terms of the modelling capacity. Internally we have a computable general equilibrium model that can be used in support of policy development.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: ‘The impact of the mining boom on the tourism sector’—that is with a view to the impact on staffing and things like that, is it?</p> <p>Dr Jago: Across the board.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Across the board. What sorts of factors is that looking at?</p> <p>Dr Jago: It is looking at labour supply, investment, resources being sucked from one sector to another et cetera. It will be a fairly comprehensive assessment.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: When is that going to be?</p> <p>Dr Jago: The modelling is being done literally as we speak. We are hoping that will be released in July.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Could I take on notice to give you the national tourism research agenda, which is the broad architecture agreed by the Tourism Ministers' Committee which provides an overarching context in addition to Dr Jago's answer?</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: That would be good.</p>	Page 69 29/5/12	27/07/2012	

BR18	BUSHBY	RET – Tourism Division	Government funding towards the Great Barrier Reef Foundation	<p>Senator BUSHBY: A couple of those I will just pick up then. The government’s funding towards the Great Barrier Reef Foundation—does that, in effect, offset the reduction in the reef visitor levy which the government applied to tourism businesses as carbon tax compensation?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Because we do not administer those programs, I do not think we can give you a definitive answer. I am happy to take it on notice in that spirit of sourcing the information for you.</p>	Page 70 29/5/12	27/07/2012	
BR19	BUSHBY	RET – Tourism Division	Small Business Initiatives for Tourism	<p>Senator BUSHBY: You mentioned some small business initiatives that were going to assist—which were basically general rather than tourism specific—including the \$700 million over four years to allow carry-back tax losses for up to \$1 million from 2012-13. What proportion of tourism businesses are actually incorporated or are able to be treated as companies for tax purposes?</p> <p>Ms Madden: We would have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: There is a fairly low proportion, well under 50 per cent, of small businesses in Australia in general that are incorporated.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: About a third.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: About a third, yes. I would suspect that tourism is probably fairly typical in that.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I would imagine it broadly reflects the SME profile.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: In which case, there is probably only a third of tourism businesses that are able to take advantage of that particular advantage that has been included in the fact sheet. Would that be a fair assessment, if that is the case?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: We will see what data we have and come back to you on notice.</p>	Page 70 29/5/12	27/07/2012	
BR20	WATERS	Tourism Australia	Tourism value of Australia’s iconic species	<p>Senator WATERS: I will look up some more details about that particular program. I am interested in whether the department or Tourism Australia has done any work to determine the economic value specifically of, say, our iconic species?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: I do not know for sure. I remember Victoria did a study on what the penguins are worth to them. They worked out how much each penguin was worth.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I am interested in those sorts of figures.</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: I do not know in detail.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Do you mean the economic value of our natural assets?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Specifically our species and then also our World Heritage places—our natural assets more broadly.</p>	Page 71-72 29/5/12	27/07/2012	

			<p>Mr Clarke: That is an interesting research question.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: It is. Hence I am asking: have you already done the work?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: It depends on what is the hypothetical and what we are testing the proposition against.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: You have been asked for the value of a penguin. Can you provide an answer to the committee? It is clearly available to you.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Can I say, ‘Yes, Minister?’</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: There might some stuff that we do not know directly, so perhaps we can take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Could you also take on notice whether you have done any research.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Or whether we can source any research that might have been in the literature.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Yes, that would be helpful: about our iconic species but also about places, particularly our World Heritage places. I am also particularly interested, obviously as a Queensland senator, in the Great Barrier Reef. Can you tell me whether you have done any research or whether you have a view as to whether there are risks to Australia’s tourism industry from the loss of those species?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Related research comes from a report recently commissioned by tourism ministers. It was delivered by Frontier Economics and recently published on the website, which talks about damage to the tourism sector that arises from climate change. It breaks that down into the various sorts of inevitable sea level rise and major storm, weather, fire et cetera events.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Biodiversity loss as well?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I cannot recall whether loss of iconic species was specifically in there, but it is an attempt to quantify the impact of degradation of Australia’s natural assets as a result of climate change.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: That sounds like it is moving in the right direction.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Yes. I am happy to provide you with that report.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Perhaps you could take on notice or answer for me whether you have a view on what the risks are to our tourism industry? For example, the koala has recently been listed federally as vulnerable, hence threatened. Does that have an impact on our tourism pull power?</p>		
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BR21	WATERS	RET – Tourism Division	Departmental input into the Green Buildings Program	<p>Senator WATERS: I will flag them and if I do not run out of time I will come back to them. I want to move on to the Tax Breaks for Green Buildings Program. Did the department have any input into that program design process?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: No, not to my knowledge. There is a fine point. The tourism industry perspective—and of course the tourism sector builds and operates a lot of buildings. I am pretty sure there was some engagement in terms of its role in the overall energy efficiency policy debate. As an energy department, we would have had some engagement, but I am not able to recall any specifics at this time.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Perhaps you could take that on notice in either the tourism or the energy capacity.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Certainly.</p>	Page 73 29/5/12	27/07/2012	
BR22	WATERS	RET – Tourism Division	Carbon abatement costs in the Tourism sector – hotels and aviation	<p>Senator WATERS: What research has RET undertaken or contributed to regarding carbon abatement costs in the tourism sector, particularly for hotels or aviation?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: This is in terms of what is the least-cost way of abating a tonne if you are a tourism operator?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Yes. That is one iteration or scenario.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Work has been done under the sustainability theme of work in the tourism sector that looked at how tourism businesses could be, and be seen to be, responding to climate change. There is data in that area and I am happy to take that on notice and provide it to you.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: That would be great, particularly on those abatement costs.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: The abatement opportunities, when you are an end user of energy, essentially go to energy efficiency. There are few other options that go through. I recall that the primary theme focused on energy efficiency opportunities, but let me come back to you with the details.</p>	Page 73-74 28/5/12	27/07/2012	
BR23	WATERS	RET – Tourism Division	Tourism initiatives and grants – Tourism 2020	<p>Senator WATERS: Likewise, is the department doing anything in particular to help regional and remote—</p> <p>Ms Madden: There are some of those initiatives, including national landscapes, which Mr McEvoy mentioned earlier. Overall, the policy context in which we are working on things like industry resilience and strengthening labour and skills is called Tourism 2020. We have details</p>	Page 75 29/5/12	27/07/2012	

				<p>of that here. It is also supported through a range of initiatives and grants, as well as research. In the grant program, and specific to Uluru, the minister announced last year that Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia's Uluru Resort is home for the Indigenous national training college for tourism and hospitality. That is an important initiative that is also seeking to ensure there will be long-term interest in the Uluru region, particularly as our research points to a growing interest of travellers to have an Indigenous experience whilst visiting particularly regional and rural parts of Australia.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: That is a success story. You mentioned that there was a range of initiatives and grants. If you would not mind, can you provide me, on notice, with a list of those with brief detail?</p> <p>Ms Madden: Yes. We have a number of publications here in relation to that and some of the questions you asked about recent data and trends, which I am happy to leave for you and the committee.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I am happy to take those.</p>			
BR24	WATERS	RET – Tourism Division	Tourism Research Australia investment	<p>Senator WATERS: I am happy to take those. I would like to move to Tourism Research Australia. How much is spent on Tourism Research Australia, and has that investment changed in the past three years?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I was asked at the opening of the hearing to respond to—</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I am sorry, I was a couple of minutes late. My apologies if you are repeating yourself.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: To put it in context before Ms Madden gives you the details, I have briefed the committee that the department is going through a reduction in staffing at the moment in the order of 20 per cent.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Yes, I heard that it was from 81 to 70.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Yes. I have decided, in consultation with the minister, to keep TRA exempt from that, so the TRA budget allocation staffing is not affected. In terms of the actual budget allocation for TRA—</p> <p>Ms Madden: I do not have that number here, but it is consistent, as the secretary said, and we will provide the exact number to the committee on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I had some questions about some other matters that Senator Bushby asked about, so I will skip over those. He touched on the tourism investment prospectus and a number of matters relating to that, being the five-year plan with Austrade and the monitor that is being set up. I am interested to know whether there has been any particular commitment to fund activities supporting that prospectus in the budget papers?</p>	Page 75 29/5/12	27/07/2012	

				<p>Mr Clarke: The costs of implementing that program are all met by the agencies and stakeholders, including our state and territory colleagues, as they fall. Austrade is funding their component of the program. Tourism Australia is funding their part from within their allocation. The states are contributing their part. There is no separate budget for this initiative and, similarly, TRA's research associated with it is incorporated into the TRA budget.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Can I seek those budget allocations from you?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: We would have to take on notice to do an attribution, a bottom-up costing, of what is going into it.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: That would be great. I hope that is not too much of an impost.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Certainly.</p>			
BR25	EDWARDS	RET – Tourism Australia	Tourism Australia funding towards the Chinese series <i>Jiang Ai</i>	<p>Senator EDWARDS: My question is a very quick one and it relates to one issue, the filming of the Chinese series in the support of Tourism Australia. It is the Chinese series that was carried out in South Australia. If you could help me with the pronunciation. Is it <i>Jiang Ai</i>?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: You will do as well as I will on that one.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I was going to correct you, but I will let it go through this time.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Minister, I believe it is Chinese for 'cherish your love forever'. How much funding did Tourism Australia put towards this Chinese television series, which was filmed in South Australia?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: We might take it on notice. We know the answer, but I have not got it in front of me.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: That was done in conjunction with Wine Australia?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: I believe so. The South Australians were involved as well.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: As a co-contribution.</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: Yes. We will check that for you.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: How will you assess your return on investment with this initiative?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: We do a few of these. We did another online series with a Chinese couple called Show Lo and Rainie Yang, where they ran five episodes online. How do we measure it? Who saw it? Did our audience</p>	Page 76 29/5/12	27/07/2012	

				<p>see it and what sort of numbers? Did they do the next thing? Did they go online and start researching and thinking about Australia? Ultimately we look at those sorts of measures. Perhaps I can make that a part of the question on notice.</p>			
BR26	EDWARDS	RET – Tourism Australia	Future tourism investment in the Asian region	<p>Senator EDWARDS: That would be terrific. Do you currently have slated in the budget going forward any other programs of this nature to try to embrace interest in Australia from the Asian region?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: We definitely do. It is a great way to get engaged. This is this whole advocacy play where these people who are well known to their audience are advocating for Australia through their own words and their own images, which are often more powerful than anything we can do in the advertising space. We have done a number of things. We did a whole Bollywood TV series. As I mentioned, we did Rainie Yang and Show Lo, who collectively have 40 million people following them in China. The Oprah Winfrey program was an example of it.</p> <p>We do a number of these. We run a thing called the International Media Hosting Program, where we host more than 300 media organisations each year to write and broadcast about the best of Australia. Sometimes they are personality led like the ones that you have described. We normally assist with on-ground help, where the industry will chip in with good rates for the hotels, transport et cetera. The states and territories work with us and we sometimes put cash and in-kind in. It is a good way to get a big message out through the eyes of these important people.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Can you quantify the amount that is planned to be spent in this region with co-investments with other states and other industry sectors?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: I will take that on notice. I am happy to outline that for you.</p>	Page 76-77 29/5/12	27/07/2012	
BR27	BUSHBY	RET – Resources Division	Mining Safety	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could you please provide an update on the implementation of the National Mine Safety Database? 2. Has there been delays in its implementation? If so, what are the reasons for the delays? 3. How will it function? 4. Does each state and territory have to provide input into this database? 5. How much has it cost to formulate? 6. How much will it cost to maintain? 	Written 4/6/12	27/07/2012	

BR28	HEFFERNAN	RET – Resources Division	UNEP Global Binding Mercury Instrument.	<p>In 2010 your Department published the “Australian Gold Resources” Map of Australia which defines the extent of past and present gold mining activities in Australia.</p> <p>This map indicates that approximately 32.6% of the Australian landmass has been subjected to gold mining activities since the late 1840’s. This map also indicates that in excess of 470 historical gold mining areas exist across Australia.</p> <p>Recent work carried out by Australia’s only specialist mercury recovery company, indicates that a conservative 600,000+ tonnes of mercury was lost into the environment from gold mining operations in Australia, up to the period when widespread use of mercury in gold mining activities ended, in the early 1970’s.</p> <p>This extremely large tonnage of lost mercury indicates that vast areas of Australia could be heavily contaminated with mercury, to the detriment, health-wise, of local residents and the environment, in affected areas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could you please provide all of your department’s risk assessments regarding all forms of mercury pollution existing across the Australian landmass that are either completed, presently underway, or still in the planning phase. 2. Can you also please provide your detailed explanation of why your Department has not been proactive in the rehabilitation of this the very first of the large scale Australian mining industry legacy issues. 3. Please provide your budget estimates allocated for mercury research and recovery for the next 10 years and the budget for construction of a National Mercury Permanent Containment Facility, which will be required under the finalised UNEP Binding Mercury Instrument? If not, why not, please provide details 	Written 6/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR29	BUSHBY	RET – Clean Energy Division	Global Carbon Capture and Storage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department please provide a list of organisations that the Institute has provide funds to, the purpose of these grants and what outputs the Institute has received from these funds? Please indicate whether funds were given up front to organisations or whether funds were provided as milestone payments against performance. 2. Can the Department please provide the cost of fitting out the Canberra office, including as separate items, the costs of fixtures and fittings in the main boardroom in the office? 	Written 8/6/12	27/07/2012	

				<p>3. Can the Department please provide details of the recruitment processor for a number of general managers, including the hiring of Victor Der in 2011 and John Scowcroft in 2012. What advertisements were made of these hirings and how much was spent on executive search?</p> <p>4. Have any of the members of the Institute complained about the funding of successful projects? If so, can you please provide the details of these complaints?</p>			
BR30	McKENZIE	RET – Corporate Services	Carbon Tax modelling on Departmental running costs & electricity usage	<p>1. Has the department modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs?</p> <p>2. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not?</p> <p>3. How much electricity does the department use? What does this cost the department in electricity bills?</p>	Written 12/06/12	27/07/2012	
BR31	McKENZIE	Geoscience Australia	Landslides	<p>Following the more than 190 landslides throughout the Grampians National Park that were triggered by the January 2011 floods, the Northern Grampians Shire Council developed some landslide guidelines – for which they were recently recognised at the 2012 National Awards for Local Government.</p> <p>However the Shire had to cover the unexpected and expensive geotech.</p> <p>1. Does Geoscience Australia have any geotech data available for its own use? If so, what exists? Can this information be shared when necessary? With whom and for what reason?</p> <p>2. Could Geoscience Australia partner with Councils or other organizations to help in situations such as this one?</p>	Written 12/6/12, transferred from DIISRTE on 14/06/12	27/07/2012	
BR32	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Staffing - Recruitment	<p>1. How many ongoing staff have been 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 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR33	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	SES Staffing	<p>Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency in the years this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.</p>	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR34	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Graduate Training	<p>Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details including costs and what the training is.</p>	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

BR35	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Graduate Recruitment	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR36	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program, what the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. 3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 5. 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. 6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 7. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

BR37	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 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. 5. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 6. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 7. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 8. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR38	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date. 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR39	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 3. 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 department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? 4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

BR40	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Community Cabinet Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? 2. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location. 3. 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? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location. 4. 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, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 5. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR41	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Reviews are being undertaken? 2. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded 3. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? 4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 5. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 6. What reviews are planned? 7. When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR42	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 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. 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

BR43	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Media Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 2. 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR44	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage 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 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR45	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost). 3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

				<p>5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</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 (including the work undertaken and the cost).</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 (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>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 (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
BR46	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Discretionary Grants	<p>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.</p> <p>2. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR47	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Commissioned Reports	<p>1. 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 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

BR48	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Government Payments of Accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If not, why not? Provide details, including 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) b) 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? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR49	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Stationary Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 2. What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 3. What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR50	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

BR51	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Travel Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 3. Are the Government’s Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. 4. 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 total costs of the lounge memberships. 5. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an 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. 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR52	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Legal Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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 of each service and costs. 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. 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. 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

BR53	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Education Expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the department/agency’s guidelines on study? Please provide details. 2. 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, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency. 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR54	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 2. For each service purchased form a provider listed, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency’s own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 			
BR55	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Media Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed, please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

BR56	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Paid Parental Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 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? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR57	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR58	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Corporate Cars	<p>Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 2. Where is the car/s located? 3. What is the car/s used for? 4. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 5. How far did each car travel this financial year to date? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR59	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Taxi Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR60	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 			
BR61	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR62	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Provision of Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs. 2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 4. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 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. 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR63	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Electricity Purchasing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. 2. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 3. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date? 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	

BR64	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Alternative Policy Costing	<p>1. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? b) What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. c) Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. d) How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. <p>2. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? b) What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced. c) Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken. d) How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	
BR65	BUSHBY	RET – Corporate Services	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written 13/6/12	27/07/2012	