

QoN No.	Agency/ Outcome	Senator	Broad Topic	QUESTION	Hansard/ Ref
1	Cross	Cash	Staffing	What is the total expenditure on staffing for the Department and for all portfolio agencies? What is the SES and non-SES breakdown?	Written
2	Cross	Cash	Staffing	What are the current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers? What is the breakdown by location?	Written
3	Cross	Cash	Staffing	What have been the changes in ASL since October 2010? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the Budgetary implications?	Written
4	Cross	Cash	Staffing	In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? What functions have been sacrificed and why?	Written
5	Cross	Cash	Staffing	Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this?	Written
6	Cross	Cash	Staffing	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?	Written
7	Cross	Cash	Election Commitments	What is the status of each 2007 and 2010 election commitment within the portfolio? Which election Commitments are experiencing slippages? Why? Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates? What are the implications of this slippage?	Written
8	Cross	Cash	Electoral Reports	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?	Written
9	Cross	Cash	Electoral Reports	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.	Written
10	Cross	Cash	Electoral Reports	Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007?	Written
11	Cross	Cash	Consultancies	How much has the Department spent on consultancy services since 1 July 2010? How does the Department justify this expenditure?	Written
12	Cross	Cash	Consultancies	Please 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.	Written
13	Cross	Cash	Advertising and Marketing	How much has the Department spent on advertising and marketing since 1 July 2010? What is the justification for this expenditure?	Written
14	Cross	Cash	Advertising and Marketing	Please provide a complete list of current contracts. Please indicate the rationale for each service provided and its intended use.	Written
15	Cross	Cash	Discretionary Grants	Please provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since 1 January 2010? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Written

16	Cross	Cash	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in the FACSIA portfolio since 1 January 2010?</p> <p>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>How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written
17	Cross	Cash	Women on Government Boards	How many women have been appointed to Government Boards since the last Estimates hearing in October 2010?	Written
18	Cross	Ryan	I-Pads	With reference to CN325340, CN358863 and CN331100 for the purchase of ipads and accessories – what has been the department's total expenditure on I-pads?	Written
19	Cross	Ryan	I-Pads	Why were ipads purchased? What is their purpose?	Written
20	Cross	Ryan	I-Pads	<p>What was the cost of each I-Pad?</p> <p>Who received the I-Pads?</p>	Written
21	Cross	Moore	Emergency Response Business Continuity	Could you provide a report in terms of the way the emergency report plans clicked in, and also the role that FaHCSIA had at the regional level in the various emergency responses?	24/2/2011 - CA4
22	Cross	Fifield	Legal Proceedings	Could you provide a list of any ongoing legal proceedings that the department is engaged in?	24/2/2011 - CA6
23	Cross	Fifield	Overseas Travel	Have any departmental staff travelled overseas on official business this financial year? Could you provide details of who travelled, for what reasons, at what cost and when?	24/2/2011 - CA6
24	Cross	Fifield	Working from Home	How many FaHCSIA staff worked from home in 2009-10 and this financial year to date (formal at home work arrangements)?	24/2/2011 - CA6
25	Cross	Fifield	Cultural Leave	<p>Could you advise what constitutes cultural leave?</p> <p>What are the criteria used to determine what is appropriate for cultural leave?</p> <p>Could you provide a copy of those guidelines (including NAIDOC guidelines)?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA7
26	Cross	Fifield	Cultural Leave	Could you provide a list of those particular days, festivals or event for which cultural leave has been sought?	24/2/2011 - CA8
27	Cross	Fifield	Paid Parental Leave Campaign	What sort of activities does the \$122,000 allocated for PR encompass?	24/2/2011 - CA8
28	Cross	Fifield	Paid Parental Leave Campaign	To provide some context for the \$4.6 million-odd for this campaign, could you provide comparisons with the Pensioner Reform campaign and the Stimulus Package campaign?	24/2/2011 - CA10
29	Cross	Fifield	I-Pad Applications	Could you provide a list of the applications which the iPads have?	24/2/2011 - CA10

30	Cross	Fifield	Promoting Good Health Payments	Could you advise whether SES officers receive the Promoting Good Health payment? Could you also look into whether it would be appropriate to rename the payment now that it does not have to be acquitted?	24/2/2011 - CA11-12
31	Cross	Siewert	Not-for-Profit Grants	Are you able to give us an idea of what it costs the department in terms of their contracting for managing and running grants with not-for-profits?	24/2/2011 - CA12
32	Cross	Bernardi	Paid Parental Leave	How many people in the department actually accessed paid parental leave (or equivalent) in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10?	24/2/2011 - CA15
33	1	Ryan	Paid Parental Leave	What is the expected PPL compliance cost for a small business after 1 July 2011 with: a) 1-4 employees? b) 5-19 employees?	Written
34	1	Ryan	Paid Parental Leave	Will the PPL scheme be Standard Business Reporting compliant?	Written
35	1	Ryan	Paid Parental Leave	Are employees still eligible to receive PPL payments if they are living overseas during their time of leave?	Written
36	1	Ryan	Paid Parental Leave	If a recipient is living overseas, can employers be compelled to pay the entitlement into overseas bank accounts? If so, what arrangements are in place to protect employers from action taken against them by the government if there is a delay in recipients receiving payments paid through overseas' banking institutions.	Written
37	1	Ryan	Paid Parental Leave	Was a Regulatory Impact Statement conducted by the Department to quantify the administrative burden that will be placed on employers once they are forced to become 'pay-clerks' for the scheme post June 30. If not, why not.	Written
38	1	Siewert	Education Outcomes for Children on Guardianship or Custody Orders	Background – A report by AIHW, Educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders: a pilot study, stage 2, presents a snapshot of the academic performance of children on guardianship/custody orders from 2003 to 2006, and changes in their performance over this period. This concludes a two-stage pilot study, the first of its kind in Australia. A considerable proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders are not meeting the national benchmarks for reading and numeracy (ranging from 4% to 68% across states and years), and Indigenous children within this group are particularly disadvantaged. 1. Is the Department aware of the report? 2. If so, is there concern about the findings? 3. How is the Department responding to the report?	Written

39	1	Boswell	Paid Parental Leave - Commonwealth Public Servants	<p>For the period 2011-2012:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many beneficiaries are expected to receive paid parental leave under the new government-funded paid parental leave scheme under the Paid Parental Leave Act 2010 (referred to herein as "18 week PPL")? 2. How many of those beneficiaries are expected to be Commonwealth public servants? 3. Excluding scheme administration costs, what is the anticipated cost of 18 week PPL payments to be paid to all beneficiaries? 4. Excluding scheme administration costs, what is the anticipated cost of 18 week PPL payments to be paid to beneficiaries who are Commonwealth public servants? 5. How many Commonwealth public servants who will receive 18 week PPL payments will also receive additional government-funded parental leave payments under existing awards, employment contracts or otherwise? 6. What is the anticipated total cost (including a separate figure for administration costs) of government-funded parental leave payments, other than under the 18 week PPL scheme, to be paid to Commonwealth public servants? 7. On average, how many weeks parental leave pay and superannuation would be funded by the government in addition to the 18 week PPL and at what rate of pay? 	Written
40	1	Boswell	Paid Parental Leave – Means Test	<p>For the period 2011-2012:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the means tests for 18 week PPL were based on combined family adjusted taxable income, rather than individual adjusted taxable income, how many people would become ineligible for 18 week PPL payments? 2. Leaving aside administration savings, what would be the net savings in 18 week PPL payments? 	Written

41	Outcome 1	Boswell	Paid Parental Leave and Baby Bonus – Administrative Costs	<p>For the period 2011-12:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the estimate of the total number of recipients of 18 week PPL? 2. What is the anticipated total cost to business of administering the 18 week PPL scheme? Please provide a breakdown of the various anticipated costs to large and small businesses. 3. What is the anticipated total cost to government of administering the 18 week PPL scheme, excluding the cost of leave payments to recipients? Please provide a detailed breakdown of these costs including – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. under the Paid Parental Leave Act 2010 (Part 2), the cost of determining whether 18 week PPL is payable to a person; ii. under the Paid Parental Leave Act 2010 (Part 3), the cost of administering payment of 18 week PPL; iii. under the Paid Parental Leave Act 2010 (Part 4), the cost of administering the compliance and enforcement provisions relating to PPL; and iv. any other costs to government. 4. What is the average cost to government of administering the 18 week PPL scheme per eligible person receiving this benefit (excluding the payments to beneficiaries)? 5. What is the estimate of the total number of recipients of the Baby Bonus? 6. What is the anticipated total cost to government of administering the Baby Bonus (excluding the payments to beneficiaries)? 7. What is the anticipated total cost to business of administering the Baby Bonus? 8. What is the average cost to government of administering the Baby Bonus per eligible person 	Written
42	1	Cash	Paid Parental Leave Entitlements	How many APS employees would be entitled to claim under both schemes?	24/2/2011 - CA16
43	1	Adams	Paid Parental Leave Entitlements	Is there the possibility of a person with dual citizenship, who is working in another country, to claim PPL twice?	24/2/2011 - CA18
44	1	Adams	Time Required for Business to Administer Paid Parental Leave	Could you provide further information on how the assumptions were worked out?	24/2/2011 - CA18
45	1	Siewert	Family Relationship Centres	<p>Are you aware that some of the services in Victoria commissioned someone to have a look at how they were sharing data across the FRC centres?</p> <p>If there was a report produced, do you have a copy?</p> <p>If anything came out of this, what was your response, or what will it be?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA22
46	1	Fifield	Family Support Program Funding	Could you provide information about the nature of the representations that have been received expressing concern about the cuts?	24/2/2011 - CA23
47	2	Boyce	Unmet Need	How does the Department make policy decisions, establish policy priorities, design programs or make funding decisions in the area of homelessness if it does not know what the level of need is?	Written

48	2	Payne	Housing Affected by Natural Disasters	How many properties in Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales have been affected by recent natural disasters to the extent of being uninhabitable? Can the department break this down by geographical area within those states? Does the department have costs, or estimates, of the funding and time that will be required to repair these houses?	Written
49	2	Payne	Housing Contractors	How many contractors under the various social housing programs have been put into administration or otherwise been placed in a situation that makes them unable to perform their contracted work? How many houses has this affected? Have these projects gone out to tender for completion?	Written
50	2	Payne	Discretionary Funding for Homelessness	How much discretionary funding does the Commonwealth Government currently have for homelessness measures?	Written
51	2	Payne	Re-tendering for Social Housing Contractors In NSW	Will the retendering for the unfinished social housing projects in NSW include those in Towradgi and Tarrawanna?	24/2/2011 - CA59
52	2	Payne	Construction Rate	What is Australia's current housing construction rate?	24/2/2011 - CA62
53	2	Payne	First Home Saver Accounts	What was the original available number of First Home Saver Accounts? What are the department's comments in relation to what effect it is having on enhancing housing affordability?	24/2/2011 - CA63
54	2	Payne	Consolidated Public Housing Waiting Lists	Can you update the committee as to where the jurisdictions are up to in working towards integrated waiting lists and whether it is expected that the July 2011 target date will be met?	24/2/2011 - CA65

55	2	Payne	Transfer of Housing Stock to Community Housing	<p>Flowing from the agreement of the housing ministers some time ago now – which was probably their conference in 2009, so almost two years ago – there was an agreement about expanding the not-for-profit sector and transferring three-quarters of the housing stock funded under the stimulus package to community housing across the next five years.</p> <p>What proportion of housing stock built has been transferred to date in each state and territory?</p> <p>What future commitments have each state and territory government made to transfer the stock?</p> <p>What commitments have been made and honoured to transfer not just the management responsibility to the community housing sector, but to transfer full unencumbered title?</p> <p>Does the government support the transfer of unencumbered title of social housing stock to community housing providers to enable the growth of the sector, so it can build its asset base and then leverage private capital investment?</p> <p>What specific measures is the government taking to ensure that the states and territories transfer as much of that social housing stock as possible to the community housing sector?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA66
56	2	Ludlam	Social Housing Expenditure	<p>How much of the \$20 billion is one-off funding and how much of it will still be there in the forward estimates in two or three years? For example, the social housing spend that fell out of the stimulus package – once that is gone it is gone. How much of the other amounts of money that you just ran us through work that way?</p> <p>Could you provide us with the sunset clauses on each of those different programs?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA70
57	2	Payne	Transition to New Homelessness Service IT System	<p>Can you tell us the locations of training in each state and territory?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA71

58	3	Boyce	FaHCSIA Funded Organisations in QLD	<p>During questioning before the Committee Mr. Riley from your Department was asked a series of questions relating to the numbers and identities of FaHCSIA funded services that had been affected by both flood and cyclone events in Queensland.</p> <p>In Mr. Riley's answers on page 36 of the "Draft Hansard" of those proceedings he gave details that would appear to be only referring to FaHCSIA funded services in and I quote, "cyclone affected areas in Queensland".</p> <p>Could the Department clarify those answers by detailing all FaHCSIA funded organizations affected in any way by both flood and cyclone events in Queensland.</p> <p>Could the Department provide details of the way in which they were affected, their names and locations under two headings, "Flood Affected" and "Cyclone Affected"?</p>	Written
59	3	Boyce	Recovery Assistance	<p>Further, we ask, during the same estimates hearings when Ms Carroll was asked why assistance to disaster affected community and 'not-for-profit' groups hadn't been included in recovery assistance before February 18? In her answer Ms Carroll said and I quote, "Some things get triggered straightaway because they are obvious..."</p> <p>Could this answer be explained?</p> <p>Is the Department suggesting that the needs of community groups and not-for-profits, in these natural calamities, were not obvious?</p> <p>Does this indicate that the very Department charged with taking care of these interests gives their clients a lower priority than say, small business?</p>	Written
60	3	Boyce	Productivity Commissions Inquiry Into Gambling Reform	<p>On Thursday February 24, Ms Carroll of the Department was asked why the Department had not made a submission to the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into gambling reform, in reply she said, "I would have to take on notice exactly whether we had an IDC or anything at that particular time."</p> <p>Could the Department provide the "IDC or anything ", if it exists?</p> <p>Could the Department detail the reasons and the process involved in the Department deciding not to make a submission to the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into gambling reform?</p>	Written
61	3	Boyce	Productivity Commissions Inquiry Into Gambling Reform	<p>What was the process in coming to the decision not to contribute, or not to make a submission?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA30

62	3	Siewert	Income Management	<p>Could you provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the numbers of people that have been rolled over onto income management that were in the 73 prescribed communities; -the number of people that have gone newly onto income management; -the number of people that have been classified as vulnerable; -the number of people that have come off income management; and -the number of people that have been exempted (and break it down for the reasons why if possible). Including the number of people exempted that are Aboriginal and those who are non-Aboriginal. 	24/2/2011 - CA34-35
63	3	Boyce	FaHCSIA Funded Organisations in QLD	<p>How many FaHCSIA funded organisations in Queensland were directly affected by the floods or cyclone?</p> <p>Can you tell me who are the nine FaHCSIA funded services that are not operating?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA36
64	3	Boyce	Grants for Clean-up and Recovery for Not-for-Profit organisations in QLD	<p>Could you provide a general brief on what has happened in the process of the payments?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA36-37
65	4	Fierravanti-Wells	Pension Advance Payment Options	<p>Do you have a breakdown of those 600,000 that may have accessed the pension advance payment option more than once?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA26
66	4	Fierravanti-Wells	Broadband for Seniors	<p>How many applications were actually received?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA29
67	4	Fierravanti-Wells	Staffing Numbers	<p>How many staff are working within Seniors in the department?</p>	Written
68	4	Fierravanti-Wells	Staffing Numbers	<p>Why was the staffing level of 151 which was budgeted for in 2009-10 increased to 178?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Was the increase due to the election and policy preparation the department was required to do for the government in the lead up to the election? <input type="checkbox"/> If the increase wasn't for the election what was the increase due to? 	Written
69	4	Fierravanti-Wells	Staffing Numbers	<p>Are staffing levels expected to stay the same, increase or decrease this financial year?</p>	Written
70	4	Fierravanti-Wells	Seniors Ministerial Briefing Numbers	<p>Has the Seniors section of the department provided Ministerial Briefs to either the Minister for FaHCSIA or the Minister for Ageing specifically on seniors since the last election? If so, how many have been provided to each Minister?</p>	Written
71	4	Fierravanti-Wells	Seniors Briefings to PM&C	<p>Has the Seniors section within the FaHCSIA been asked to provide the Prime Minister, including through the department of PM&C any briefings on senior's issues, if so how many, since the last election?</p>	Written

72	4	Fierravanti-Wells	Seniors Staff Travel to Workshops, Conferences etc	<p>Have staff from Seniors within FaHCSIA attended conferences, workshops, seminars or planning days outside of Canberra? If so, please advise:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> where were these located</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> what were the titles and objectives of these?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> what was the cost to the department for attendance at these, including travel?</p>	Written
73	5	Siewert	Helping Children with Autism Package	What is the current status of the Helping Children with Autism Program?	Written
74	5	Siewert	Helping Children with Autism Package	<p>How much of the \$190m over 4 years has been spent to date?</p> <p>What are the forward projections?</p>	Written
75	5	Siewert	Helping Children with Autism Package	Has this program been undersubscribed?	Written
76	5	Siewert	Helping Children with Autism Package	How has this program been promoted? What information is available?	Written
77	5	Siewert	Disability Support Pension - Living Overseas	If the changes to DSP residence rules are implemented would the Government bring the DSP in line with other working age pensions and apply a two year residency waiting period to DSP? (Currently it is subject to a ten year waiting period in line with the Aged Pension).	Written
78	5	Siewert	Disability Support Pension - Living Overseas	Does the Department believe that the changes to DSP residence rules will lead to additional expenditure as some of the 154 identified people may be required to move back to Australia and will subsequently require services and supports that they are currently accessing overseas?	Written
79	5	Siewert	Disability Support Pension - Living Overseas	<p>Has or will the Government get legal advice on whether the right of freedom of movement under Australia's international obligations are compromised by the proposed changes to DSP?</p> <p>If so, are the changes consistent with our international obligations?</p>	Written
80	5	Bernardi	Funding for "Make a Difference"	<p>I refer to an article in the Logan West Leader from 9 February 2011 concerning an organisation called "Make a Difference" (MAD) which helps children care for their mentally ill or drug addicted parents. The article states that, until last year, MAD was funded through a \$500,000 Federal Government grant, but is now set to lose its premises and staff due to the removal of this funding. I ask that you advise:</p> <p>1. Why the funding has been cut?</p> <p>2. Who made the decision to cut this funding and when?</p>	Written
81	5	Boyce	Unmet Need	How does the Department make policy decisions, establish policy priorities, design programs or make funding decisions in the area of disabilities if it does not know what the level of need is?	Written

82	5	Boyce	Unmet Need	If the Department does know the level of need in the areas of disabilities or the area of homelessness could you please tell us what it is and exactly how you arrived at the figures provided?	Written
83	5	Boyce	Cairns Mental Health Carers Support Hub	<p>In Senate Estimates before the Community Affairs Committee the Department was asked a series of questions about the continuation of the program known as the Cairns Mental Health Carers Support Hub.</p> <p>The answers provided by Ms Winkler, were frankly confusing and contradictory, please note the following from her testimony,</p> <p>"The government is committed to continuity of service."</p> <p>"The services will be asked to submit a proposal as to what they can undertake within the quantum of funds that are available. There are no substantial additional funds available to the program in the out years."</p> <p>"They will get a commensurate level of funding to what they have been funded to date. There is no additional funding available at this time."</p> <p>"There will be continuity of service for the existing providers."</p> <p>Consequently we have the following questions: When the Department uses the phrase "continuity of service" in this context is the Department saying that a similar service will be offered in the same area but it just won't be run or administered by the Hub team?</p>	Written
84	5	Boyce	Cairns Mental Health Carers Support Hub	<p>Will the Hub program in its present form be receiving on going funding from Jul 1 2011?</p> <p>Why does the Hub program have to submit a new proposal for funding when there record of operation is exemplary?</p>	Written
85	5	Boyce	Cairns Mental Health Carers Support Hub	Does the Department accept that by any 'KPI's" the Hub program has produced excellent outcomes and enormous value for the funding dollars it has been given thus far?	Written
86	5	Boyce	Cairns Mental Health Carers Support Hub	You acknowledge that continuity of service is an important component of the sort of services offered by this program, why then would the Department create such acclimate of uncertainty about the future of the Hub program and its staff?	Written

87	5	Fifield	Helping Children with Autism	<p>A number of parents have told me that the information they receive regarding their entitlements under the HCWA program is confusing. Specifically, it is unclear to parents how much of their entitlement they have spent in a particular year and how much they are still entitled to spend. As a result, some parents have incurred significant out-of-pocket expenses.</p> <p>Are you aware of some of these issues?</p>	Written
88	5	Fifield	Helping Children with Autism	<p>Do parents receive statements setting out in a clear and understandable way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their total entitlement • How much they have spent so far • Their remaining entitlement in the current year, etc? 	Written
89	5	Fifield	Changes to Eligibility for Carers Allowance for Parents of Children with Type 1 Diabetes over the age of 10	<p>These questions are directed to FaHCSIA, Human Services and Centrelink, where relevant</p> <p>Since July 2010, how has the eligibility criteria changed – either through medical reports or through Centrelink – in relation to Carers Allowance for carers of children with Type 1 Diabetes?</p>	Written
90	5	Fifield	Changes to Eligibility for Carers Allowance for Parents of Children with Type 1 Diabetes over the age of 10	<p>On what basis was a decision made to effectively discriminate between the care required by children under the age of 10 and the care required by children over the age of 10?</p>	Written
91	5	Fifield	Changes to Eligibility for Carers Allowance for Parents of Children with Type 1 Diabetes over the age of 10	<p>What was the predicted saving of making this change in terms of the number of carers now ineligible for carers allowance?</p>	Written
92	5	Fifield	Supported Accommodation - 2008 Promise of 313 Places	<p>I refer you to the Government's commitment in 2008 for an additional 313 supported accommodation places</p> <p>Last October you reported to us that 142 places had been delivered. Can you please give me an update on how many places have now been delivered?</p>	Written

93	5	Fifield	Supported Accommodation - 2008 Promise of 313 Places	<p>It was 4 months ago that we heard about the MoU with the States regarding this funding and its lack of reporting requirements.</p> <p>4 months ago you were unable to tell me where exactly the provided places are. Have you now been able to find out where these supported accommodation places that the Government has funded are?</p> <p>Please provide the Committee with a breakdown of the places delivered by federal electorate</p> <p>Senator McLucas, have you been invited to and/or attended the opening of any of these places?</p>	Written
94	5	Fifield	Supported Accommodation - 2008 Promise of 313 Places	<p>On my travels I've seen many examples of supported accommodation places being built, particularly those built with privately-raised funds, and then lying vacant when State Governments don't provide the individual support packages.</p> <p>Does the Government have an agreement with the States that new places funded with Commonwealth money will be guaranteed to be provided with individual support packages?</p>	Written
95	5	Fifield	Supported Accommodation - Additional 150 Places (to be delivered through a competitive funding round)	<p>Can you please update me on the progress of the Government's election commitment to fund a further 150 places?</p>	Written
96	5	Fifield	Supported Accommodation - Additional 150 Places (to be delivered through a competitive funding round)	<p>Have you developed the criteria to be used for assessing applications for this funding?</p> <p>Does/Will the criteria include an assessment of relative need? i.e. how much a particular geographic area is in need of additional supported accommodation places?</p>	Written

97	5	Fifield	Supported Accommodation - Additional 150 Places (to be delivered through a competitive funding round)	<p>How exactly will the Commonwealth assess need in geographical areas? I am interested because back in October, Dr Hartland told us:</p> <p>Dr Hartland—The states are responsible for planning for disability services within their jurisdictions, so they have robust mechanisms to know where the need is. The Commonwealth does not have a source of data which would allow us to make a judgment as to whether Ipswich or Townsville were more deserving of additional accommodation.</p> <p>So how will the Commonwealth be making judgements about who receives funding through this latest package?</p>	Written
98	5	Fifield	ADE - Indexation	<p>What funding increase can ADEs expect for the 2011-12 financial year?</p> <p>Is the Government confident that this will be adequate funding for ADEs?</p>	Written
99	5	Fifield	ADE - Indexation	<p>What consultation has the Government / Department undertaken with ADEs and / or with peak bodies such as National Disability Services in regards to the appropriate funding increase for ADEs?</p>	Written
100	5	Fifield	ADE - Indexation	<p>Is the Department aware that National Disability Services has recommended an indexation rate of 3.5% for 2011-12?</p>	Written
101	5	Fifield	Better Start for Children with a Disability	<p>How are you progressing with the planning and implementation of this initiative?</p>	Written
102	5	Fifield	Better Start for Children with a Disability	<p>What measures are you taking to ensure there are not capacity issues with the panel of approved service providers? i.e. that the providers can adequately meet demand for the program?</p>	Written
103	5	Fifield	Better Start for Children with a Disability	<p>What plans does the Government have to ensure all eligible parents are made aware of the assistance available to them and their children under the program?</p>	Written
104	5	Fifield	Better Start for Children with a Disability	<p>What are the Government's plans to assist with early intervention for children who have other intellectual disabilities? E.g. rare conditions?</p>	Written
105	5	Fifield	ADEs - Marketing Effectiveness	<p>Who controls the website www.australiandisabilityenterprises.com.au ?</p>	Written
106	5	Fifield	ADEs - Marketing Effectiveness	<p>Does FaHCSIA ultimately make decisions about how ADEs are marketed, including branding and positioning?</p> <p>Please detail the different initiatives FaHCSIA supports to market and attract business for ADEs, and how much each of those has cost?</p>	Written
107	5	Fifield	ADEs - Marketing Effectiveness	<p>Has the Department undertaken any evaluation of the effectiveness of these initiatives?</p>	Written

108	5	Fifield	Physical Disability Australia	<p>BACKGROUND:</p> <p>At the October estimates hearings we asked questions regarding the governance arrangements of Physical Disability Australia amid a series of complaints made by former board members.</p> <p>On 8 February 2011, Nick Hartland from FaHCSIA wrote to one of those former board members. In his letter he says:</p> <p>“Our senior staff are meeting with PDA via teleconference each month and PDA has agreed to an independent review of its governance and operation, which FaHCSIA will pay for.”</p> <p>He went on to say:</p> <p>“...the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers, Senator Jan McLucas MP has asked FaHCSIA to again review the documents you provided and to undertake a further investigation. That work is underway.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When did your staff begin their teleconferences with PDA? • What is the purpose of these monthly teleconferences? 	Written
109	5	Fifield	Physical Disability Australia	Is this an unusual thing for FaHCSIA officers to be doing? Having regular teleconferences with a peak body?	Written
110	5	Fifield	Physical Disability Australia	How often are officers meeting via teleconference with the other peak disability and carer bodies?	Written
111	5	Fifield	Physical Disability Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator McLucas, why have you asked FaHCSIA to conduct a further review of documentation provided and directed the Department to undertake that further investigation? • Who is conducting the independent review of PDA's governance and operation? • When was the decision taken to have this independent review conducted and how much will it cost? • When will the review report? • Will you undertake to release its findings? 	Written
112	5	Fifield	Dyslexia Working Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will the Government be responding to this report? • Why is it taking so long for the Government to respond to this report? <p>Isn't this yet another example of your Government commissioning work on an issue and then not following through?</p>	Written

113	5	Fifield	DSP - Overseas Portability (Borrowman Issue)	<p>I refer to the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010.</p> <p>The Bill was listed for debate in the Senate in the final sitting week of last year, but then disappeared from the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator McLucas, why did the Government withdraw this legislation from consideration by the Senate last year, given it contained two time critical measures in relation to DSP and Special Disability Trusts? 	Written
114	5	Fifield	DSP - Overseas Portability (Borrowman Issue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I refer to QON 186 from SBE. In October 2010 - What has the Government done to address the issues raised by Mr Borrowman? • Will the Government put forward an amendment of its own to address the issue affecting Mr Borrowman? 	Written
115	5	Fifield	DSP - Overseas Portability (Borrowman Issue)	When will the legislation come back before the Parliament?	Written
116	5	Fifield	Destination of School Leavers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many school leavers with a disability are there each year? • How many, expressed both as a number and as a percentage of the total, go to ADEs, how many go to Transition To Work programs, and how many go to community participation programs? • Please provide these figures and percentages for the past 6 years. 	Written
117	5	Fifield	Disability Ambassadors – appointment of Ms Catherine Deveny	Did the Department draw Ms Catherine Deveny's comments to the attention of Mr Shorten before the disability ambassador appointment was made?	24/2/2011 - CA49
118	5	Boyce	Disability Support Pension	Would you be able to provide information on what work, if any, the department is doing in regard to whether there should be one disability support pension for people irrespective of their ability to pass a work test or not, and also the other area is what work with COAG you would be doing around portability of disability pension and funding? and any work that might be happening on those areas.	24/2/2011 - CA52
119	5	Siewert	Mental Health Carers	Has there been further consideration given to funding for a peak body for mental health carers?	24/2/2011 - CA53

120	5	Siewert	Disability Trusts	<p>There is still the issue of people who have bought a property for their son or daughter, trying to do the right thing, to look after them, and they are now having difficulties with basically transferring it, and the impact that is having on their pension.</p> <p>Presuming that people start taking up the trust, et cetera, there may be a finite number of people who have in fact already bought a property to put in it and they then want to transfer it. Do you have an idea of how many people and how many properties we are talking about?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA54
121	5	Boyce	Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	<p>As to the funding of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder organisations, is there any undertaken by FaHCSIA?</p> <p>Whether it is a disability or a health problem, I would be interested in knowing what, if any, funding you have in research or any other area for that.</p>	24/2/2011 - CA56-57
122	5	Siewert	PHaMS in the APY Lands	<p>Could you provide information on which communities CatholicCare NT deliver support for, the number of people on the lands, and also the funding that is available for those services for 2010-11. Also, are the same provisions being made for the next financial year or will funding be increased?</p> <p>Could you also provide the community work that is done in each of those communities?</p> <p>In addition, could you also include the 10 remote sites and the funding allocated to each of them?</p>	25/2/2011 - CA64-65
123	6	C Brown	UN Women	Does the Office of Women have any role in the negotiations around Australia's participation in the newly formed UN Women? If yes, please detail?	Written
124	6	C Brown	UN Women	Has there been any discussion about the process for Australia and the Pacific women for participation as there are no representatives on the UN Women board? If yes, please detail?	Written
125	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	<p>When did the 1800 RESPECT telephone service actually commence?</p> <p>When was the first call received by the service?</p>	Written
126	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	<p>How many members of staff are employed to work on the 1800 RESPECT service?</p> <p>How many members of staff are available to take calls at any one time?</p>	Written
127	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	<p>As this is a 24 hour service, what is the roster of the shifts worked by the counsellors?</p> <p>Where is the staff located?</p> <p>Please provide a copy of the rosters that have been worked for each shift since the 1800 RESPECT service commenced.</p>	Written

128	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	Minister Ellis said 1800 RESPECT will give callers access to qualified and specialist counsellors who will provide counselling, information, advice, and referrals, free of charge. What qualifications does each of the staff members have? What checks are done to ensure that the qualifications are true and correct? How many specialist counsellors are employed on the 1800 RESPECT hotline?	Written
129	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	What quality control measures are in place to ensure that appropriate advice is being given out by the counsellors?	Written
130	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	How many calls have been received by the 1800 RESPECT service since its commencement? What is the average duration of each call? What is the average waiting time for each call?	Written and 24/2/2011 - CA41
131	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	How many referrals have been made by the service to date?	Written
132	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	Have any complaints been received that callers to the service are unable to access it? If so, how many complaints have been received? What is being done to rectify this situation?	Written and 24/2/2011 - CA40
133	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	Minister Ellis also stated that "1800 RESPECT has been designed to provide both immediate and ongoing assistance that is individualised to the often complex needs of victims of violence and their families." How many cases have called the 1800 RESPECT service that require ongoing assistance?	Written
134	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	Minister Ellis also said that "The service will also provide professional support, such as debriefing and supervision, to staff from small and isolated services which deal with people who have experienced physical or sexual violence". Please explain the nature of the services that have been provided to date to staff from small and isolated services which deal with people who have experienced physical or sexual violence Who has provided these services? How has it been determined who requires these services? Please provide a list of the number of small and isolated services to which these services have been provided?	Written
135	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	In relation to the advisory board that is overseeing the implementation of the counselling service and ensuring ongoing improvements to service delivery – please advise who is on the Advisory Board and how and why they were chosen to sit on the board?	Written
136	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	The Minister also stated that the Australian Government has provided \$12.5 million over four years for the creation and delivery of 1800 RESPECT – how much of this funding has been actually spent to date?	Written
137	6	Cash	White Ribbon Workplaces Program	What is the status of the establishment of the White Ribbon Workplaces program?	Written

138	6	Cash	White Ribbon Workplaces Program	<p>It is Government funding that is supporting the development of policies and resources that, under the program, can be used by workplaces of all shapes and sizes to encourage awareness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the status of these policies? • Who is developing them? • What will the content of the policies entail? • Will they be one size fits all policies or will they differentiate between shape and size of organisation? 	Written
139	6	Cash	White Ribbon Workplaces Program	It is stated that the program will be structured around three elements – ambassadors, accreditation and awards. How was this structure determined?	Written
140	6	Cash	White Ribbon Workplaces Program	How much of the \$1.1 million dollars has been spent to date? How much has been allocated?	Written
141	6	Cash	White Ribbon Workplaces Program	What is the implementation time line in relation to this initiative?	Written
142	6	Cash	Supporting Women Back Into the Workplace	With reference to Prime Minister Gillard's commitment to increase workforce participation at set out in her CEDA speech: what is the Department doing to specifically support women back into the workplace who make up the majority of the part time workforce?	Written
143	6	Cash	Office of Women's Outcome Strategy	<p>As part of the Office of Women's Outcome strategy it is stated that "the office has developed and will support a panel of experts to provide advice across government. This work will continue to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of policy and programming". Please advise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Who is on the panel of experts? b) How were they chosen and by whom? c) What work have they done to date? d) What indicators are in place to measure whether the work undertaken by the panel of experts is actually improving the effectiveness and efficiency of policy and programming? 	Written

144	6	Cash	National Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and Children	<p>I refer to the National Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and children. In the Minister's speech at the launch of the plan on 15 February 2011 she states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are increasing support for frontline workers and rewarding States and Territories when they promote best practice perpetrator interventions. • We are improving services for victims of domestic violence through reform projects and we are funding a new National Centre of Excellence for research into sexual assault and family and domestic violence. <p>i) Please advise how the Government is increasing support for frontline workers and how the Government will reward States and Territories when they promote best practice perpetrator interventions.</p> <p>ii) Please advise how the Government will improve services for victims of domestic violence through reform projects; what reform projects are being contemplated?</p> <p>iii) How much funding has been provided for the new National Centre of Excellence for research into sexual assault and family and domestic violence?</p>	Written
145	6	Cash	Review of the Equal Opportunity in the Workplace Act and Agency	<p>Does the Government intend to release its response to the review of the Equal Opportunity for Women Agency and the Equal Opportunity in the Workplace Act?</p> <p>If yes, when? What are the reasons for the delay?</p>	Written
146	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	<p>Do you know if the service was actually working on Tuesday 30 November 2010 and Wednesday 1 December 2010?</p> <p>Please provide the number of staff who were rostered on to take calls on these days.</p>	24/2/2011 - CA40
147	6	Cash	1800RESPECT	<p>Can you provide details of the contact that the service provider has had with individual states and territories in relation to the expansion of the 1800RESPECT Service?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA41

148	6	Cash	White Ribbon Workplaces Program	<p>The Minister's press release dated 25 November 2010 states 'for further information about the White Ribbon Workplaces program, please visit www.whiteribbonday.org.au'. At the time of the release there was no information whatsoever about the workplace program and you can imagine that I clearly went to the site earlier today; there is no information on the program. Is there an explanation as to why you would actually send out a press release, promote something that is going to be for workplaces, tell someone to go to a link and then have absolutely no information whatsoever about the actual program? Is that acceptable?</p> <p>Is it the offices practice to undertake in this type of campaign, to have a minister send out a press release that says go somewhere and there is no information available to the person who goes there?</p> <p>Are you following up with white ribbon to ensure that when someone goes to the website – I mean this is 25 November last year; have you followed them up?</p> <p>Have you followed them up in relation to the website link to ensure that it is actually enabling people to access further information?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA41-42
149	6	Cash	Panel of Gender Experts	Can you provide a list of who is on the panel of gender experts?	24/2/2011 - CA43
150	6	Cash	Women on Government Boards	<p>Are you able to provide a copy of the letter sent to portfolio secretaries, reminding them of the election commitment and seeking their advice?</p> <p>Are you able to provide the responses received from the departments with the various information in it?</p>	24/2/2011 - CA44
151	6	Cash	Female Genital Mutilation	Can you provide the Government's policy on female genital mutilation?	24/2/2011 - CA46
152	6	Cash	The UN Women	When will the make-up of the UN Women Board be revisited?	24/2/2011 - CA47
153	7	Siewert	Stolen Generations Leadership Program	How does the Stolen Generation Leadership Program (SGLP) differ from the regular Leadership Program?	Written
154	7	Siewert	Stolen Generations Leadership Program	How many people who attend the SGLP had attended the regular Leadership program?	Written
155	7	Siewert	Stolen Generations Leadership Program	Were all the participants first generation stolen generation?	Written
156	7	Siewert	Stolen Generations Leadership Program	<p>Has the Department received any feedback about the program?</p> <p>a. If yes, please summarise the feedback</p>	Written

157	7	Siewert	Stolen Generations Leadership Program	Has the Department undertaken a review of the program? a. If yes, please summarise the review's conclusions	Written
158	7	Siewert	Stolen Generations Leadership Program	Does the SGLP contribute to the Close the Gap outcomes? a. If yes, please summarise the outcomes that have been met and how this will be reported	Written
159	7	Siewert	Healing Foundation	Please provide details including funding provided for each project the Healing Foundation Funding Program supported in the 2010/2011 round?	Written
160	7	Siewert	Healing Foundation	Why are the healing needs and aspirations of the Stolen Generations not included in the Healing Foundation Executive Summary under Scope?	Written
161	7	Scullion	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	Was support provided by HOIL to assist program participants in understanding what was required in the contracts they were signing? If not, why not?	Written
162	7	Scullion	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	Did the Government look at any of the contracts before they were signed by program participants?	Written
163	7	Scullion	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	How many HOIL homes have had a certificate of occupancy issued?	Written
164	7	Scullion	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	How many HOIL participants are now paying a mortgage on a house which has not yet been finished?	Written
165	7	Scullion	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	Were the existing homes available for purchase through HOIL compliant with all Australian Building Codes?	Written
166	7	Scullion	SIHIP Company Profits	The CEO of Territory Alliance stated in a media report that the Alliance Partners receive UP TO 20% in company profit. • How is this company profit calculated? • What does each Alliance partner receive in Company profit? • Does this up to 20% profit also come out of the total package allocation? • If not how is it paid or obtained?	Written
167	7	Scullion	SIHIP - Community Consultations on House size and designs	• Were minutes kept of the consultations with the Wadeye Housing Reference Group? • Do these minutes contain details of the outcome of discussions relating to house size and design? • Can copies of these minutes be provided to the senate committee?	Written
168	7	Siewert	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	What funding is committed to HOIL going forward?	Written

169	7	Siewert	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	Which communities are targeted? What are the expected 4 year outcomes?	Written
170	7	Siewert	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	Will it meet its initial goals ... and deliver 450 or so individual loans to Indigenous families living on community lands within the next 4 years? Or will its goals be revised?	Written
171	7	Siewert	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	What work has been undertaken to assess the level of aspiration and the capacity of Indigenous families in the communities where HOIL will apply?	Written
172	7	Siewert	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	What evidence do you have that land tenure is the main or only barrier to individual home ownership on communal lands?	Written
173	7	Siewert	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	Can you report on the current status of the 15 housing loans established in the Tiwi Islands?	Written
174	7	Siewert	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	What was the amount of money provided for these 15 loans in terms of: a. Establishment grants (FaHCSIA)? b. Loan co-payments (FaHCSIA)? c. Good Renters Discounts (IBA)? d. Matched Savings Schemes (IBA)? e. What is the average value of these loans? What is the average rate of subsidy and/ or incentive provided per loan?	Written
175	7	Siewert	Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)	What progress has been made on the HOIL Implementation Plan? 1. Is the promised monitoring strategy in place? 2. ...The evaluation strategy? 3. ...The quality assurance strategy?	Written
176	7	Siewert	Review of Local Implementation Plans (Amata and Mimili)	What is the timeframe for conducting the 2011 review of the Amata and Mimili Local Implementation Plans?	Written
177	7	Siewert	Review of Local Implementation Plans (Amata and Mimili)	Will these reviews be conducted by an independent, third-party and, if so, when and how will this party be chosen?	Written
178	7	Siewert	Review of Local Implementation Plans (Amata and Mimili)	Will the findings of the review be made public and, if so, within what period of time?	Written
179	7	Siewert	Review of Local Implementation Plans (Amata and Mimili)	After the review has been completed, will updated versions of Amata and Mimili's Local Implementation Plans be released and, if so, within what timeframe?	Written

180	7	Siewert	Safe Housing - APY Lands	Can the Department provide the Committee with a copy of the 2008 funding agreement it entered into with the South Australian Government for the construction of a \$4.5 million complex of buildings at Umuwa about which the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs issued a media release on 13 August 2008? How much of the \$4.5 million was expected to be expended on building the safe house "for people escaping actual and potentially dangerous or abusive situations" as described by the Minister?	Written
181	7	Siewert	Safe Housing - APY Lands	Was a timeframe for the completion of the complex specified in the original funding agreement and, if so, what was it?	Written
182	7	Siewert	Safe Housing - APY Lands	On what date was the funding agreement signed?	Written
183	7	Siewert	Safe Housing - APY Lands	Has the Australian Government allocated any other funding in the last three years towards the capital cost of safe accommodation for women and children from the APY Lands? If so, how much funding was allocated and to which party/parties was it provided?	Written
184	7	Siewert	CDEP Services on APY Lands	How many people are currently participating in CDEP on the APY Land? How have the numbers of participants in CDEP changed over time?	Written
185	7	Siewert	Promised Consultations on CDEP Reforms	Were Indigenous communities consulted on the policy reforms to CDEP prior to implementation? a. If yes, during what period and at which locations were consultations undertaken with remote Indigenous stakeholders?	Written
186	7	Siewert	Promised Consultations on CDEP Reforms	What was the number/percentage of Indigenous people that participated in the policy reform consultations?	Written
187	7	Siewert	Promised Consultations on CDEP Reforms	With regard to the Minister's media release 9th December which refers to "ongoing discussions about the way services are delivered are held with local communities to ensure they reflect local needs" a. Does this mean that consultation will be held with local communities? b. Can you provide a schedule for these consultations indicating which communities will be consulted?	Written
188	7	Siewert	Promised Consultations on CDEP Reforms	Can you advise how communities are to be informed of these consultations, may apply to participate, and the process by which they will be selected?	Written

189	7	Siewert	Promised Consultations on CDEP Reforms	<p>In March 2010 a package of 9 fine-tuning measures with regard to CDEP/JSA remote servicing was announced. One of the 9 fine-tuning measures outlined that any CDEP provider with an average utilisation of 70% or less will receive funding to minimum utilisation of 70%. I understand that the minimum funding will be reduced to 50% in April 2011 and it will end on the 1st of July 2011, after which CDEP providers will be funded on actual numbers.</p> <p>a. Can you clarify the minimum funding and transition arrangements? b. Is there any consideration of extending the minimum funding of providers?</p>	Written
190	7	Siewert	Promised Consultations on CDEP Reforms	Has there been any analysis of the likely financial impact on existing CDEP providers of the proposed arrangements, based on current and historic participation and completion rates?	Written
191	7	Siewert	Promised Consultations on CDEP Reforms	Is there any indication of the number of CDEP providers who expect to cease operating? What happens to existing CDEP participants?	Written
192	7	Siewert	Promised Consultations on CDEP Reforms	What support will be provided to Indigenous organisations currently facilitating CDEP during and after the transition?	Written
193	7	Siewert	CDEP Providers and JSA Registrations	<p>Currently it is a contractual requirement of CDEP providers that all CDEP participants are registered with a Job Service Australia Provider to remain eligible for CDEP. The CDEP provider however, is unable to control or manage compliance with this contractual obligation, as the registration process can only be undertaken by the JSA Provider.</p> <p>I understand that from 1 July, 2011 FaHCSIA will be strictly enforcing this provision, and CDEP participants will be removed from CDEP if they are not registered with a JSAP.</p> <p>Can you confirm whether it is FaHCSIA's intention to enforce the removal of CDEP participants from the CDEP program if the JSA Provider fails to register them for JSA services? Will the circumstances of these individuals be reviewed prior to their removal from CDEP?</p>	Written
194	7	Siewert	CDEP Providers and JSA Registrations	<p>If a person is reasonably meeting their participation obligations within CDEP and attending work and/or study, can they still be removed from CDEP due to lack of access to a JSA provider? Can you tell me whether these issues are under assessment or review?</p>	Written
195	7	Siewert	CDEP and Employment Outcomes in the NT	How many people are currently on CDEP in the Northern Territory?	Written
196	7	Siewert	CDEP and Employment Outcomes in the NT	Could you please provide a breakdown of how many CDEP participants are on 'grandfathered' CDEP 'wages', and how many are being paid through Centrelink?	Written

197	7	Siewert	CDEP Worker Employment Subsidy (CWES) and SIHIP In Amoonguna	<p>It has been suggested to me that CDEP workers in Amoonguna were working on two projects simultaneously (renovations to community houses under the SIHIP Program and renovations to the 'old clinic' building to convert it into a community centre) and that workers are being assigned to one or other work project on a daily basis.</p> <p>Can you confirm whether work on 'the old clinic' renovations is a CDEP Worker Employment Subsidy (CWES) project?</p> <p>Can you confirm whether work on SIHIP renovations are a CWES project?</p> <p>Are these two separate projects, or rather two parts of the one project?</p>	Written
198	7	Siewert	CDEP Worker Employment Subsidy (CWES) and SIHIP In Amoonguna	<p>Are the employment arrangements and conditions different across the two projects?</p> <p>Should employment contracts and payslips differentiate between these projects?</p>	Written
199	7	Siewert	CDEP Worker Employment Subsidy (CWES) and SIHIP In Amoonguna	<p>Can you clarify for us who are the contracted providers for these projects?</p>	Written
200	7	Siewert	CDEP Worker Employment Subsidy (CWES) and SIHIP In Amoonguna	<p>Are all workers signed up to a CWES project supposed to be paid wages for all hours worked on the project, or just for the number of hours over a certain level?</p>	Written
201	7	Siewert	CDEP Worker Employment Subsidy (CWES) and SIHIP In Amoonguna	<p>If SIHIP work is being done under CWES, are payments out of CWES being incorporated into SIHIP costings?</p>	Written
202	7	Siewert	CDEP Worker Employment Subsidy (CWES) and SIHIP In Amoonguna	<p>If workers have been underpaid for the hours they have worked on a SIHIP or CWES project, will the government commit to assuring back-pay?</p>	Written
203	7	Siewert	CDEP Worker Employment Subsidy (CWES) and SIHIP In Amoonguna	<p>If workers believe they have been underpaid or misled about their working conditions, what should they do?</p>	Written
204	7	Siewert	CDEP Worker Employment Subsidy (CWES) and SIHIP In Amoonguna	<p>Is there an investigation or inquiry being undertaken into either or both of these projects?</p>	Written

205	7	Siewert	'Closing the Gap in NT' Monitoring report (Transferred to DEEWR)	<p>The 'Closing the Gap in the NT Monitoring report' (Jan - June 2010) states that 2241 positions have been created by the federal and NT governments as part of the NT Jobs package [table 4.2 on page 40].</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you please provide a breakdown of these jobs? 2. What positions have been created? 3. In which communities? 4. Are they part-time, casual or full-time positions? 5. Are they new or ongoing positions where the funding source has changed? 	Written
206	7	Siewert	Remote Indigenous housing – Bilateral Implementation Plans	<p>Can you provide me with copies of each of the Implementation Plans that have been established between the Commonwealth and respective State and Territory governments as required under the Council of Australian Governments' National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing? On what dates were each of these plans first finalised?</p>	Written
207	7	Siewert	Remote Indigenous housing – Bilateral Implementation Plans	<p>Why haven't copies of these plans been posted on the website of the Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations as has happened with bilateral plans established under other COAG Agreements? When do you expect the plans to be available on the Council's website?</p>	Written
208	7	Siewert	Remote Indigenous housing – Bilateral Implementation Plans	<p>When were the most recent annual reviews of each plan completed?</p>	Written
209	7	Siewert	Remote Indigenous housing – Bilateral Implementation Plans	<p>Which States and Territory governments achieved the targets set in the plans for the 2009/10 financial year in relation to local Indigenous employment?</p>	Written
210	7	Siewert	Remote Indigenous housing – Bilateral Implementation Plans	<p>Were any penalties imposed against those jurisdictions that did not meet their local Indigenous employment targets and, if so, what were the penalties?</p>	Written
211	7	Siewert	Leasing Reforms in the NT	<p>In relation to leasing reforms in the NT. What form of tenure does the department currently require before it will release capital works funds for new projects in remote NT Communities?</p>	Written
212	7	Siewert	Youth in Communities	<p>What portion of the original Youth in Communities program funding has now been spent?</p>	Written
213	7	Siewert	Youth in Communities	<p>Does the department have plans to make the surplus (if any) available to support additional projects or services?</p>	Written
214	7	Siewert	Youth in Communities	<p>The Youth In Communities measure is currently funding projects through until June 2012 - What are the department's plans to ensure continuation of the funded services beyond this point?</p>	Written

215	7	Payne	SIHIP - Number of Bedroom	How many houses to still be completed under SIHIP, sorted by number of bedrooms, have been agreed to be built? Given there is a requirement of a minimum of 50 per cent of houses to be three bedroom, how many one, two, and four bedrooms will be built? How and when are these numbers determined?	Written
216	7	Payne	SIHIP - Rent	Is the rent for SIHIP houses determined by the income of each member of the household, and levied upon each member of the household, or is it determined by the total household income? Is this measure changed if there is more than one family residing in the house?	Written
217	7	Payne	SIHIP - Administrative Costs	With respect to the 8 per cent cap on the administrative costs of SIHIP housing contracts, what matters are considered 'administrative'?	Written
218	7	Siewert	Closing the Gap	Can you tell me how much it has cost to develop the communication strategy, the brand framework and the style guide? Can you clarify who owns the intellectual property and any fair-use policy applied by the Government to its publications, and in particular the Closing the Gap report that was released in February? Have you got a fair-use policy?	25/2/2011 - CA4
219	7	Scullion	Indigenous Cultural Competency Training	How many government officers have undertaken and completed Indigenous cultural competency training?	25/2/2011 - CA9
220	7	Scullion	Local Implementation Plan	Can you make summaries of the Baseline Mapping Reports available to the Committee? Can you provide Local Implementation Plans to the Committee?	25/2/2011 - CA9-10
221	7	Scullion	Coordination of Youth Activities	Can you provide an example of instances where communities are benefitting from better coordinated youth activities?	25/2/2011 - CA10
222	7	Scullion	Indigenous Cultural Competency Training	How many Government Business Managers have completed Indigenous Cultural Competency Training? How many Indigenous assistant teachers have completed training so they are able to progress towards becoming a teacher?	25/2/2011 - CA11-12
223	7	Boyce	Welfare Reform Trials	Can you provide data on the impact of welfare reform trials on school attendance (on a state by state basis) from 2009 to date?	25/2/2011 - CA14
224	7	Boyce	Family Responsibilities Commission	Would you be able to report against the 22 recommendations made in the FRC Report.	25/2/2011 - CA15-16

225	7	Siewert	Income Support	Can you tell me the percentage of people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, who are on income support in the Northern Territory? Can you break the information down to include people on income management due to child protection measures?	25/2/2011 - CA16
226	7	Siewert	Vulnerable Welfare Payment	How many people have appealed the 'vulnerable' classification, broken down into Indigenous and non-Indigenous?	25/2/2011 - CA18
227	7	Payne	Indigenous Housing in the NT	Are the houses that are untenanted, with no housing and tenancy agreements in place, all or part of the houses that were completed in December?	25/2/2011 - CA22
228	7	Scullion	Housing in Wudapuli and Nama	Can you provide the number of houses in Wudapuli and Nama that are actually being tenanted and occupied at the moment?	25/2/2011 - CA28
229	7	Scullion	Indigenous Housing Costs	Can you give us the average cost of the 29 two-bedroom homes and the average cost of the 103 three-bedroom homes?	25/2/2011 - CA29
230	7	Payne	Indigenous Housing Rent Return	In terms of rental return, how does the rent differ between the five-bedroom , the four-bedroom, the three, the two and the one (representing families on different incomes)?	25/2/2011 - CA29
231	7	Scullion	SIHIP	Can you provide the value of the SIHIP package-what has actually been released to date of each package – broken down by package.	25/2/2011 - CA30
232	7	Scullion	Indigenous Housing – National Partnership	Can you provide details of how much funding has been released to date, package by package?	25/2/2011 - CA30
233	7	Scullion/Moore	Package 6 contract in Wadeye document	Could you provide a response to the document that has been tabled by Senator Scullion?	25/2/2011 - CA32
234	7	Siewert	AHURI Report on Indigenous Homeownership	Could you provide the report by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute on Indigenous homeownership?	25/2/2011 - CA35
235	7	Adams	Construction in Blackstone	Could you provide further information about the gyprock being put on internal walls in Blackstone, WA?	25/2/2011 - CA37
236	7	Adams	Cost to Implement Environmental Standards	Could you provide further information about the cost to implement these environmental standards and the changes that have happened?	25/2/2011 - CA37
237	7	Payne	Payments for Indigenous Workers on SIHIP	Could you provide some information about the payments for Indigenous workers in SIHIP and the reports about them being paid on the BasicsCard?	25/2/2011 - CA37-38

238	7	Payne	Indigenous Workers on SIHIP	I reference a recent report in the Koori Mail about exploitation of SIHIP workers. There is another report today, and the minister has previously made reference in media statements to the 20 per cent employment target of local Indigenous people for SIHIP. There is an indication that that has been exceeded. While I am happy to acknowledge that that is a very important accomplishment and achievement, we do not have a lot of detail around how that is counted, how that is assessed, how many people work where and for how long—whether they are 12-week, 26-week, 52-week placements and so on.	25/2/2011 - CA38
239	7	Scullion	Indigenous Workers on SIHIP	Of the total number that you have, does that include administration and the civil engineering? Does it include the entire workforce?	25/2/2011 - CA38
240	7	Payne	Indigenous Workers on SIHIP	In terms of the numbers that are assessed as being Indigenous employees and meeting those targets, can you identify what proportion of those are local to the communities in which the construction is being done and what proportion are brought in?	25/2/2011 - CA40
241	7	Payne	ANAO Audit of the HOIL Program	Could you provide further information about the ANAO audit of the HOIL program which said that plans to use CDEP participants to provide training and employment opportunities were not implemented in the construction of those houses, effectively due to priority being given to constructing the houses in a timely manner?	25/2/2011 - CA40
242	7	Scullion	Indigenous Workers on SIHIP	Could you provide a breakdown on Aboriginal people who have been recruited from interstate or intrastate and who have been counted in that employment statistic?	25/2/2011 - CA41
243	7	Payne	Indexation of CDEP	With the change in wage cost indexes that the Department of Finance uses to index the appropriation for the entire program, you advised that when it comes to the providers it becomes quite a small difference between the two variables. What do you regard as small in that case so I have a better idea of quantum?	25/2/2011 - CA42
244	7	Payne	CDEP Participants Moved to DSP	Could you provide an update on the number of previous CDEP participants who are now on DSP?	25/2/2011 - CA44
245	7	Adams	Addressing Indigenous Disadvantage	I am very interested to know just how the agencies are coordinating the approaches in addressing Indigenous disadvantage at the community level, how you are working together on that, getting down a bit into the grass roots area.	25/2/2011 - CA65
246	ORIC	Scullion	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	ORIC has the power to charge corporations with failing to lodge annual reports which provide a breakdown on the distribution of government funds. Have any other corporations been charged with failing to lodge annual reports since the first reported case in July 2010?	Written
247	ORIC	Scullion	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	As of February 18, 2011, there were 557 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations in breach of their ORIC reporting requirements. How many of these corporations have failed to ever lodge an annual report since they were formed?	Written
248	ORIC	Scullion	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	How many corporations have been granted extension of time to lodge reports and had failed to reports at the expiration of the extension of time?	Written

249	ORIC	Scullion	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	<p>Allegations of non compliance have been raised with ORIC with respect to the Port Curtis Coral Coast Aboriginal Corporation, PCCCAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the PCCCAC lodged all outstanding annual reports? • Have all reports met all reporting requirements? • Is ORIC currently investigating the allegations raised into the operation and management of PCCCAC? 	Written
250	5	Siewert	DSP	<p>Disability Support Pension recipients</p> <p>When the changes to DSP were introduced there was the main qualification criteria in s 94 and there was an “alternative” qualification criteria that would not apply to anyone until at least 2 years after the introduction of the welfare to work changes.</p> <p>More than two years have passed and I would like to know how many people, if any, have been granted DSP under the “alternative’ qualification provision in s 94A.</p> <p>Disability Support Pension recipients profile</p> <p>For the financial year ending June 2010 please provide the following information on DSP recipients (shown in tables with numbers, percentages and total):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DSP recipients by age and gender; 2. DSP recipients geographic state and gender; 3. DSP recipients Support Pension recipients by main country of birth and gender; 4. DSP recipients by marital status and gender; 5. DSP recipients and home ownership and age; 6. DSP recipients and home ownership and age; 7. DSP recipients by medical condition; 8. DSP recipients by medical condition and gender; 9. DSP recipients by medical condition and gender as a percentage of total; 10. DSP recipients by medical condition by age - Psychological/Psychiatric 11. DSP recipients by medical condition by age- Musculo-skeletal/Connective tissue; 12. DSP recipients by medical condition by age – Intellectual/Learning Disabilities; 13. DSP recipients by duration on income support by gender; 14. DSP recipients by duration on income support by gender and age; 15. DSP recipients by age and gender; 16. New grants and current clients by medical condition, June 2009 to June 2010; 17. New claims rejected by gender, June 2009 to June 2010; 18. People entering onto DSP June 2009 to June 2010 – which payments were people previously on, or not on income support at all. 19. DSP – clients exiting payment – where did people go – e.g. Age Pension, deceased, non-client, etc. 	Written

251	5	Siewert	DSP	<p>Disability Support Pension recipient publications</p> <p>Various Departments have in the past published a well-received statistical compendium to assist with understanding the Disability Support Pension called Characteristics of the Disability Support Pension Recipients. It was previously produced annually by FaCS, FaHCSIA and DEWR.</p> <p>Are there plans to produce and publish the kind of information previously available through Characteristics of the Disability Support Pension Recipients and make it available?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is this information still being collected? 2. Can you please provide the relevant tables for the year 2009-10? <p>DSP 2-year workforce "suspension" provisions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you please provide the number of Disability Support Pension recipients who have accessed the unique two year DSP suspension "return to pension" provisions (that are meant to encourage people with disabilities to try their hand in the labour market) for each financial year since 2004? 2. Have there been any departmental evaluations or reviews of these provisions? If so, can you please table them? 3. How are these beneficial provisions promoted to people with disabilities, their families, carers and community organisations? 4. Has the Government undertaken any evaluation or research into awareness of or attitudes to these provisions? 	Written
252	7	Siewert	CDEP (transfer from DEEWR 18/3)	Under the Government's current CDEP/JSA joint servicing structure, a CDEP participant is exited from CDEP when their Employment Pathway expires. How many people have been automatically exited from CDEP nationally due to the JSA Provider not updating their Employment Pathway Plan prior to its expiry date?	Written
253	4	Fierravanti-Wells	Age Pension Recipients in the Workforce (Transfer from DEEWR 18/3)	<p>As at June 2010 the percentage of aged pension recipients who were also working was 12%. What is that percentage now?</p> <p>If that 12% has increased what is the projected ongoing rise, specifically over the next two financial years?</p>	Written

254	1	Moore	FaHCSIA and Centrelink Datasets (Transfer from Centrelink)	<p>In terms of the datasets that both Centrelink and FaHCSIA maintain, can we get the basic data that you keep on these things? I know that Senator Siewert goes through in great detail about the various figures, but there must be a standard dataset that the departments have, like on the pieces of paper that you are reading from to us. It would be useful if we could have some kind of agreement as to the basic datasets that you keep to see whether that meets the needs of the ongoing issues in this committee. Then if there is a gap in that we can identify it. That is something we could do after the estimates—to actually have a discussion about what they are—but it seems to me that we are asking the same questions and it would be useful if we just had that basic set.</p>	CA 18 25/02/2011
255	2	Ludlam	Transfer of Social Housing Stock	<p>Senator LUDLAM—I guess it is rolling out in slightly different ways in each of the different states and territories. Could you provide us with a breakdown? I am particularly interested in Tasmania and WA, because I gather it is proceeding at different speeds in different places.</p> <p>Mr Tongue—Yes.</p>	CA 67 24/02/2011