

QoN No.	Agency/ Outcome	Senator	Party	Broad Topic	QUESTION	Hansard/ Ref	Date Answer received
1	11	Humphries	LP	AIHW Report - Comorbidity of mental disorders and physical conditions, 2007	The AIHW recently published its report "Comorbidity of mental disorders and physical conditions, 2007". The report omits any mention of pervasive developmental disorders (PDD), including Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, etc. a) Why were PDD omitted from the report? Are the diagnostic criteria for PDD described in the Diagnostic Manual For Mental Disorders, 4th edition? Does the Government recognise that the diagnostic criteria for PDD are included in the manual for diagnosing "mental disorders"? b) What are the most prevalent "mental disorders" in Australian children up to when they leave school? Can you break this down by age or (5 or 6 year) age band? c) If the Government does not regard PDD as "mental disorders", then what category does it put PDD in? Please say who decides the category and how they justify this classification. d) When will the AIHW report on the comorbidity of "physical conditions" with a category that includes PDD?	Written QoN	28/03/2012
2	4	Siewert	AG	Aged Care costing	What is the combined cost (in departmental and administered funding) of the quality, regulatory and reporting regime in aged care?	Written QoN	10/04/2012
3	4	Siewert	AG	Aged Care costing	What is the average amount of face to face time an older person in the highest care need group can expect to receive?	Written QoN	27/03/2012
4	4	Siewert	AG	Aged Care costing	What is the allocation of resources to measure that will fix the primary problems that cause poor quality - workforce skills and availability, increasing the amount of face to face time possible within funding envelope (maximum of 3.5 hours/day in high care), access to medical care, access to specialist behavioural management, rehabilitation, dementia care, palliative care?	Written QoN	27/03/2012
5	1	Siewert	AG	GMO Contamination	At the last estimates it was said that there is a zero tolerance for unapproved GM products in the food supply, but then went on to say that the response would be determined on a case to case basis: a) Given the zero tolerance stance does this mean that any response would be based on eradicating the unapproved GM products and ensuring that it will not continue to enter the food supply? b) If not, then what does the zero tolerance stance mean in practical terms? c) If a decision is made to accept any amount of the unapproved GM products, isn't this essentially giving backdated approval for its entry into the supply chain? d) Who has that authority to make those allowances?	Written QoN	24/05/2012
6	11	Xenophon	IND	Better Access Program	Due to the change in the Better Access program, only 10 appointments will be covered by Medicare as opposed to 18. I note that the Government has introduced a phase-in period until December 2012: a) can the department explain what happens when someone with serious mental health issues is no longer able to afford treatment? b) What plans does the Government have in place to ensure people can still access treatment after the phase-out period? c) did the Department take any advice from Patrick McGorry on this reduction? d) what was Professor McGorry's advice? e) will there be any monitoring or assessment undertaken of the effect of this reduction in services? f) if not, why not? Wouldn't such data be important in forming future policies or advice? g) if so, how will that information be used?	Written QoN	16/04/2012
7	12	Xenophon	IND	AHPRA	a) Has DOHA received any complaints in relation to the AHPRA's operations in SA? b) If so, how many? c) What do they relate to?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
8	12	Xenophon	IND	AHPRA	a) Have there been any reviews into AHPRA's operations? b) Are there any upcoming reviews? c) What mechanisms does AHPRA have in place to deal with complaints, particularly those related to bullying, unfair dismissal et?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
9	11	Wright	AG	COAG National Action Plan	\$5.5 billion was committed to the COAG National Action Plan (NAP) on Mental Health 2006 - 2011, and these funds were allocated across four agreed action areas. Two-thirds of all NAP funding was allocated to Action Area 2: Integrating and Improving the Care System. a) Can you detail how these funds have been used to ensure better integration of services? b) How has Better Access helped improve the integration of services?	Written QoN	27/03/2012
10	13	Wright	AG	COAG National Action Plan	I refer to the 2010 COAG agreement to spend \$1.6 billion on creating 1300 subacute beds, some of which were to be allocated to mental health. a) What proportions of the 1300 subacute beds have been allocated to mental health? b) What progress has been made in implementing the mental health aspect of this agreement?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
11	13	Wright	AG	COAG National Action Plan	a) What accountability mechanisms are in place to ensure that States are implementing the mental health aspect of the agreement? b) For example, do States/Territories report back to the Commonwealth regarding the allocation of mental health funds?	Written QoN	3/04/2012
12	13	Wright	AG	COAG National Action Plan	How is Commonwealth mental health funding currently allocated to acute hospital care and community care services - i.e. what proportion of funding goes towards acute hospital based care and what proportion of funding goes towards community care services?	Written QoN	3/04/2012
13	13	Wright	AG	COAG National Action Plan	a) Does the Department have a strategy for ensuring that patients receive well coordinated and integrated care? b) If so, is the strategy available? c) How is the roll-out of the strategy progressing?	Written QoN	1/05/2012
14	13	Wright	AG	Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas Program	I would like to draw your attention to the 2011 DoHA Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas Program final evaluation report. a) Which recommendations of that report have been implemented, or will be implemented? How will have they been implemented? b) Are there any proposed outcome measurements? If so, what are they?	Written QoN	16/04/2012
15	11	Wright	AG	Suicide Rate in Regional and Remote Areas	The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare reports that rates of completed suicide in regional and remote areas are 1.2 - 2.4 times higher than those in major cities. a) Given these figures, what is the Department doing to address the slow growth in mental health supports available in regional and remote areas compared to major cities? b) What is being done to address the need to attract and maintain good quality staff in regional and remote areas? c) What is being done to address the concerns of NGO and government services in delivering better mental health services to regional and remote communities? d) Can you outline the stakeholder consultation process which led to these initiatives? e) With whom did you consult during this process? f) How was stakeholder feedback incorporated?	Written QoN	1/05/2012
16	2	Siewert	AG	Access to Pharmaceuticals	Please update on the progress of the Government's response to the Senate Committee Report. In particular: a) What is happening about data release on PBS usage by AHSS? b) What are the Forward Estimates for the program and how have they matched up with actual in recent years?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
17	0	Humphries	LP	Contractors	a) How many contractors are currently employed in the department/agency? b) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 2 years? c) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 5 years? d) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years? e) Does the department/agency make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
18	0	Humphries	LP	Efficiency Dividend	a) What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 percent to 4 percent on the department/agency's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15? b) What percentage of the department/agency's budget is designated to staffing? c) What is the size of the department/agency's staffing establishment? Include figures for FTE, PT, casual, contractors, and consultants. d) What specific strategies will the department/agency adopt to ensure continued operation within budget? e) Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing complement including contractors, and consultants?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
19	1	Di Natale	AG	Alcohol	a) Following the release of the report by Horizon into materials around the NHMRC guidelines, DoHA indicated that the Australian National Preventive Health Agency would be 'considering the promotion of the Guidelines further'. Is ANPHA the sole agency tasked with promoting the alcohol guidelines? b) If the promotion of the Guidelines is the responsibility of ANPHA, can you indicate what specific resources have been allocated to ANPHA for this task?	Written QoN	16/04/2012
20	1	Di Natale	AG	Alcohol	a) Given the decision to allow voluntary labelling regarding pregnancy by the industry, what will the Department's role be in encouraging industry to take part in the voluntary labelling regime? b) Will the Department be monitoring the uptake and effectiveness of voluntary labelling by industry?	Written QoN	16/04/2012

21	1	Di Natale	AG	Burden of Disease	Is the Government intending to commission an Australian Burden of Disease study to update the previous study published in 2007?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
22	1	Di Natale	AG	National Health Pri	a) What programs does the Department undertake to address each of the national health priority areas? b) How much funding is allocated to these programs in the forward estimates? c) Has the Department considered which recommendations from the UN High Level Meeting on Non-Communicable diseases will be acted upon in Australia?	Written QoN	22/05/2012
23	2	Di Natale	AG	Community Pharm	Has the Department addressed the recent evaluation of the Home Medicines Review program and are any initiatives underway to increase uptake of this program?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
24	2	Di Natale	AG	Community Pharm	The Fifth Community Agreement includes requirements for collaboration between community pharmacists and other health professionals, however new templates do not require pharmacists to submit evidence of inter-professional collaboration in a range of areas. In the absence of mandatory fields in these claim forms, how is the department ensuring that inter-professional collaboration occurs under the following items:- T2F Staged Supply Checklist-T3B Dose Administration Aids Checklist-T3C Screening and Risk Assessment Checklist-T3E Smoking Cessation Checklist-T3F Medication Management Review Checklist-T3H Health Promotion Checklist-T3I Disease State Management Checklist-T3J Medicines Adherence Checklist	Written QoN	8/05/2012
25	2	Di Natale	AG	Community Pharm	Does the Department have records of how many patients are charged the \$4.04 allowable fees for medicines priced under the copayment amount? Does the Department monitor the extent to which Approved Pharmacists make patients aware of these charges?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
26	2	Di Natale	AG	Community Pharm	Can the Department outline how much of the \$10.6m allocated to research and development programs as part of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement has been spent?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
27	2	Di Natale	AG	Pharmaceutical Be	In relation to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Deferrals Statement of Principles of Commitment between Stakeholders entered into by the government, Medicines Australia, the Generic Medicines Industry Association and the Consumers Health Forum of Australia in October 2011: a) How many meetings of the group have been convened by the government? b) If so, what steps are being taken based on recommendations of the group?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
28	1	Di Natale	AG	Organ Donation	Regarding Australia's targets for organ donation: a) What are Australia's overall organ donor targets for 2012, 2013 and 2014? What are the targets for each jurisdiction for 2012, 2013 and 2014? b) Are the OTA's targets based on the world's best performance?	Written QoN	2/05/2012
29	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	NHPA Corporate Establishment Information	Could you take on notice staffing numbers and classifications for the authority?	CA 15 - 15/02/2012	17/04/2012
30	3	Bernardi	LP	Professional Services Review (PSR) Agency	How many service providers have been referred to the PSR in the last 12 months?	CA 86 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
31	3	Bernardi	LP	Professional Services Review (PSR) Agency	Can you detail to me what the penalties are that have been applied to the medical service providers that have been referred to the PSR?	CA 86 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
32	3	Bernardi	LP	Professional Services Review (PSR) Agency	For the service providers that are referred to PSR, what are they referred there for and what penalties were applied to them (for the last three years)?	CA 87 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
33	3	Bernardi	LP	Professional Services Review (PSR) Agency	Would you say that for the vast majority of cases, there has been an adverse finding and has to be reimbursements taking place?	CA 87 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
34	3	Di Natale	AG	Professional Services Review (PSR) Agency	What proportions of the referrals are from GP's, as opposed to other groups?	CA 87 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
35	3	Di Natale	AG	Professional Services Review (PSR) Agency	Is there a particular trend or are there any areas that tend to dominate, in terms of	CA 88 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
36	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Professional Services Review (PSR) Agency	Have there been occasions in recent history where these allegations (Dr Webber's) could have been tested in some parliamentary forum?	CA 92 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
37	5	McKenzie	NATS	General Practice T	Can you provide on notice the amount of funding General Practice Education and Training Limited receives under its contract with the Commonwealth?	CA 20 - 15/02/2012	28/03/2012
38	10	Boyce	LP	eHealth	Questions answered in respect of DOHA only. a) Are NEHTA and DoHA aware of the US institute of Medicine Report entitled "Health IT and Patient Safety: Building Safer Systems for Better Care"? b) If so, how have NEHTA and DOHA ensured that the issues and specifically the risks of harm to patient care and safety have been fully addressed in the completed architecture of the PCEHR?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
39	5	Boyce	LP	Super Clinics- Em	a) In regard to plans to site a Super Clinic in Emerald what planning has gone into dealing with the particular circumstances of its location? b) What are the particular circumstances of Emerald that the Department has identified as needing to be addressed? c) What financial incentives, if any, will be on offer to make Emerald a more attractive proposition? d) When the financial incentives are equal to those offered in places like Mackay, Townsville and Cairns are equal, how does that work for Emerald? e) What does Doha have in place to deal with the high cost of accommodation in regional centres like Emerald?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
40	5	Boyce	LP	Super Clinics- Red	During the estimates hearings on Wednesday February 15, Ms Taylor on page 23 of the proceedings transcript said and I quote: "Ms Taylor: As with most programs we live and learn and we make improvements as we go along..." What did the Department 'learn' from that Redcliffe Super Clinic experience?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
41	5	Boyce	LP	Super Clinics- Red	With the benefit of hindsight what wouldn't the department do again and what things would it conversely make sure it did do in any future contract template?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
42	5	Boyce	LP	Super Clinics- Red	Apparently the Redcliffe Super Clinic does not yet have an operator. Given the time this project has been in the pipeline why does it not still have an operator?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
43	5	Boyce	LP	Super Clinics- Red	Did the issues with the Foundation and the Bligh Government over the loan That was being sought by the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation and the subsequent cessation of work on the project , delay the process of finding an operator or see an intending operator walk away from participation in the project?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
44	5	Boyce	LP	Super Clinics- Red	In the redacted copy of the agreement for the construction of the Redcliffe Super Clinic the completion date for the project is blacked out. During testimony at the estimates hearings a Mr Butt, Booth and Reid all failed to provide a satisfactory answer to explain why that date was omitted from the document. Please provide the particular requests and the reasons given, for those requests by each of 'of those private sector companies' who specifically requested the completion date not be published.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
45	5	Boyce	LP	Super Clinics- Red	As the issue of 'commercial in confidence' is not simply a catch all slogan that can stand alone to deny access to information in the public interest I ask that all legal advice and /or submissions tended to DOHA or requested by it regarding the alleged 'commercial-in-confidence' of the completion date be provided?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
46	5	Boyce	LP	GP Super Clinics	a) What specialist services are currently advertised as being available at the Springwood (Old) Super Clinic? b) What specialist services are intended to be available at Springwood in the near future?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
47	5	Boyce	LP	GP Super Clinics	Could you provide the scoping studies for the Springwood Super Clinic as they relate to the number of GP's and specialists it was anticipated the facility would need? As well, could you also provide the scoping studies as they related to projected patient numbers?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
48	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Inquiries and Review	How many aged care inquiries and reviews has the Department provided submis	CA 59 - 15/02/2012	10/05/2012

49	1	Payne	LP	ational Hepatitis Stra	a) The 3rd National Hepatitis Strategy was approved by COAG health ministers in April 2010. I understand that the strategy is to be implemented by next year (2013). Can you please provide an update on the status of implementation of this strategy, including: the respective roles of the Commonwealth, States and Territories; programs that have been announced or commenced as part of the strategy's implementation; and any targets that governments are seeking to meet as part of the overall strategy? b) Can you please provide details on the funding committed to this strategy, including details of the Commonwealth's committed funding, what aims that funding will have, and the amount of funding the states and territories have committed to the program? c) Does the Commonwealth, in conjunction with the jurisdictions or alone, have plans to review the strategy and its implementation, to determine what measures are assisting, what targets are being met and what changes to strategy or funding may be required into the future?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
50	0	McKenzie	NATS	Staffing	a) How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? b) What classification are these staff? c) How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? d) What classification are these staff? e) This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
51	0	McKenzie	NATS	Staffing	a) How many ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? b) What classification were these staff? c) How many non ongoing staff left in the year 2001-11? d) What classification were these staff?	Written QoN	28/03/2012
52	0	McKenzie	NATS	Staffing	a) Are there any plans for staff reduction? b) If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. c) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	Written QoN	7/05/2012
53	0	McKenzie	NATS	Efficiency Dividend	a) How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department? b) What percentage of your budget must be cut? c) Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency dividend? d) If yes, provide details of where the positions are located, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not. e) Please list where and why spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.	Written QoN	17/04/2012
54	0	McKenzie	NATS	Staffing	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
55	0	McKenzie	NATS	Staffing	a) How many graduates have been engaged this year? b) Where have they been placed in the department/agency? c) Were these empty positions or are they new positions? d) List what training will be provided, the name of the provider and the cost.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
56	0	McKenzie	NATS	overnment Advertising	a) What was the total cost of all advertising for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? b) For each of those years, list whether the advertising is campaign or non-campaign and details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. c) Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. d) 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. e) Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. f) What advertising - Campaign and Non-Campaign and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
57	0	McKenzie	NATS	ospitality and Entertainment	What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written QoN	4/05/2012
58	0	McKenzie	NATS	ospitality and Entertainment	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.	Written QoN	21/05/2012
59	0	McKenzie	NATS	ospitality and Entertainment	What is the Department's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written QoN	21/05/2012
60	0	McKenzie	NATS	ospitality and Entertainment	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.	Written QoN	21/05/2012
61	0	McKenzie	NATS	ospitality and Entertainment	What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written QoN	17/04/2012
62	0	McKenzie	NATS	ospitality and Entertainment	For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
63	0	McKenzie	NATS	ospitality and Entertainment	What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written QoN	17/04/2012
64	0	McKenzie	NATS	ospitality and Entertainment	For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
65	0	McKenzie	NATS	oard Appointment	a) List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. b) What is the gender ratio of each board and across the portfolio? c) Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
66	0	McKenzie	NATS	Grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of grants?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
67	0	McKenzie	NATS	eedom of Information	a) Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? b) What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11? c) What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
68	0	McKenzie	NATS	eedom of Information	a) How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11? b) For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted? c) Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? d) If so, how many? e) Do any of these requests remain outstanding?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
69	0	McKenzie	NATS	eedom of Information	a) How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? b) How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? c) Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? d) If so, how many? e) Do any of these requests remain outstanding?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
70	0	McKenzie	NATS	eedom of Information	How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
71	0	McKenzie	NATS	ommunity Cabinet	a) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? b) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? c) What was the total cost of this travel? d) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? e) What was the total cost of this travel? f) List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. g) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
72	0	McKenzie	NATS	Reviews	For this financial year to date: a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? f) What reviews are planned? g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
73	0	McKenzie	NATS	onsultancies	a) How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10? b) How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? c) 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. d) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? e) 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 f) the name of the consultant if known.	Written QoN	22/05/2012

74	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Monitoring	a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? b) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11	Written QoN	17/04/2012
75	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Monitoring	a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services? c) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
76	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Monitoring	a) 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? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services? c) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
77	0	McKenzie	NATS	Social Media	a) 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? b) If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued. c) If no, please explain why not.	Written QoN	28/03/2012
78	0	McKenzie	NATS	Contractors	For this financial year to date: a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. b) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details. c) 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. d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details. e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details. g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details. h) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering	Written QoN	17/04/2012
79	0	McKenzie	NATS	Discretionary Grants	a) Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? b) Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. c) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
80	0	McKenzie	NATS	Commissioned Reports	a) How many reports were commissioned by the government in your portfolio in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? b) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? c) Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. d) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? e) What is the current status of each report? f) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written QoN	21/05/2012
81	0	McKenzie	NATS	Government Payments of	a) 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)? b) If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. c) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amount and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
82	0	McKenzie	NATS	Government stationery requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
83	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Subscriptions	a) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? b) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? d) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
84	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Subscriptions	a) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? b) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? d) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
85	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Subscriptions	a) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? b) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? d) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
86	0	McKenzie	NATS	Travel Costs	For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type - i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written QoN	7/05/2012
87	0	McKenzie	NATS	Travel Costs	For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.	Written QoN	7/05/2012
88	0	McKenzie	NATS	Travel Costs	For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.	Written QoN	21/05/2012
89	0	McKenzie	NATS	Travel Costs	a) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type - i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. b) Are employees taking the most direct route when travelling? If not, please explain why.	Written QoN	17/04/2012
90	0	McKenzie	NATS	Travel Costs	Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the cost per employee.	Written QoN	17/04/2012
91	0	McKenzie	NATS	Travel Costs	When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as their Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.	Written QoN	17/04/2012
92	0	McKenzie	NATS	Legal Costs	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.	Written QoN	17/04/2012
93	0	McKenzie	NATS	Legal Costs	a) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? b) Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written QoN	17/04/2012
94	0	McKenzie	NATS	Legal Costs	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.	Written QoN	17/04/2012
95	0	McKenzie	NATS	Legal Costs	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 QoN	4/05/2012

96	0	McKenzie	NATS	Education expenses	For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. Also include the reason for the study.	Written QoN	4/05/2012
97	0	McKenzie	NATS	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	a) 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:- Total spending on these services- The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification- The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted- The names of all service providers engaged b) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:- The name and nature of the service purchased- Whether the service is one-on-one or group based- The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification- The total number of hours involved for all employees- The total amount spent on the service - A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:- The location used- The number of employees who took part on each occasion- The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part- Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written QoN	11/04/2012
98	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Training	In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 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 d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written QoN	17/04/2012
99	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Training	For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)	Written QoN	17/04/2012
100	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Training	Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written QoN	4/05/2012
101	0	McKenzie	NATS	Paid Parental Leave	Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?	Written QoN	28/03/2012
102	0	McKenzie	NATS	Paid Parental Leave	a) For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? b) Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written QoN	28/03/2012
103	0	McKenzie	NATS	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	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.	Written QoN	4/05/2012
104	0	McKenzie	NATS	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	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.	Written QoN	8/05/2012
105	0	McKenzie	NATS	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designated 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 QoN	21/05/2012
106	0	McKenzie	NATS	Corporate Cars	a) How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? b) Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for? d) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? e) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
107	0	McKenzie	NATS	Taxi Costs	a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b) 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.	Written QoN	21/05/2012
108	0	McKenzie	NATS	Credit Cards	a) How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? b) What is their classification? c) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? d) How is corporate credit card use monitored? e) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? f) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. g) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
109	0	McKenzie	NATS	Provision of Equipment	a) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? b) If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided. c) What equipment is provided to department/agency staff? d) Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.	Written QoN	21/05/2012
110	5	McKenzie	LP	DoHA	In relation to QON E11-391 (refer http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/clac_cte/estimates/sup_1112/DoHA/Answers/391.pdf), have any GP Super Clinics applied for and been denied extra funding?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
111	4	Abetz	LP	DoHA	a) What are the department's long-term plans to ensure that HACC remains a sustainable service in Victoria, particularly for small rural councils such as Buloke Shire? b) How is the department working with the Victorian Government?	Written QoN	27/03/2012
112	5	Bushby	LP	Sorell GP Super Clinic	a) The department has said the funding agreement for the Sorell GP SuperClinic between the department and Sorell Integrated Health is in the process of being terminated - when is that expected to be finalised? b) Ms Taylor from the department said that legal advice was being sought - in what respect and on what issues? c) The department has said it became aware Sorell Integrated Health was not proceeding in June 2011. Can you please explain why almost 9 months on, the agreement still has not been terminated (i.e. what procedures/meetings/discussions have been undertaken)? d) What is the amount of money that the Department claims Sorell Integrated Health must re-pay and over what timeframe? e) An invitation to apply for 'Primary Health Care Infrastructure Grants' in Sorell and Brighton, as part of the GP Super Clinics Program was advertised in December and said, 'a total of \$2 million is available under three funding streams.' Is this less than the original amount announced for the Sorell GP SuperClinic? Please detail how the remainder has been spent. f) What will happen to the money recouped from the Sorell GP SuperClinic? g) How will the department guarantee that it will be spent on health services in Sorell and surrounding communities? h) How will the successful applicants be	Written QoN	7/05/2012
113	5	Bushby	LP	SuperClinics in Tasmania	Please provide details of the following: a) How many presentations each of Tasmania's GP SuperClinics receive per annum? b) How many GP's are practicing at each clinic? c) A breakdown of GP's working at each clinic by sex. d) What is the annual locum use and cost for each clinic?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
114	5	Bushby	LP	SuperClinics in Tasmania	If the department is unable to provide all or any of these details, please specify why it is unable to do so in respect of each. a) Have any of the Tasmanian clinics applied for an Area of Workforce Shortage classification and if so, why? b) What were the operating hours for each of Tasmania's GP SuperClinics over the Christmas/New Year period? c) When is the Integrated Care Centre, adjoining the Clarence GP SuperClinic, expected to be completed? d) Has the Tasmanian government requested any additional funding to complete the ICC? If so, when, how much, and for what specifically?	Written QoN	7/05/2012

115	13	Bushby	LP	Hospital in the Home program in northern Tasmania	a) Has the department/minister been approach by the Member for Bass Geoff Lyons to provide funding or assistance in order keep the Hospital in the Home program running? b) If so, what discussions have taken place and what has been the outcome? c) Are there any grants programs or other similar avenues that could be pursued to obtain federal funding?	Written QoN	16/05/2012
116	4	Bushby	LP	Community Care packages	a) The Department of Health and Ageing has rejected a proposal from St Ann's Homes in Tasmania to convert residential beds to community care packages. What was the reason? b) Is the department reviewing this decision? c) If so, why?	Written QoN	10/05/2012
117	4	Bushby	LP	Community Care packages	The Minister for Ageing, Mark Butler, said in a media release on 22 December 2011 when announcing the results of the 2011 Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR) that "applications for community care places far exceeded what was available, consistent with the preference of older Australians to remain living independently and in their own homes for as long as possible." a) Does the department believe there's a need for community care packages in Tasmania? b) If so, what could St Ann's have done to satisfy the department that it is an appropriate facility to provide at-home care? c) Has the department undertaken any cost analysis if residential beds were converted to community care packages? If so, what did it show? d) What response has the department/government made to the Productivity Commission's report, 'Caring for Older Australians'?	Written QoN	10/05/2012
118	1	Boyce	LP	Diabetes	a) Is the Department aware that all types of diabetes increased in Queensland at twice the national rate with a 37 per cent increase in Queensland between 2007 and 2011 compared to a national 22 per cent increase? b) What action is the department taking in Queensland to stem this problem? c) Do you have a Queensland-specific strategy given that diabetes has increased in that state at twice the national rate?	Written QoN	4/05/2012
119	4	Boyce	LP	Dementia	Alzheimer's Australia and Australian General Practice Network have both identified the need for action on diagnosis of dementia as part of their Federal Budget submissions. a) What action will be taken by the Government to address timely diagnosis of dementia in the context of the Government's primary health care reforms? b) If the Department is made aware of cutting edge research that could have immediate implications for developing treatments for dementia, are there occasions where you take a proactive approach and have your own experts assess the research or fund further research? c) If not, wouldn't that be a good idea?	Written QoN	21/05/2012
120	2	Boyce	LP	Growth of the PBS	The growth of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) in 2011 has been reported to below the projected growth rate. The Mid Year Economic and Financial Outlook stated that the growth rate of the PBS was 5.7% in 2010/11 - a full 2% lower than the estimated PBS growth rate yielding a \$265 million budget reduction in 2011/12 and driving a total budget reduction of \$1.8 billion over 4 years. a) Have the forward expenditure projections for the PBS been adjusted to reflect the significantly lower than expected growth of the PBS in 2011? b) Have the forward growth rate projections for the PBS been adjusted to reflect the significantly lower than expected growth of the PBS in 2011? c) What is the projected growth rate of the PBS and what is the projected growth rate of the F2 formulary?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
121	10	Boyce	LP	Wave One GP Division	The previous Health Minister confirmed that the E-Health Reform would build on existing working solutions. Why then has \$20M been paid to the Wave One GP Division sites without any governance on how the money is spent?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
122	1	Boyce	LP	Pain Management	Given the evidence for using opioids long-term for persistent pain is in doubt in terms of improving functional outcomes for patients and the best practice for chronic persistent pain is for medicines to be combined with non-medicine strategies such as cognitive behavioural therapy & physiotherapy is multidisciplinary pain medicine - Is there any planning or consideration underway to enhance this multidisciplinary approach to pain medicine as currently there are very few pain management treatment facilities in primary care?	Written QoN	24/05/2012
123	1	Boyce	LP	Pain Management	The former Minister stated: "It is unlikely that the National Pain Strategy could be actioned by making persistent pain a National Health Priority Area." Given that, "According to the findings of the 2007 Access Economic's report the cost of chronic pain in 2003 was comparable to that of diabetes and of musculoskeletal conditions, and ranked higher than asthma, which are all National Health Priority Area (The High Price of Pain: the economic impact of persistent pain in Australia) why is the Government not addressing: workforce shortages of pain medicine specialists and allied health and general practice practitioners with pain management training; insufficient education & training in the area of pain management in the wider health care sector; inadequate assessment and treatment of pain in primary health care; inadequate coordinated pain management services at the community level; serious pain non-management issues existing in nursing homes & hostel care for seniors. Are the recommendations of National Medicine Policy committee regarding achieving quality use of opioid analgesic medicines in Australia for the treatment of chronic non-cancer pain, as mentioned in the National Medicines Policy committee report of November 2011, going to be implemented?"	Written QoN	24/05/2012
124	1	Boyce	LP	Pain Management	Are the 'Action Areas' of the National Drug Misuse Prevention Strategy prepared on behalf of the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council going to be implemented? Is there still money available for implementation from the Cost Shared Funding Model?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
125	1	Boyce	LP	Pain Management	The former Minister stated that: "At present there is no consensus that persistent pain should be recognized as a chronic disease." The National Pain Summit, opened by Minister Roxon in March, 2010 at Parliament House was led by the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), the Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) and the Australian Pain Society (APS). The Summit's 200 delegates, represented a wide range of health professionals, consumers, industry and funders and unanimously supported the National Pain Strategy. Other expert health organisations supporting the call for federal and state government recognition of chronic pain as a chronic disease in its own right include the Faculty of Musculoskeletal Medicine; the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine; the ANZ Society for Geriatric Medicine; the ANZ Society of Palliative Medicine; the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine; the Australasian College of Physicians; the College of Psychiatrists; the Australian General Practice Network; the RACGP; the AMA; the Australian Physiotherapy Association; the Australian Psychological Association; the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia; the College of Nursing. a) Why isn't this deemed to be a 'consensus'? b) Which medical authorities do not agree with the proposition?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
126	4	Boyce	LP	Transparency of reporting	The Department is reporting that it receives a large number of reportable assaults every year (1,815 in 2010-11), but the reporting does not allow a third party to interpret this data in order to gauge how serious sexual and physical assaults in aged care homes really are. The objective of my questions is for better reporting and public disclosure of the true extent of the problem posed by physical and sexual abuse. Please advise why there is no reporting on the outcome of the police investigations of the reportable assault cases.	Written QoN	10/04/2012
127	4	Boyce	LP	Transparency of reporting	There is no disclosure of the criteria for establishing whether a reportable assault case is finalized, noting that reportable assaults are a matter for police investigation; therefore a) How does the Department establish whether such a case is finalized? b) Does the Department seek advice from the police on outcomes? c) Does the Department monitor progress with police investigations when considering the need for compliance action? d) Are there protocols with Police Departments and the Department governing administrative arrangements?	Written QoN	10/04/2012
128	4	Boyce	LP	Transparency of reporting	There is no information on the number of reports made by approved providers. Will the department in future make this information available?	Written QoN	10/04/2012

129	4	Boyce	LP	aged Care Approvals	In the last Aged Care Approvals Round announced in December, 10,493 residential aged care beds were available however, only 7,933 bed licenses have been allocated - an under subscription of 2,560 places. a) What is the department doing to remedy the shortfall in the uptake of licenses? b) How is the department encouraging providers to build more aged care facilities? c) Where are senior Australians going to live as there's an under supply of aged care facilities? d) What is the projected shortfall in beds over the next five years? e) The electorate of Flynn, Petrie and Capricornia did not receive any beds in the last round. Did any aged care facilities apply for beds in those electorates? Is there a demand for beds in those electorates?	Written QoN	10/05/2012
130	4	Boyce	LP	cost of delivering ca	A recent study by Grant Thornton has found the cost of construction of a modern high care facility in metropolitan Australia - for land and fit-out - was almost \$226,000 per bed which translated into a capital cost of at least \$73 per bed per day. The report also found that the costs associated with the delivery of nursing care and support was approximately \$144 per bed per day and the deficiency of available revenues to meet these costs was up to \$62 per bed per day during the review period. a) Would the Department please outline what it says is the average cost for the above (ie land, fit-out, capital cost per day, cost of delivering nursing care and support and shortfalls) is throughout Australia? b) Where is the most expensive place to build a modern high care facility in Australia? c) What is the cost for land and fit out and what is the capital cost per bed per day for such a facility? d) Where in Australia is the least expensive place to construct a modern, high care facility? e) What is the cost for land and fit out and what is the capital cost per bed per day for such a facility? f) Investment is not taking place in aged care facilities because the rate of return makes it a risky business investment. What is the	Written QoN	10/05/2012
131	4	Boyce	LP	Young people with disabilities in aged care facilities	In relation to the commitment contained in A National Health and Hospitals Network for Australia's Future that the States - with the exception of Vic and WA - will assume responsibility for funding aged care services for younger people, such as younger people with a disability, wherever they are receiving care as many thousands of younger people with disability are currently being accommodated in aged care homes. a) Has this funding change been implemented? b) What are the financial arrangements which support this change? c) What have been the costs to the Governments involved?	Written QoN	22/05/2012
132	7	Boyce	LP	Australian Hearing Centres - Rehabilitation Plus evaluation	The Department confirmed that it has received the evaluation conducted by Communio Pty Ltd on the Rehabilitation Plus program. In response to questions about the Rehab Plus program, the department advised that it found only a 13% non-usage rate hearing devices. a) Can the Dept explain how they define non usage of 13%? b) Please outline explicitly what constitutes "usage"? c) What other usage patterns have been identified and can the department please provide statistics?	Written QoN	27/03/2012
133	7	Boyce	LP	Australian Hearing Centres - Rehabilitation Plus evaluation	What other studies or research has the Government conducted to collect information on hearing aid use and what has been the result of such research?	Written QoN	27/03/2012
134	7	Boyce	LP	Australian Hearing Centres - Rehabilitation Plus evaluation	a) Does the department collect information on satisfaction rates with its hearing programs, including Rehab Plus? b) What are the recorded satisfaction rates? c) What are the main reasons for dissatisfaction? d) How do these results compare with satisfaction rates for other Government services such as in disability etc? e) What is the department doing to improve satisfaction rates? Are providers being provided training etc to improve satisfaction rates? Please list all measures the department is taking.	Written QoN	27/03/2012
135	7	Boyce	LP	Australian Hearing Centres - Rehabilitation Plus evaluation	In addition to the research results, is the Department able to submit copies of any briefing provided to any consultant, Australian Hearing and/or National Acoustics Laboratory researchers to undertake such work and for them to provide documentation of any methodology such people used (including copies of questionnaires, surveys, telephone interviews) to conduct the work for them.	Written QoN	27/03/2012
136	3	Boyce	LP	N and Telehealth	In relation to the government's announcement of a \$20.6 million fund to conduct telehealth trials utilising the NBN. a) What proportion of this fund is being funded by DoHA? b) Did DoHA propose the fund? If not DoHA who did? c) Is there a funding cap for potential pilot projects? d) Given that there is still limited NBN coverage, what is the total population that will be potentially covered in pilot project locations? e) How many telehealth pilot projects has DoHA funded using existing (non-NBN) broadband services since 2008? f) How many proposals for telehealth projects using existing (non-NBN) broadband services has DoHA received since 2008?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
137	3	Boyce	LP	Telehealth pilot	There are currently two NBN Telehealth pilot occurring in Townsville (QLD) and New England & Illawarra Shoalhaven (NSW) a) What numbers of diabetics must the Townsville Study recruit to have sufficient "power" to achieve significant findings? b) What specifically will the study evaluate - either the impact of the NBN or of telehealth? c) Can the Department cite any other studies worldwide where high speed broadband and telehealth are being evaluated against a control which have neither? d) Can DoHA confirm that it is funding half of the two project costs, and that NBN Co is funding the other half? e) How many patients are participating in each trial and outline exactly what services are provided as part of the trials? f) Did the Department propose the trials? g) How did the Department identify the need for such a trial project? h) Who within the department first proposed such a trial, which section approved it and on what basis/justification? i) If the department did not propose the trials? j) Who did? k) On what basis did the Department view the proposal as worthy of DoHA funding?	Written QoN	4/05/2012
138	3	Boyce	LP	Access to Medical Services	Newly listed MBS Telehealth items. a) How many MBS telehealth items are now funded by Medicare? b) Please breakdown the schedule fee for each service funded. c) What are the latest utilisation/billing results for these items? d) How much funding has been set aside for telehealth items over the forward estimates? e) Is the NBN required to access the telehealth items? f) Since the introduction of these telehealth items, can the department provide a breakdown of where these items are billed in terms of remoteness classification?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
139	5	Boyce	LP	MBS Practice Incentive Payments & Medicare Locals	a) Can the Department outline why the After-hours PIP was extended to 2013, and did the department provide advice to the government that it should take this course of action? b) Can the Department provide this advice to the committee? c) How many SWPE values in total does the department currently fund through the after hours incentive? d) Please provide a breakdown of the locations according to remoteness classification. e) What specific measures have Medicare Locals in rural areas planned to maintain face-to-face after hours GP services when the after-hours PIP is removed?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
140	13	Boyce	LP	Chronic Disease Dental Scheme	a) How many dentists that have been audited, or are currently being audited, as a result of their participation in the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme, have been referred to the Dental Board of Australia for their conduct that formed the basis (or triggered) the audit in the first instance? b) How many dentists have had their registration affected as a result of both the audit and/or the initial complaint? Please detail how registration was affected (was it suspended, conditions imposed).	Written QoN	Transferred to DHS 29/02/2012
141	1	Boyce	LP	Palliative Care	In relation to palliative care in Queensland, what projects, agencies or organisations have received and will receive money and how much have they received?	Written QoN	20/03/2012
142	1	Boyce	LP	Palliative Care	On what basis is sub acute funding for palliative care allocated - on demographic	Written QoN	3/04/2012
143	1	Boyce	LP	Palliative Care	Would the department please provide a breakdown of funding for subacute care for Queensland under the 2010 National Partnership Agreement and advise how has been allocated across the various categories - rehabilitation, palliative care, geriatric evaluation and management and psychogeriatric services?	Written QoN	3/04/2012
144	1	Boyce	LP	Palliative Care	How much is every other State and Territory receiving under the 2010 National Partnership Agreement for subacute care?	Written QoN	3/04/2012

145	1	Boyce	LP	Palliative Care	a) Are you aware that the Queensland Government has allocated monies on an ad hoc basis to palliative care but there have been no announcements therefore no one has any idea of who has received what? b) What will the Commonwealth do to remedy this as there has been no transparency in the allocation of monies? c) What methods does the Commonwealth use to hold the Qld State Government accountable that funding goes to where its says its allocated to?	Written QoN	3/04/2012
146	13	Boyce	LP	Regional Cancer Centres	a) Can the Department confirm that the progress of all Regional Cancer centres is proceeding according to plan? b) Have contracts been entered into for all capital works for every project? c) What are the expected completion timeframes for all projects and have these changed from original completion timeframes? d) Are all projects being delivered on budget? If not, what are the revised project costs? e) Has there been any reduction in scope of projects to contain costs? If so, please list which projects are affected and detail what the revised project outcome will be?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
147	13	Boyce	LP	Health & Hospitals Fund - Regional Priority Round 3	a) Can the Department confirm that every project is expected to be completed on time, within budget and meet the original scope of the project? b) Please detail any variations if not. c) Has DoHA entered into contracts for all capital works to be carried out for all 63 projects?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
148	13	Boyce	LP	Health & Hospitals Fund - Regional Priority Round 4	a) Is the Department on track to announce all successful projects by May 2012? b) Have the successful projects been chosen? c) Are there any projects which will be funded which did not satisfy the HHF Evaluation Criteria? d) How many applications were received for Round Four and what was the total dollar figure of all applications? e) Were any applications rejected prior to consideration by the HHF Advisory Board for failing to meet the core funding criteria under the HHF Evaluation Criteria? f) If so, what projects were rejected? g) Who will make the final decision on projects to be funded?	Written QoN	4/05/2012
149	6	Boyce	LP	Hours Care in Rural	What guarantees does the Government have in place to ensure that practices and doctors who currently provide after hours care in rural areas, often under onerous on call ratios, will be fully compensated for the removal of these after hours incentives and loadings?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
150	6	Boyce	LP	Hours Care in Rural	Has the Government undertaken a cost benefit analysis between the after hours telephone GP Helpline - HealthDirect and traditional models for provision of after hours care in small rural towns, where this care is often provided through local hospitals by local doctors on call with triage by local hospital nurses?	Written QoN	05/04/1012
151	1	Boyce	LP	Hours Care in Rural	a) How many general practices in RRMA categories 3-7 will lose funding for providing after hours care when the government removes the after hours incentives payments under the Practice Incentives Program (PIP)? (Breakdown by RRMA category) b) What will be the recurring financial loss (including loss of the PIP rural incentives loading component of the after hours incentives) to practices across these RRMA classifications when this funding is removed?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
152	6	Boyce	LP	Hours Care in Rural	For a practice with three thousand SWPEs (Standardised Whole Patient Equivalents) providing full after hours services (Tier 3 after hours incentive) in a RRMA 5 town, what is the recurring annual financial loss to that practice with the removal of the after hours incentives under the PIP (including rural loading)?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
153	6	Boyce	LP	Hours Care in Rural	Can the Government provide a breakdown by proposed Medicare Local boundaries of the current PIP after hours incentives payments made to practices, including rural loadings?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
154	6	Boyce	LP	Hours Care in Rural	a) On what basis does the Government justify its contention that the GP Helpline has reduced attendances at public hospital accident and emergency departments? b) On average, across all public hospitals in Australia how many attendances per week at accident and emergency departments have been avoided by the GP after hours Helpline? c) What are the numbers and percentages of calls to the GP Helpline that result in attendance to a public hospital accident and emergency department broken down by time of day? d) What is the current payment to doctors manning the after hours Helpline on an hourly basis after midnight and how does this compare with payments made to doctors who attend patients either in their surgeries or local hospitals when on call and providing face to face services after hours?	Written QoN	05/04/1012
155	6	Boyce	LP	Hours Care in Rural	Why is the Government handing over responsibility for providing financial support for after-hours medical care to Medicare Locals when the same policy shift in England resulted in around 90% of GPs walking away from providing afterhours services?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
156	12	Boyce	LP	Force and rural distri	Has there been any communication with the AHPRA (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency) or the Nursing and Midwifery Board regarding recency of practice requirements for nurses and midwives? If so, what issues have been considered and what was the outcome?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
157	12	Boyce	LP	Force and rural distri	What capacity exists for the Commonwealth to influence a review or a revision of recency of practice requirements? Do changes have to be approved by Health Ministers?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
158	12	Boyce	LP	Force and rural distri	Are there any plans to review or change recency of practice requirements that yo	Written QoN	11/04/2012
159	12	Boyce	LP	Force and rural distri	What were the recency of practice requirements in each jurisdiction before National Registration and Accreditation?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
160	12	Boyce	LP	Force and rural distri	a) With respect to current nursing and midwifery requirements, how many approved programs exist throughout the country for nurses who have been out of the workforce for five years or longer? Are there programs available in each jurisdiction and how many? b) What are the costs of the programs and how long do they take? c) How many nurses and midwives have undertaken an approved program for recency of practice since July 2010?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
161	12	Boyce	LP	Force and rural distri	a) What constitutes "supervised practice experience approved by the Board"? b) How many hours does it require? c) In what settings can it occur? d) Is there an approval process or particular requirements for those providing supervision?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
162	12	Boyce	LP	Force and rural distri	a) How many nurses and midwives have updated recency of practice requirements by undertaking supervised practice experience since July 2010? b) Are there any additional requirements to be met if someone has not practiced for 10 years?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
163	12	Boyce	LP	Overseas Trained Doctors & Rural Health Workforce	a) Can DoHA confirm that overseas trained doctor/international medical graduates subject to the 10 year rule are able to work in discrete city locations for up to 6 months in locum positions? b) If so, is it possible that OTDs can effectively work as locums in a different city locations every 6 months? c) Does this not severely undermine the purpose of S19AB of the Act?	Written QoN	21/05/2012
164	12	Boyce	LP	District of workforce shortage operations & exemptions	The town of Walwa in outer regional Victoria is not classified as a DWS and required an exemption to recruit an OTD last year, yet Albury/Wodonga, a large regional centre with significant health infrastructure 150km away, is classified as a DWS. The town of Mt Morgan, half an hour south of Rockhampton, also does not have DWS status and is required to also apply for an exemption - which it did last year, yet Rockhampton itself with its 232 bed Base Hospital, is classified as a DWS. If these are the outcomes that are occurring, what explicit criteria are being used to determine DWS locations? If it is based purely on whether a location "falls below the national average for the provision of medical services" as listed on the DoctorConnect website, isn't this criteria inadequate, and can the department list any other considerations used to determine DWS status.	Written QoN	21/05/2012
165	12	Boyce	LP	District of workforce shortage operations & exemptions	a) Have the s19AB Guidelines been amended in the last two years? b) How many times has it been amended? c) Please detail what these amendments were, when they were made and the reason for the change? d) Are the guidelines used by decision makers publicly available, and if not why not?	Written QoN	21/05/2012
166	12	Boyce	LP	District of workforce shortage operations & exemptions	a) Can the Department advise how many s19AB exemptions have been granted in the last 3 years? b) What reasons were used to grant exemptions? c) Were all reasons those found in the s19AB Guidelines at the relevant time? Provide explanations for any that were not. d) What was the breakdown of the number of exemptions by either ASGC-RA or RRMA?	Written QoN	21/05/2012

167	12	Boyce	LP	ASGC-RA Classification	Can the Government explain why it refuses to undertake an independent, comprehensive review of the ASGC-RA classification system when there are glaring anomalies such as the classification of Hobart as being equally rural as the small rural towns of Gundagai, Denniliquin, Cootamundra and Tumut in NSW, noting that the author of a recent "technical" review of the ASGC-RA was conducted by the architects of the ASGC-RA?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
168	12	Boyce	LP	ASGC-RA Classification	a) Has the Department considered recent research published in the Australian Journal of Rural Health showing that population size does matter when one considers medical workforce and the difficulty in attracting doctors particularly to small rural and remote communities? [Aust. Journal of Rural Health (2012) 20 3-10 Who should receive recruitment and retention incentives? Improved targeting of rural doctors using medical workforce data. Humphreys, McGrail, Joyce, Scott, Kalb] b) What is the Departments response to this research?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
169	12	Boyce	LP	ASGC-RA Classification	Can the Government explain how the Australian Standard Geographical Classification -Remoteness Area (ASGC-RA) system helps small rural towns such as Gundagai, Denniliquin, Cootamundra and Tumut compete with larger regional centres such as Albury, Wagga Wagga, Dubbo, Tamworth, Orange and even Hobart for much needed doctors when they are all classified the same under the ASGC-RA?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
170	12	Boyce	LP	ASGC-RA Classification	How many doctors have moved to ASGC-RA 2, 3 and 4 localities since the introduction of the ASGC-RA and its application to the General Practice Rural Incentives Program?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
171	12	Boyce	LP	ASGC-RA Classification	What is the breakdown within this classification of doctors moving to communities previously identified as RRMA 3, 4 and 5 localities?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
172	12	Boyce	LP	ASGC-RA Classification	What is the breakdown for each of these ASGC-RA classifications and within these classifications by RRMA by qualification, registration status, training status (whether GP Registrar or Prevocational Trainee) and whether international medical graduate practising under moratorium provisions or Australian trained?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
173	12	Boyce	LP	ASGC-RA Classification	How much money was paid to doctors under the General Practice Rural Incentives Program in 2011 broken down by ASGC-RA classification and RRMA groups for each of the categories Relocation and Retention Grants?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
174	12	Boyce	LP	District of Workforce Shortage	How many towns or suburbs across all RRMA categories are classified as Districts of Workforce Shortage (breakdown by numbers and percentage of totals)?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
175	12	Boyce	LP	District of Workforce Shortage	In how many towns or suburbs NOT classified as Districts of Workforce Shortage do doctors provide general practice / primary care services and hospital services including but not limited to inpatient, after hours care and procedural services (extended services)?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
176	12	Boyce	LP	District of Workforce Shortage	Why does the District of Workforce Shortage classification not take into account t	Written QoN	17/04/2012
177	12	Boyce	LP	District of Workforce Shortage	a) What are the implications for practices providing extended models of care that are not classified as Districts of Workforce Shortage when seeking to attract doctors? b) How many practices are there in metropolitan and regional areas (RRMA 1-3) classified as Districts of Workforce Shortage?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
178	12	Boyce	LP	District of Workforce Shortage	a) How many medical students currently have bonded medical placements in Australian University Medical Schools? b) How many medical students given a medical school place under the bonded placement program have graduated to date? c) What is the current practice distribution of these graduates across all ASGC-RA and RRMA groups?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
179	14	Boyce	LP	Torres Strait TB Clinics	a) Has DoHA conducted any risk assessments or any analysis in relation to the increased risk to Torres Strait Island residents of exposure to PNG nationals carrying TB into the islands in the absence of TB screening and TB clinics? b) What was the result of such an assessment? c) If no such work has been conducted, why hasn't it?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
180	14	Boyce	LP	Torres Strait TB Clinics	Is DoHA satisfied that the TB services established by AusAID in the Western Province of PNG are adequate, and is DoHA confident that these services will be provided in accordance with the clinical standards prescribed by the World Health Organisation?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
181	14	Boyce	LP	Torres Strait TB Clinics	How many MDR-TB cases have arisen as a direct result of the Torres Strait Island	Written QoN	11/04/2012
182	14	Boyce	LP	Torres Strait TB Clinics	a) Can DoHA advise what its specific policy response is to the WHO assessment conducted in late 2011? b) What recommendations have been made in the report which relate directly to DoHA? c) What actions is the Department taking, or considering taking, as a direct result of the report's recommendations?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
183	14	Boyce	LP	Torres Strait TB Clinics	a) How many PNG nationals are expected to continue presenting to Australian health facilities in the Torres Strait seeking TB treatment? b) What protocols have DoHA formulated with other Commonwealth and State government agencies to deal with continued presentations?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
184	8	Boyce	LP	Performance Issues - financial	a) How many audits were initiated and how many were completed last year that were not part of the normal audit process, i.e. they were initiated by irregularities? b) What are the usual triggers for such audits? c) What was the result/outcome of these audits, i.e. how many audits have made adverse findings?	Written QoN	5/04/2012
185	8	Boyce	LP	Performance Issues - financial	a) What actions have been taken by OATSIH in relation to those organisations that had adverse findings made in an audit? b) Have any criminal charges been laid (or convictions, or referrals to the DPP) as a result of audits? If so how many? c) Have any organisations been fully or partially shut down as a result of an audit? d) Have conditions been placed on services and what are they? e) What kind of recovery action has commenced? f) How much funding in total was estimated to have been misappropriated last year?	Written QoN	5/04/2012
186	8	Boyce	LP	Establishing Quality Health Standards measure	In relation to continuous quality improvement: a) What streams of funding are available to AMS for this purpose? How much in total was available last year for maintaining standards? b) Is there any bias in the program towards achieving first time accreditation (due to the targets that were set) rather than maintaining standards? c) Have the savings measures in the current budget (BP2 p217) of \$10.8 million over four years reduced the Governments capacity to provide such quality improvement assistance to Indigenous health organisations?	Written QoN	5/04/2012
187	8	Boyce	LP	Establishing Quality Health Standards measure	a) Can the Department provide a breakdown of the number of assistance grants that were provided last year and by purpose of the grant? b) Can the department advise how many applications for grants it received last year?	Written QoN	5/04/2012
188	8	Boyce	LP	Establishing Quality Health Standards measure	a) How many AMS' achieved accreditation last year? b) Is the department aware of any organisations that lost accreditation or was unsuccessful in achieving accreditation? If so how many?	Written QoN	5/04/2012
189	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	Is DoHA (or Medicare) aware of any issues with the Health Identifier service which will make it impossible for any Australian citizen to have a PCEHR if they wish?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
190	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	Is DoHA or Medicare aware of any issues that will affect general electronic validation of HPI-Is or HPI-Os in current or historical PCEHR documents?	Written QoN	Transferred to DHS 03/03/2012
191	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	a) Is there an available document which analyses and identifies issues related to the clinical safety of the PCEHR? If so can NEHTA /DOHA confirm there are NO unmitigated risks? b) If there are no such documents does that mean key issues relating to clinical safety and the implementation processes are not resolved and not completed?	Written QoN	Transferred to NEHTA 29/02/2012
192	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	What Australian content is part of the PCEHR deployment given that the National Infrastructure Partner contract requires at least 20% Australian content?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
193	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	Interoperability between health providers and consumers will improve healthcare and is ultimately the goal of the E-Health Reform. To achieve this ideal in health - as in other industries- the Government needs to provide infrastructure and standards. The National Health and Hospital Reform Commission Report specifically stated in recommendation #123 that Governments should not buy, build or design the E-Health system. When did government decide to ignore the NHHRCR recommendations and how was that decision made	Written QoN	7/05/2012

194	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	NEHTA's strategy documents are consistently missing any published SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) Metrics to aid with the performance management and accountability of this COAG tax payer funded non-profit private corporation. How can DOHA demonstrate that the performance management of NEHTA is being conducted competently and how can DOHA demonstrate that NEHTA is being held accountable for its spending of tax payers money to achieve promised outcomes in the absence of such SMART Metrics?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
195	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	If DOHA believes NEHTA has published such documents, is being performance managed and is being held accountable according to SMART Metrics, can DOHA publish these metrics for the public record and provide a report of NEHTA's performance in relation to these SMART Metrics in-line with its stated goals?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
196	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	What was the original business case to justify granting the three lead E-Health sites, each valued in excess of \$4m, without any competitive tender process, and what are they expected to produce over and above what was acknowledged and accounted for in the Deloitte National E-Health Strategy (2008, p.18)?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
197	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	What governance and accountability measures are in place to support the proper spending and achievement of promised outcomes from the three lead E-Health sites?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
198	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	What exactly, in SMART metric terms, are the promised outcomes from the three lead E-Health sites to justify and measure their performance?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
199	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	The original Wave#2 PCEHR grants tender specified "ongoing sustainability" as requirement for successful tender respondents. For each of the successful x9 Wave#2 PCEHR tender bids receiving collectively approx. \$70M of tax payers funds: a) How many have proposed sustainable funding models post June 30th? b) What is the degree of confidence from DOHA & NEHTA that these funding models will be achieved? c) What happens to the lead E-Health site if they are unable to sustainably operate post June 30th 2012? d) Are there any penalties for securing and wasting tax payers funding if not able to operate sustainably post June 30th?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
200	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	For each of the successful 9 Wave2 PCEHR tender bids receiving collectively approx. \$70M of tax payers funds could you supply the following details? a) Are all lead E-Health sites, including Wave 1 and Wave 2 sites, compliant with this set of grant funding criteria? b) There are reports of four different versions of E-Discharge Summaries implemented in the lead E-Health sites, can this be confirmed and if confirmed, how was this permitted to happen? c) Are there any penalties applicable to either the three lead Wave 1 E-Health sites or nine Wave sites for not meeting the specified criteria for grant funding, and if so, how will the penalties be determined and/or administered?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
201	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	Has there been a "Regulatory Impact Statement" (RIS) conducted by DOHA for: a) RIS, for the HI Act and associated regulations? b) RIS, for the PCEHR Legislation under consultation and consideration by this Senate Committee? c) If no RIS has been commissioned and conducted for either legislation, why not? d) Will a RIS be performed as obligated, 2-years after the initial inception of new legislation & regulation for both the HI Act and this PCEHR Act under review and consultation?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
202	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	July 1st is the second anniversary of the inception of the Healthcare Identifier Service. The COAG meeting in December 2009 agreed to the commission and review of the HI Service. This apparently would take 1-year to produce, another 6-months to produce some recommendations, then an additional 6-months to make a decision on those recommendations, so in effect taking 2-years to review a service and make decisions on a service that was only operational for 2-years. a) What is the justification by DOHA for the protracted period this review of the HI Service will take? b) Can this present forecasted time-table be altered to have the review executed and decisions made in a more accelerated time-frame, say 3-6 months?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
203	10	Boyce	LP	e-Health	The 2008 Deloitte National E-Health Strategy advocated an approach where the first thing 'connected' was Australia's healthcare system (Connect and Communicate: 1-3 years) through standards-based health information transaction exchanges (such as E-Referrals, E-Discharge Summaries, diagnostic test orders and results), and once the healthcare sector was connected in an interoperable fashion, then further investment and pursuit of a Shared Electronic Healthcare Record should ensue leveraging this connected healthcare sector base (Deloitte, 2008, p.51). Why then have DOHA and NEHTA deviated from this nationally agreed plan by COAG in pursuing with a substantial investment of \$467M over 2-years into a PCEHR, when the stated prerequisites as laid out by Deloitte have not been accomplished nor invested in to achieve the staged plan as outlined?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
204	6	Nash	NATS	Rural Undergraduate Support and Coordination Scheme (RUSC)	a) Please provide the annual budget allocation for the Rural Undergraduate Support and Coordination Scheme (RUSC) for each of the last ten years. b) Please provide the total funding allocation to each participating higher education institution (HEI) under the RUSC for each of the last ten years. c) Please set out the performance targets, reporting requirements and provisions relating to non-performance or breach of contract specified for each HEI in the contract under the RUSC (NOTE: If the performance targets and reporting requirements were common for each HEI this can be specified as a single item.) d) Please provide the target number of medical students from RRMA 3 and RRMA 4 and 7 (in separate columns) that each HEI was expected to enrol under the RUSC (ie. 25% of students of rural origin with specified proportions for RRMA 3 and RRMA 4 and 7), based on the total domestic student commencements for each participating HEI in each given year, and the actual number of commencements advised to the department by each HEI in each given year. e) Please note for each HEI, whether they met or did not meet the performance targets and/or reporting requirements specified in the contract between the Commonwealth Government and the HEI.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
205	6	Nash	NATS	al Clinics School (R)	a) Please provide the annual budget allocation for the Rural Clinical Schools (RCS) program for each of the last ten years. b) Please specify the proportion of RCS funding directly allocated to metropolitan higher education institute (HEI) and regional HEI in each year. c) Please provide funding allocations to each participating HEI under the RSC for each of the last ten years setting out capital and recurrent funding in separate columns for each year. d) Please set out the performance targets, reporting requirements and provisions relating to non-performance or breach of contract specified for each HEI in the contract under the RSC (if the performance targets and reporting requirements were common for each HEI this can be specified as a single item).	Written QoN	4/05/2012
206	6	Nash	NATS	Medical Schools Outcomes Database (MSOD)	a) Please provide the total annual funding provided by the Commonwealth Government for the Medical Schools Outcomes Database (MSOD) in each year since funding commenced (noting in separate columns where funding has been provided by the Department of Health and Ageing, Health Workforce Australia, NHMRC, ARC or other Commonwealth Government funding source). b) Please provide the total annual funding provided by State or Territory Governments (if any). c) Please break funding allocations into capital and recurrent. d) Please provide the performance criteria for funding of the MSOD set out by the Commonwealth Government (that is, what the MSOD was intended to do and the performance targets specified in the contract). e) Please specify whether all performance requirements were met in accordance with the contract in each given year.	Written QoN	7/05/2012

207	6	Nash	NATS	Medical Schools Outcomes Database (MSOD)	Please provide the following information from MSOD for each year since data was recorded: a) Total number of commencing medical students from RRMA 3, RRMA 4-7 enrolled in each Australia medical school as a whole number and proportion of total enrolments; b) Total number of medical student commencements (and proportion of total medical student commencements in that year) classified as being of rural origin who had evidence that they had lived for 5 years or less in a rural area; 5-10 years in a rural area; more than 10 years in a rural area. Please advise the evidence students were required to provide to prove this claim. c) Total number of medical student commencements (and proportion of total medical student commencements in that year) classified as being of rural origin who had evidence that they had undertaken the whole of their primary school education in a rural area; the whole of their secondary school education in a rural area; the whole of both their primary and secondary education in a rural area. d) Total number of medical students from RRMA3, and RRMA 4-7 who commenced an enrolment in an RCS (identified by each RCS) as a whole number and a proportion of total commencements in the RCS in that year, and as a proportion of total medical student enrolments at that medical school in that year; e) Total number of metropolitan origin and overseas full fee paying medical students that commenced in an RCS in each year (identified by each RCS) as a whole number and a proportion of total enrolments (and as a proportion of total overseas student enrolments in that HEI in that year); f) Total average duration of rural exposure for all students enrolled in each RCS in each given year, compared to total average duration of metropolitan exposure for all enrolled medical students in a given year; g) Total number of effective full time medical graduates that commenced post-vocational medical training in a rural location in that year (separately identified as RRMA3, and RRMA 4-7). (This question acknowledges that medical graduates may	Written QoN	7/05/2012
208	6	Nash	NATS	University Departments of Rural Health program (UDRH)	a) Please provide the annual budget allocation for the University Departments of Rural Health program (UDRH) for each of the years since commencement. b) Please specify the proportion of UDRH funding directly allocated to metropolitan and regional HEI each year. c) Please provide the total funding allocation to each participating HEI under the UDRH for each of the years since commencement (broken down into capital and recurrent). d) Please set out the performance targets, reporting requirements and provisions relating to non-performance or breach of contract specified for each HEI in the contract under the UDRH (if the performance targets and reporting requirements were common for each HEI this can be specified as a single item). e) Please provide the number of students from RRMA3, and RRMA 4-7 (in separate columns) supported by the UDRH each year as a proportion of total students supported each year.		29/05/2012
209	14	Boyce	LP	Department of Torres Strait TB	a) As you are aware the TB clinics in the Torres Strait have now been closed and 40 patients are being transported back to PNG. In the absence of these clinics what arrangements are in place to deal with people crossing this utterly porous border who are infected with TB or other serious infectious diseases? b) What will now happen to people from PNG who present in the Torres Strait with TB? c) Under existing arrangements are all people entering Australian territory with infectious diseases reported?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
210	14	Boyce	LP	National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS)	a) Does the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) have surveillance and detection systems in place so we know these how many foreign nationals are entering our borders that have a serious and infectious disease? b) Do they capture any information from an epidemiological perspective? c) Do the figures contained in the NNDSS recordings show the complete picture of the incidence of infectious disease among foreign nationals crossing our borders? d) The honest answers to the previous three questions is no shouldn't the focus of an infectious disease surveillance system be all infectious people crossing our borders regardless of where they are diagnosed or where they are receiving treatment?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
211	14	Boyce	LP	Department of Torres Strait TB	a) From 2009 till present there have been 622 reported cases of Tuberculosis in Queensland can you tell me how many of those were identified as being from the Torres Strait, Cairns and Cape York? b) How many of those were MDR TB?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
212	14	Boyce	LP	Leprosy	a) How many cases of Leprosy have been reported in the last 6 months in Queensland and the Torres Strait? b) If the answer to the previous question is nil or zero how would explain the following events; My office has been speaking to an Australian citizen in Cairns who came into contact with an infected PNG national in the past 6 months and who was subsequently put under a treatment regime for leprosy as a precaution. How could that be, if as you say there have been no reported cases of leprosy in the last six months?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
213	1	Boyce	LP	Intellectual Property	How much has the Gillard Government set aside to fight the High Court challenge brought about by tobacco companies in relation to its plain packaging legislation?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
214	1	Boyce	LP	Intellectual Property	a) Has a contingency fund been set aside in the event that Australian taxpayers are ordered to pay compensation for extinguishing a company's intellectual property? b) If so, how much has been set aside in that fund?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
215	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Delivery of new beds	The annual report states on page 320 that data will be available in November 2011 on the actual number of new beds delivered in 2010-11. How many beds have opened and are operational in each jurisdiction under this initiative? IPHS	CA 29 - 15/02/2012	8/05/2012
216	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Subacute beds	Do you have data on the total number of subacute beds in each jurisdiction before and since the measure came into effect? so that is under the capacity criteria and then under the new agreement? Do you have that data?	CA 129 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
217	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Acute beds	Under those two scenarios, have there been any changes in the number of acute beds?	CA 129 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
218	13	Boyce	LP	Subacute funding	Can you just tell me on what basis subacute funding for palliative care in particular is allocated? How do you work out how to split out subacute? Ms A Smith: We will know how much has been allocated, and I would have to take that on notice, but we do not direct the states in any way around that. Can you answer that on notice?	CA 130 - 15/02/2012	3/04/2012
219	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	acute mental health	[in the Mental Health Section, you are not following at all the mental health component of the promise for the 1,365 beds, which I understand does contain a component for mental health beds? You are not following that at all? What is your understanding then about what progress has been made in relation to those mental health beds as part of that 'reform'?] I will ask Ms Flanagan, who is probably listening and who no doubt is going to give evidence at some stage, if she could take on notice and provide further information in relation to whether that indication - I will not call it 'commitment' - about possible [subacute] mental health beds has in any way progressed.	CA 49 - 15/02/2012	8/05/2012
220	1	Ludlam	AG	KPMG report on investigation into ANSTO Yttrium-90 incident 2007	What criteria do you apply when you are determining whether or not to make a decision?	CA 105 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
221	0	Boyce	LP	Strategic review and efficiency dividend on DoHA	Would you be able to provide perhaps a table on that, Mr Stuart, in terms of the numbers and what 13 per cent looks like?	CA 18 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
222	1	Siewert	AG	Petrol Sniffing	I have noticed in some of the information I have received that there have been some-I must say, fairly small-reductions in funding for communications. Can you tell me the reason for that, when one of the issues that I am hearing fairly consistently, yet again, is that non-sniffable fuel causes problems in engines? I understand that there has been another fairly recent episode about that, which was proved to be baseless. What is the reason for the cutting in funding, if we are still having problems with this issue around whether non-sniffable fuel causes problems?	CA 58 - 17/02/2012	4/04/2012
223	1	Di Natale	AG	Burden of Disease	I have a few questions on the burden of disease study and whether there is any i	CA 98 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012

224	1	Boyce	LP	Palliative Care	a) In relation to palliative care in Queensland, what projects, agencies or organisations have received or will receive money from the federal government? How much have they received? b) Could you give me the figures for each State and Territory please?	CA 119 - 15/02/2012	20/03/2012
225	1	Boyce	LP	Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund	Perhaps you could give me a list of those [the committed funds distributed so far under the Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund].	CA 120 - 15/02/2012	17/04/2012
226	1	Boyce	LP	Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund	a) [Does the Fund] only fund not-for-profit [organisations]? Or is it that for-profits [organisations] would not meet the criteria? Perhaps you could advise me whether indeed it is possible for profits [organisations] to be funded under through the Fund? b) Currently, do you have any for-profits [organisations] on the books [funded under the Fund]?	CA 120 - 15/02/2012	17/04/2012
227	7	Boyce	LP	Hearing Services	Is that information [analysis by National Acoustics Laboratory of hearing aid usage within the Hearing Services Program] publicly available?	CA 65 - 15/02/2012	28/03/2012
228	14	Boyce	LP	PNG Nationals	Where and when is that meeting? (referring to review meeting planned in March)	CA 131 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
229	14	Boyce	LP	PNG Nationals	How many Papua New Guineans have not transferred because they were too un	CA 132 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
230	14	Boyce	LP	PNG Nationals	How many PNG nationals have died of TB in the Torres Strait in that period since the decision was made to close the clinics?	CA 131 - 15/02/2012	17/04/2012
231	14	Boyce	LP	PNG Nationals	Do you know if the Torres Strait hospital has received any calls regarding critically ill TB patients who should be transferring from the clinics to the hospital?	CA 132 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
232	14	Boyce	LP	PNG Nationals	Are you aware of any Papua New Guinean nationals being refused transfer to Cairns just because they were Papua New Guinean nationals?	CA 132 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
233	1	Di Natale	AG	Advertising	When would the TGA make a decision to pursue an [advertising] issue like that, as opposed to referring it on to another body?	CA 118 - 15/02/2012	10/05/2012
234	1	Di Natale	AG	Advertising	There are a number of complaints that are yet to be made public and are not on the website. Why the delay? Is the intention, once the outcome of that complaint has been reached, to make those decisions public?	CA 118 - 15/02/2012	24/05/2012
235	1	Xenophon	IND	Delegations	Can the Secretary, department of health and Ageing appoint a delegate other than	CA 116 - 15/02/2012	10/05/2012
236	1	Xenophon	IND	Delegations	What is the power under the legislation once a decision has been made, to review	CA 116 - 15/02/2012	24/05/2012
237	14	Heffernan	LP	Patents	What involvement has the department of Health and Ageing had in the patent litigation between Apotex and Sanofi Aventis?	CA 111 - 15/02/2012	8/05/2012
238	1	Heffernan	LP	Patents	Can the Department enlighten me on what steps it took to ensure IP Australia intervened in those proceedings so as to protect Australian taxpayers from overpaying Sanofi Aventis?	CA 111 - 15/02/2012	24/05/2012
239	1	Heffernan	LP	Patents	What is the Department of health and Ageing doing with regard to patent misuse, where the period of patent protection is renewed for so-called innovations that amount to little more than tinkering or involve minor modifications to the delivery of the drug?	CA 111 - 15/02/2012	24/05/2012
240	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical Treatment Overseas (MTO) Program	In relation to applications received by the Medical Treatment Overseas (MTO) Program between 2008 and now, can you tell me for what conditions treatment was sought, and in what countries?	CA 90 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
241	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical Treatment Overseas (MTO) Program	Have there been any changes since 2008 to criteria used to assess eligibility of the process to access treatment?	CA 91 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
242	9	Di Natale	AG	Private Health Insurance	Can you describe the assumptions that underpin that model very briefly?	CA 40 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
243	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Telehealth	How many new telehealth items have been introduced?	CA 89 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
244	3	Boyce	LP	Telehealth	There are also additional payments made to recognise the relative inefficiency, so there was an increment applied to the specific items, but we will give you the detail. Do those inefficiencies have item numbers? We will come back and confirm exactly how it works. They are paid 150 per cent of the schedule fee.	CA 89 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
245	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	As an aggregate, a) what is the total value of staff salaries within the GP superclinics branch of the Department of Health and Ageing; b) how many staff does this relate to; c) what proportion of this is salaries to staff working in the GP superclinics program; and d) what proportion is salaries to staff working on the primary care infrastructure grants program?	CA 16 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
246	5	Boyce	LP	GP Super Clinics	Can you confirm: a) how many GPs are working at Springwood superclinic; and b) whether they are full time or part-time?	CA 21 - 15/02/2012	28/03/2012
247	5	Boyce	LP	GP Super Clinics	Could you please provide a copy of each version of the GP Super Clinics funding	CA 23 - 15/02/2012	28/03/2012
248	5	Bushby	LP	GP Super Clinics	What is the amount of money being returned to the Commonwealth by Sorell Inte	CA 27 - 15/02/2012	28/03/2012
249	5	Bushby	LP	GP Super Clinics	Can you provide updated figures to those provided at the last estimates, in terms of how much was spent on Architectural fees, design fees [in relation to Sorell GP Super Clinic]	CA 27 - 15/02/2012	28/03/2012
250	5	Furner	LP	GP Super Clinics	Are there any Indigenous services at Brisbane Southside, Ipswich and Strathpine	CA 28 - 15/02/2012	28/03/2012
251	5	Boyce	LP	GP Super Clinics	In relation to GP Super Clinic Funding: a) has any GP Super Clinic applied for additional funding of any sort and was denied the funding; and b) would you please provide as much information as possible about which clinics were denied additional funding	CA 24 - 15/02/2012	17/04/2012
252	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Locals	In relation to the Medicare Locals Network consultancy contract for \$214,000: a) what services and advice do you need from Pricewaterhouse to tell you how to manage the Medicare Local network; b) precisely what is it that this contract does c) what the consultancy did and delivered; and d) when the decision was made by government to undertake this consultancy?	CA 34 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
253	5	McKenzie	NATS	GP After Hours	Out of the 97,000 callers to the After Hours helpline, how many were classified 'seek medical care within one to four hours' as a recommendation?	CA 30 - 15/02/2012	17/04/2012
254	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Locals	In relation to each of the 19 established and 18 in the pipeline Medicare Locals, can you explain when the Department signed off on their so-called viability pursuant to this contract?	CA 34 - 15/02/2012	28/03/2012
255	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Locals	Can you explain the funding formula used to determine the core funding to Medicare Locals based on the characteristics of each Medicare Local community in detail?	CA 35 - 15/02/2012	28/03/2012
256	5	McKenzie	NATS	HealthDirect Australia	Please provide for each month since July 2007 all call episodes leading to a 'seek medical care within one to four hours' recommendation.	CA 21 - 15/02/2012	28/03/2012
257	6	Boyce	LP	Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program (MSOAP) and the Visiting Optometrists' Scheme (VOS)	a) What is the breakdown of investment for the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program (MSOAP) and the Visiting Optometrists' Scheme (VOS) by remote and rural region, on a jurisdictional basis; b) How many patient contacts have there been; c) How many services have been provided; and d) How much funding has been provided on a region-by-region basis?	CA 131 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
258	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	What advice the Commission has provided to Medicare Locals on safety and quality in primary care, when did this occur, what issues were covered, how does the information sharing occur, and what formal involvement will the Commission have with Medicare Locals?	CA 14 - 15/02/2012	17/04/2012
259	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	What advice has the Commission provided to the local hospital networks on safety and quality issues, how will the Commission work with local hospital networks, and can you detail the data and information sharing processes with local hospital networks?	CA 15 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
260	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Has the Commission provided any advice to the Independent Hospital Pricing Commission, can you detail the nature of that advice and when and how it occurred, and whether you have provided any input on hospital-acquired complications that may be excluded from funding under activity-based funding?	CA 15 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
261	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Health Reform Enterprise Data Warehouse Program	Please provide full details regarding the National Health Reform Enterprise Data Warehouse Program tender category 8111700 - Management Information System including: a) The nature of any contract. b) Work undertaken. c) Why was it contracted out. d) What expertise is lacking in house that requires this to work to be tendered out. e) Copy of any briefing notes provided on 11 August 2011. f) Value of the proposed contract. g) The contract coverage period.	Written QoN	8/05/2012

262	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Health Reform Enterprise Data Warehouse Program	Please provide full details regarding the National Health Reform Enterprise Data Warehouse Program tender category 43200000 - component for information technology or broadcasting telecommunications including: a) The nature of any contract. b) Work undertaken. c) Why was it contracted out. d) What expertise is lacking in house that requires this to work to be tendered out. e) Copy of any briefing notes provided on 11 August 2011. f) Value of the proposed contract. g) The contract coverage period.	Written QoN	8/05/2012
263	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Flexible Funds	Further to evidence at the Estimates hearing on 15 February 2012 in relation to the Flexible Funds, please provide information in a table that details: a) All applicants for each fund. b) The successful and unsuccessful applicants. c) Why they were unsuccessful? d) When the minister made the decision in relation to each application? e) Have all applicants been advised of the outcome of their application?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
264	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventative Health Agency	Further to answer E11-085, please provide the following details in relation to the Australian National Preventative Health Agency - communications: a) The rationale for five communications staff. b) What are each of their job descriptions? c) The total cost of the communication budget of the ANPHA? d) Given they provide no services to the Minister and/or parliamentary secretary, what precise services do they provide and to whom?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
265	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Activity Based Funding and Hospital Pricing	a) In the absence of national standardised data, what formula will be used by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) to calculate the national efficient price for hospital services in 2012/13? b) What steps are being taken to collect national standardised data to inform the work of IHPA into the long-term?	Written QoN	28/03/2012
266	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Activity Base Funding and Hospital Pricing	In the relation to the adoption of Activity Based Funding (ABF): a) What evidence did the government review prior to announcing its commitment to the ABF model? b) Which reference groups, committees, advisory bodies and/or other organisations did the government consult with prior to announcing its commitment to the ABF? c) What steps were taken to undertake consultations with the public, including consumers, regarding the adoption of ABF prior to the announcement? d) On what basis did the government rule out alternatives to ABF, such as 'best practice' or 'normative pricing' (when price is set to achieve certain goals, such as reducing waiting times or improving the quality of care)? e) Are alternative funding models under consideration for the long-term?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
267	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	13 Australian Health	The Australian Health Survey is to collect information from about 50,000 adults and children all across Australia? Can you please confirm this?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
268	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	13 Australian Health	In relation to the Australian Health Survey, please provide details including: a) Has the interview and collection of data for the Australian Health Survey been completed? b) If not, by what date is this expected to be done? c) How long is the analysis of the data expected to take? d) What is the anticipated completion date for the Australian Health Survey?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
269	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian Dietary	Was any advice or guidance sought by the Department of Health and Ageing from Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) on the draft 2011 Australian Dietary Guidelines?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
270	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian Dietary	What advice has the Department of Health and Ageing received from Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) on the draft 2011 Australian Dietary Guidelines?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
271	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Evaluation of the National Partnership Agreement on Preventative Health	I refer to Closed ATM View - ANPHA/005/112. In relation to this project, please provide details including: a) The details of the work contracted out b) The name of the successful tenderer c) The cost of the contract d) Why the project was put out to tender including what deficiency in expertise precluded the work being done in house e) The completion date	Written QoN	17/04/2012
272	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Preventative Health Task	Further to the answer provided in response to Question E11-273 regarding the roles of Preventative Health Taskforce Members, please advise: a) Didn't the Preventative Health Taskforce recommend the creation of the ANPHA? b) Isn't there a conflict of interest in paying people to be on a taskforce which then recommends the creation of an agency which they then go and work for?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
273	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventative Health Agency	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-274 regarding the Board of ANPHA please advise: Why have no industry people been appointed to the Advisory Council?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
274	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventative Health Agency	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-275 re staff at ANPHA: a) What are the specific categories of work experience? Has anyone worked in food manufacturing or beverage manufacturing? b) If not is this the result of Government policy?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
275	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventative Health Agency	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-276 re ANPHA research budget: a) You have not provided an answer to part C of the question regarding the extent of the influence of the anti-alcohol lobby within this government. Could you please answer this question? b) Who recommended that Mr Daube and the others on the research advisory committee be appointed? Please provide all documents and emails around this process. Who decided the final appointments and against which criterion? c) This research committee oversees more than \$17 million dollars of public money. Have the initial allocations been decided yet? d) When were they due according to your operation plan? Please advise whom you are going to give money to and for purposes? What is translational research?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
276	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Advisory Statement Research Report	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-279 re Alcohol Advisory Statement Research Report: a) Please explain why the Government does not simply release the report? b) If the Government will not release the report, please provide details of the appropriate Freedom of Information process to obtain it?	Written QoN	10/04/2012
277	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee	Further to the answer which was provided in response provided in response to Question E11-311 in relation to the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs, please advise: a) Why is there a refusal to provide information about the personnel on the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs? b) Who is the "one expert nominated by the IGCD as a whole" referred to paragraph d) of the answer? Why wasn't this information provided when it was asked earlier? c) What is the remuneration for this expert? d) Who are the Commonwealth Health representatives? Who is the representative from ANPHA?	Written QoN	16/04/2012
278	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-312 re the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs: a) The WA health department is providing the secretariat to IGCD. Who are members of that secretariat? b) Was Professor Mike Daube a former Secretary of the WA health department? c) What are the links between Professor Daube and this secretariat?	Written QoN	16/04/2012
279	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-313 re the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs: a) Please explain why there is a refusal to provide any information about the activities of the Standing Committee on Alcohol? b) Please provide full details including what it does? c) Who are its members? d) How much money does it spend? e) Who does it talk to?	Written QoN	16/04/2012
280	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-314 re the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs: a) Please provide the agendas and minutes of the Standing Committee on Alcohol. b) If the Government will not release the agendas and minutes, please provide details of the appropriate Freedom of Information process to obtain it?	Written QoN	16/04/2012
281	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-315 re the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs: a) What advice has so far been released on the National Drugs Strategy Website? b) Please explain why all advice provided is not automatically released? c) On what basis can it be considered confidential? d) If the Government will not release the advices, please provide details of the appropriate Freedom of Information process to obtain it?	Written QoN	16/04/2012

282	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-316 re the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs: a) How has the Commonwealth conveyed its position that relevant stakeholders should be included in these processes? b) Please provide the dates on which such representations were made, by whom they were made, to who were they made and what was the response? c) Can you please provide copies of such requests?	Written QoN	10/04/2012
283	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-317 re the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs: a) Does the Commonwealth support the Committee's advice being made public? b) If not, why not? c) Given that these Committees are supposed to be experts, please explain why there is a refusal to make such advices public?	Written QoN	30/03/2012
284	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	Further to the answer which was provided in response in response to Question E11-319 re the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs: a) You have failed to provide answers to who chose the members of this committee. Please provide a response. b) Why is the Commonwealth so concerned about keeping these routine process matters secret? c) Will the Commonwealth representatives on this committee find out this information and provide it?	Written QoN	10/04/2012
285	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-320 re the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs: a) Given that the Commonwealth has members on this body, please explain why your members have not been provided with this information? b) Isn't it unacceptable to have such a completely unaccountable body presiding over tens of millions of dollars or more in public funding?	Written QoN	10/04/2012
286	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-321 re the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs, you have not answered the question by not providing the names of the actual people involved. Who is the person who represents the ANPHA on this committee?	Written QoN	10/04/2012
287	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Drug Research Working Group	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-318 re the National Drug Research Working Group: a) The National Drug Research Working Group's secretariat is part of DoHA according to your answer. Please explain why DoHA is unable or unwilling to outline the activities of this body? b) Please explain which details about this body are not being disclosed? c) What procedures are in place to deal with issues such as conflicts of interest, fraud, efficiency of projects or for bias? d) In relation to Western Australian Health, please provide the name of the person involved. e) In paragraph g you did not answer the question. Please provide the names of the individuals. f) Who is the representative from ANPHA? g) Who is the representative from the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre? h) Who is the representative from the National Drug Research Institute? i) In paragraph j) of the answer you declined to say who are the Chair and the Vice Chair. j) Please explain why these names ought not to be made public? k) Why is the work of this group not publicly available? l) Please provide details by year of this body's research budget.	Written QoN	10/04/2012
288	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-322 re the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy: a) You have failed to provide the list of who was consulted in the making of this report. Can you please do so? b) Why is such information private? c) You have also failed to provide the names of the people consulted. Can you please do so?	Written QoN	30/03/2012
289	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-323 re the Review of Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy: a) Please provide the name of those people consulted? b) In paragraph f) the department has answered that it does not know the questions that were used to form the basis of the report. Given that the department spent approximately \$200,000 on this report and that it has also adopted recommendations from it, could you please provide this fundamental information.	Written QoN	16/04/2012
290	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question on Notice E11-324, does the response provided mean that there is nobody working in the alcohol policy area in the department who has any alcohol industry experience?	Written QoN	30/03/2012
291	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response Question E11-325 re Alcohol Policy, it would seem by the evasive answer to the question that no one has any industry experience at all. Is this correct	Written QoN	30/03/2012
292	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-326 re Alcohol Policy: a) Over the past five years who has the Department engaged to provide alcohol policy advice? b) Isn't it the case that no one from the alcohol industry has been engaged over this period?	Written QoN	30/03/2012
293	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-327 re Alcohol Policy: If there is no policy of excluding people with industry experience, why has no-one with this experience ever been engaged?	Written QoN	10/04/2012
294	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-328 re Alcohol Policy: a) Two industry people that have been appointed to the stated body - claim that they did not know they had been appointed, they were only invited to a consultation session in Canberra, and have received no further contact. Is this correct? b) Could you also confirm that there has been a dispute about the minutes of this meeting? c) Have there been earlier and / or subsequent meetings or consultations with non-industry members of the expert group? d) Please also provide us with a full inventory of all communications (i.e. emails, letters, file notes of conversations, minutes of meetings etc) by the Department with all members of this body?	Written QoN	16/04/2012
295	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-330 re Alcohol Policy: a) Please confirm that the Commonwealth provides funding for the national drug strategy? b) If that is the case, please explain what the Commonwealth's role is in relation to policy in this area? c) Does the Commonwealth have any "control" over what happens in this policy area?	Written QoN	30/03/2012
296	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-331 re Alcohol Policy: a) Please detail every engagement including full remuneration and expenses since 2007 with Professor Mike Daube, Rob Moodie, and Robin Room undertaken by the Department.	Written QoN	30/03/2012
297	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-332 re Anti-Alcohol Advertising: Did any of this research ever focus on health benefits of alcohol?	Written QoN	30/03/2012
298	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-333 re National Alliance for Action on Alcohol, please explain why have you refused to disclose how much Professor Daube is being paid for his various roles with the Commonwealth? What is Professor Daube's remuneration?	Written QoN	10/04/2012
299	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-334 re National Alliance for Action on Alcohol: a) Apart from Mr Daube who has been appointed in the alcohol policy area since 2008? b) Mr Daube has been on at least four Commonwealth advisory bodies to do with alcohol. Is anyone else on four senior committees like Mr Daube, if so, who are they and what are their positions? c) Is anyone else on three senior committees? If so, who are they and what are their positions? d) If Mr Daube is not the principal adviser on alcohol policy to the Commonwealth why is he appointed to so many bodies which advise on alcohol policy? e) The website for the ANPHA Research Committee describes what each of the eight members does. Can you explain why Mr Daube is the only person there where alcohol is referred to in his description - is it not the case that Mr Daube is the principal external alcohol adviser to the Government? f) Is Mr Daube on some of the COAG committees and working groups as well?	Written QoN	10/04/2012

300	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-336 re National Alliance for Action on Alcohol: a) Mr Daube is an alcohol adviser according to the ANPHA website as no other member of the research committee is so described. Mr Daube is running the alcohol research agenda of the ANPHA a body which he was paid money to advise to establish, and then he got himself appointed to. Is this not a conflict of interest? b) Please provide to the Estimates Committee all of the advice from the Commonwealth funded ANPHA Research Committee to the CEO concerning alcohol related research funding. c) Has Mr Daube ever supported alcohol research into examining the health benefits of alcohol? If yes, please provide details of this.	Written QoN	28/03/2012
301	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-447 re Review of Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy: Your response has not provided the answer about which people were consulted by the PWC team on the grounds of "unreasonable disclosure of personal information". I am not after any personal information - I am only after the names of the people consulted. Can you please provide this information? Was Mr Mike Daube one of them?	Written QoN	10/04/2012
302	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Myhospitals website	The only safety and quality data currently reported on Myhospitals website is SAs data (Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia). a) What other safety and quality, or hospital acquired complications, statistics will be reported on the Myhospitals website and b) When will it be made available?	Written QoN	3/04/2012
303	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Diagnostic Goods Administration	Further to evidence at the Estimates hearing about the production of diagnostic pharmaceuticals, please outline the framework for TGA compliance within the state and territory legislative parameters.	Written QoN	24/05/2012
304	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Diagnostic Goods Administration	What are the current prescribing parameters of antipsychotic drugs such as risperidone? In light of recent calls to improve post-market surveillance and patient safety following the Poly Implant Prothèse breast implant issue, is the department considering expanding the use of post-market surveillance data to inform decisions made around safety and effectiveness?	Written QoN	17/04/2012
305	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical Devices	Following the Poly Implant Prothèse breast implant issue, is the Therapeutic Goods Administration considering measures to increase the rate of reporting of adverse events by health service providers and consumers?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
306	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical Devices	Following the Poly Implant Prothèse breast implant issue, is the Therapeutic Goods Administration considering mechanisms to involve key stakeholders such as clinicians, health consumers and industry in the governance of and contribution to medical device registries?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
307	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical Devices	In relation to the recent Poly Implant Prothèse breast implant issue, some health consumer organisations have suggested that a national, data-linked, real-time adverse event reporting system would have eliminated the need for a dedicated hotline. Is the Commonwealth considering this advice?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
308	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical Devices	I refer to an article in The Australian Financial Review dated 14 December 2011 entitled Roxon keen to make big tobacco pay. In relation to the visit of US anti-tobacco campaigner Matthew Myers' visit to Australia, please advise: a) Did the Commonwealth pay for Mr Myers to travel to Australia? b) If so, what was the total cost to the Commonwealth of this visit? Please also provide a breakdown. c) The program for the visit including who organised it. d) When did the Commonwealth issue the invitation to Mr Myers? e) When were the arrangements made for the visit?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
309	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Tobacco	Further to the debate in the Senate on 10 November 2011 and the refusal by Senator McLucas to respond to my question as to how much the government budgeted for legal costs as part of potential legal claims against the Commonwealth asserting it was a hypothetical question, please advise: a) When did the Commonwealth first become aware of potential legal claims from the tobacco industry? b) When was the Commonwealth notified of any legal claim from the tobacco industry? c) Provide details of such claims.	Written QoN	7/05/2012
310	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Tobacco	On 19 December 2011, the Sydney Morning Herald reported that a program costing \$200 million designed to prevent diabetes is to be scrapped from 1 July 2012. Please provide details including: a) Who made the decision to stop funding the "lifestyle modification program"? b) When does it stop? c) What are the reasons for stopping the program? d) What is the breakdown of the spending of the \$200 million allocated from the Council of Australian Governments in 2007? e) How many people were referred to the six-week course in dietary and physical activity changes? f) Is it true that 2 million Australians are at high risk of type 2 diabetes? g) What is the annual cost of treating type 2 diabetes in Australia? h) How many preventable hospital admissions are related to diabetes? i) How much does the "swap it" website cost the Federal Government per year? j) Has there been any evaluation of its effectiveness since it was launched in March 2011?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
311	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Prevention, early detection and service improvement - diabetes	a) Schedule 1 of the National Health Amendment (Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement Initiatives) Bill 2011 currently before the House of Reps would permit the payment of a PBS benefit for a prescription medicine dispensed by a pharmacist without a written prescription on the basis that the pharmacist considers the medication should be 'continued'. What is the policy rationale for allowing pharmacists to independently dispense prescription medication without a script? b) The 2008-09 Budget measure permitted medical practitioners to write prescriptions for chronic disease medications for 12 months. Has the department evaluated the outcomes of this measure? c) What is the usual time period that a medical practitioner will write a script for these medicines?	Written QoN	16/05/2012
312	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Continued dispensing	a) Medicare data sourced by the AMA from the Medicare Australia online statistics shows that only 2.68% of prescriptions in 2010-11 were for more than six months. Is this evidence that medical practitioners consider the patient should be reviewed, at least every six months? b) Is this information relevant to the policy decision to allow pharmacists to dispense prescription medication without a script? c) Are pharmacists trained to make assessments that patients should continue a medication? d) The explanatory memorandum to the Bill says the initiative should have no impact on PBS growth as volumes for these medicines will not be affected. On what basis has that assessment been made?	Written QoN	22/05/2012
313	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Continued dispensing	Further to evidence provided at the estimates Hearing on 15 February 2012, please advise if Tweed Community Options or any entity within the Tweed Shire Council receives any Commonwealth funding. Please provide details of such funding including: a) The amount of funding b) The programs and services for which that funding is provided c) The date of such funding approval	Written QoN	10/05/2012
314	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Care and Population	Further to answer Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, E11-264 regarding act of grace payments, can you provide further details about the nature, date and amounts of those payments pertaining to the provision of aged care.	Written QoN	16/04/2012
315	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Care and Population	Further to the answer provided in response to Question E11-148 regarding "conversations" on ageing, please outline details of those invited included: a) Who issued the invitations? b) The number of invitations forwarded to indigenous and CALD communities? c) The number of CALD and indigenous attendees at the conversations	Written QoN	27/03/2012
316	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Care and Population	Please provide details as to what are the current parameters for prescribing antipsychotic drugs to residents in aged care facilities including: a) Prescribing rates b) Data regarding the cost of antipsychotic drugs	Written QoN	22/05/2012
317	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Care and Population	Please provide details as to what are the current parameters for medication review of residents in aged care facilities including: a) Who is responsible for conducting such review b) Who can initiate such review	Written QoN	4/05/2012
318	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Care and Population	In relation to the Ageing Consultative Committee, please provide details including: a) membership and involvement including specifically from CALD and indigenous background b) when were those CALD and indigenous members appointed and who are they c) meeting schedule d) attendance by the Minister at such meetings	Written QoN	17/04/2012
319	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Care and Population	In relation to the Cultural Diversity Framework, please advise: a) When was the current framework first implemented b) What data basis was used in the formulation of the current framework c) How is it auspiced around Australia d) Any plans to review or update the framework	Written QoN	21/05/2012
320	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Care and Population		Written QoN	21/05/2012

321	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Locals	Can the Department explain the funding formula used to determine the core funding to Medicare Locals based on the characteristics of each Medicare Local community?	Written QoN	28/03/2012
322	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MBS Practice Incentive Payments & Medicare Locals	In relation to the After-Hours Practice Incentive Payment (PIP), please advise: a) Why was it extended to 2013? b) Did DoHA provide advice to the Government that it should take this course of action? c) Please provide any advice.	Written QoN	7/05/2012
323	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	MBS Practice Incentive Payments & Medicare Locals	What specific measures have Medicare Locals in rural areas planned to maintain face-to-face after hours GP services when the after-hours PIP is removed?	Written QoN	19/04/2012
324	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Diabetes Prevention	The Government has dropped its \$436 million plan for better co-ordination of care for diabetics - from July funding for lifestyle management programs for those at serious risk of diabetes have also been cut. Please advise: a) What amount of funding has been withdrawn from this program? b) Who was consulted about this funding cut? c) What is the view of Diabetes Australia about this funding cut? d) Is the view of Diabetes Australia that the program, if established properly, could be a highly effective measure in helping significant numbers of Australians from developing diabetes? e) How does this funding cut fit with government commitments to preventative health? f) What remains as the major preventative program for diabetes and what funding is budgeted for this program?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
325	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental health care	In relation to the changes to Medicare Rebates for GP mental health care plans announced in the 2011/12 Federal Budget: a) Has the Department undertaken any modelling regarding the impact of these changes on the number of GP mental health care plans funded through MBS arrangements? b) If so, what was the projected impact of these changes on the number of GP mental health care plans funded through MBS arrangements post 1 November 2011?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
326	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental health care	How many GP mental health plans were billed under MBS arrangements (item 2702 and 2710) in November 2010 and December 2010 and how do these statistics compare with the number of GP mental health services billed under MBS arrangements (item 2702, 2710, 2700, 2701, 2715, 2717) in November 2011 and December 2011?	Written QoN	10/04/2012
327	6	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Rural Health	The new agency Rural and Regional Health Australia was a Budget initiative (2011-2012). The then Health Minister Roxon wrote to me in November 2011 to inform me of this agency. It appears to be a 1800 number, email services and website. Budget paper No 2, p244 (see attached) contains no extra funding as the "cost of the measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Ageing". In relation to this agency, please provide details including: a) How many existing resources of the Department have been used to provide this unit? b) Where is the unit located? c) How many staff does it have? d) How many calls have been made to the 1800 899 538 number? e) What is the breakdown of calls made during business hours and after hours? f) How many requests for information have been made by email? g) How much traffic has the website www.ruralhealthaustralia.gov.au received? h) How do your records show the areas where inquiries originate, by telephone, email and on the website? i) Would you judge this service to be a success? j) What evaluation will be made and when? k) What will the evaluation cost?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
328	7	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Universal newborn hearing	In a joint press release by Kevin Rudd, Nicola Roxon and Bill Shorten dated 29 June 2009 the Prime Minister advised that the Government would seek a commitment from States and Territories to deliver newborn hearing screening for all Australian babies from 1 January 2011. Please advise: a) What has happened since then b) Does the Department have any idea what percentage of newborns in Australia are presently screened for hearing?	Written QoN	22/05/2012
329	7	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Universal newborn hearing	In the Prime Minister's press release of 9 June he used the figures "Presently only 75% of newborns are screened. This varies from over 95% in some States and Territories to less than 40% in others. Where did the then Prime Minister and Health Minister obtain these figures in 2009?"	Written QoN	22/05/2012
330	7	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Universal newborn hearing	Has the Government achieved its commitment that universal newborn hearing screening would apply from January 2011?	Written QoN	10/05/2012
331	7	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Universal newborn hearing	In an answer to a question to this committee in March 2010, you stated that the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council (AHMAC) had asked its neonatal hearing screening working group to develop a screening pathway to support improved proportional coverage for neonatal hearing screening, minimum national standards for screening services, a national quality and report in framework for a national approach to data collection and management. This work was to be considered by AHMAC late in 2010. In relation to this, please advise: a) Have these pathways and standards been finalised? b) Where they actually considered by AHMAC later in 2010, as you stated to the Committee that they would be? If not, why not? c) Given this working group was established in 2009, please outline what concrete results have been achieved. d) Did the Department advise the Prime Minister, the Health Minister or the Minister for Disabilities whether any and if so, which of these standards or frameworks were in place prior to their press release of 29 June 2009?	Written QoN	10/05/2012
332	7	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Universal newborn hearing	Following the Prime Minister's, Health Minister's and Disabilities Minister's press release of 29 June 2009, have any of them either asked for or been provided with an update on the progress of this AHMAC working group?	Written QoN	10/05/2012
333	9	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Private Health Insurance	a) Has the Department conducted any modelling, or requested any modelling on the impact of changes to the Private Health Insurance Rebate. b) Has the Department conducted any modelling, or requested any modelling on whether Private Health Insurance customers will withdraw or downgrade their cover as a result of the changes to the Private Health Insurance Rebate? Provide details of that modelling. c) Has the Department done any modelling, or requested any modelling on what effect the changes to the Private Health Insurance Rebate will have on the cost of premiums? Provide details of that modelling.	Written QoN	7/05/2012
334	9	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Private Health Insurance	What additional Health services will be funded through the savings to government as a result of the changes to the Private Health Insurance Rebate?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
335	9	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Private Health Insurance	Has the Department done any work to prepare for the possibility of an increase in patients in the public hospital system as a result of the changes to the Private Health Insurance Rebate? If so, please provide details.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
336	9	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Private Health Insurance	Was the Department requested to provide electorate specific information on Private Health Insurance customers, and the impact of the changes to the Private Health Insurance rebate? If so, please provide details including: a) Where did the request come from b) When was the request made c) Who was provided with access to this information d) Was it provided to Labor MP's and backbenchers and if so when. e) Full details of any data that the Department produced in this respect.	Written QoN	8/05/2012
337	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Health and Medical Research Council	Please provide an update on dementia research, including how any funds transferred from DoHA (formerly in Program 4.6) are being used.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
338	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Health and Medical Research Council	Please provide an update on hearing research, including how any funds transferred from DoHA are being used.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
339	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian Dietary Guidelines	In the development of the 2011 Australian Dietary Guidelines was the link between the replacement of saturated fat with polyunsaturated fat and cardiovascular disease reviewed? If so, was a systematic literature review conducted? If not, why not?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
340	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian Dietary Guidelines	Were there any different approaches taken when preparing the draft 2011 Australian Dietary Guidelines compared to the process undertaken for the 2003 Dietary Guidelines?	Written QoN	11/04/2012

341	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	ralian Dietary Guide	a) As you read the 2011 Draft Australian Dietary Guidelines, it becomes apparent that there is a much reduced emphasis on the need for consumers to choose predominantly unsaturated fats as they limit saturated fat when compared to the 2003 Guidelines. Is that significant shift in emphasis deliberate and if it is, on what scientific basis was that judgment made? b) These dietary guidelines form the basis of important information to consumers who are bombarded with conflicting messages on nutritional issues. Why not be consistent on the need for consume to replace saturated fats with unsaturated fats?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
342	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	ralian Dietary Guide	Please provide a list of all references that were reviewed by the Committee and used to support the advice to 'include small amounts of foods that contain unsaturated fats'?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
343	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	ralian Dietary Guide	Why does the Dietary Guideline focus on small amounts of polyunsaturated fat rather than replacement of saturated fat with polyunsaturated fat given the beneficial evidence provided on page 80 that polyunsaturated fat appears to reduce risk of heart disease?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
344	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	ralian Dietary Guide	The advice to 'include small amounts of foods that contain unsaturated fats' contradicts dietary guidelines in other countries like Canada and the United States that provide clear and unambiguous recommendations to consumers about the need include a moderate intake of unsaturated fats each day and which products provide a source for unsaturated fats. Why is there such a limited focus on this important choice in the draft guidelines?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
345	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	ralian Dietary Guide	Will the NHMRC Evidence Statement forms completed by the Committee to support the Dietary Guidelines be publicly released? If not, why not?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
346	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	NHMRC sponsorsh	Please confirm whether the NHMRC provides sponsorships for various events every year. If so, please advise: a) Who determines which sponsorships are provided and at what level they are provided at? Please explain the process. b) Is there is a group or committee that determines the sponsorships to be provided please detail the membership of this group or committee. c) If there is a group or committee that provides advice on the sponsorships to be provided please detail the membership of this group or committee.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
347	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	NHMRC sponsorsh	For each of 2010-2011 and 2009-2010 the NHMRC has provided \$22,000 to the Public Health Association of Australia's (PHAA) annual conference. How was this figure arrived at? Who made the request for the funding? What was the level of the funding originally sought by the PHAA for each of the years?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
348	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	NHMRC sponsorsh	Were there any officeholders in the PHAA for these two years (2009-10 and 2010-11) who also have roles within the NHMRC? Please provide details of these people including their names, the office held in the PHAA, the position or role at the NHMRC, the remuneration provided by the NHMRC and any other relevant data.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
349	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	NHMRC sponsorsh	Have these sponsorships been evaluated in terms of their effectiveness against the sponsorship guidelines? Who conducted the evaluations? Could you please provide copies of the evaluations?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
350	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Prevention and Community Health Committee	Please confirm that the Prevention and Community Health Committee of the NHMRC established pursuant to the Gazettal notice of Parliamentary Secretary the Hon Mark Butler, MP on 25 March 2009?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
351	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Prevention and Community Health Committee	In relation to the Prevention and Community Health Committee of the NHMRC, please provided details including: a) Who decided the membership of the Committee? b) What was the involvement of Minister Roxon and/or Parliamentary Secretary Butler, and/or their respective staff, in the selection or approval of the Committee members? c) Who applied to be a member of the PCHC? d) What is the remuneration of the members of the PCHC? Please provide details of remuneration to date for each member of the PCHC.	Written QoN	24/05/2012
352	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Prevention and Community Health Committee	The Gazettal notice of 25 March 2009 which details the functions of the PCHC tasks the committee to "provide the NHMRC with advice on issues in community and public health, and prevention". a) What advice has been provided by the PCHC to the NHMRC since its creation? Please provide copies of all advice. b) Is the NHMRC happy with advice provided by the NHMRC to date? c) Is the Government happy with the job being done by the PCHC?	Written QoN	8/05/2012
353	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Prevention and Community Health Committee	The Gazettal notice of 25 March 2009 which details the functions of the PCHC tasks the committee to perform: "Such other functions as the Minister from time to time determines in writing after consulting the CEO; and any other functions conferred on the committee by the NHMRC Act, the regulations or any other law. Have any other functions been conferred on the PCHC pursuant to any of these methods? If so please detail what these are, and when they occurred.	Written QoN	11/04/2012
354	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Prevention and Community Health Committee	The website for the PCHC provides communiqués from meetings entitled "PCHC Meeting Outcomes" and then lists 4 meetings on 13 October 2009, 15 December 2009, 23 March 2010 and 27 July 2010. a) Are these the only 4 meetings that the PCHC has conducted? b) Is there any intention that further meetings of the Committee be held? c) Are minutes or other records of the meetings, other than the communiqués, kept for these meetings? Please provide copies of the agendas, the attendees, the minutes and whatever other records of each of these meetings exist. d) The final meeting of the PCHC on 27 July 2010 was a "face to face scoping workshop". It was attended by representative of the National Drug Research Institute, Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre and the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre. Who decided to convene this workshop? Who decided to invite these groups? Which other groups were invited, if any? e) Why did alcohol become a focus for the committee when it is not mentioned anywhere on the PCHC website or the documents establishing the PCHC such as the statement of expectations from the Parliamentary Secretary for Health or the letter of intent from the NHMRC? f) What were "the recommendations from that meeting" that are mentioned in the meeting communiqué? g) These recommendations were provided to the NHMRC for "further development". What action has occurred since that	Written QoN	16/04/2012
355	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record	Can the National eHealth Transition Authority confirm that it took the decision to remove the 'No Access' consumer control from the Concept of Operations Relating to the Introduction of a Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record System against the advice of its Consumer Reference Forum? If so, which advisory bodies, reference groups or organisations were consulted at the time this decision was taken?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
356	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record	Have the National Change and Adoption Partners and the National eHealth Transition Authority set quantitative targets for consumer and clinician adoption of the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record? What steps are being taken to promote consumer and clinician registration?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
357	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record	The government has nominated the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner to conduct investigations relating to the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record system on behalf of consumers. Will additional resources be allocated to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner to ensure it has the capacity to conduct such investigations?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
358	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record	Is it the intention of the department that the System Operator of the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record system will notify consumers of all breaches to the system affecting their record?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
359	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health	Does DoHA have any responsibilities in relation to mental health services provided to asylum seekers including: a) Access to services when released into the community; b) The costs of such services c) The provision of such services d) The number of staff allocated to the provision of such services e) Any specific priority given to asylum seekers released into the community	Written QoN	27/03/2012
360	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health	Please provide details in relation to the e-mental health program, including: a) Design details b) Cost of design c) Who will be responsible for overseeing the program d) If such organisation is outside DoHA, did it go to tender e) What is the governance structure of such organisation f) How will funding for the program be allocated	Written QoN	10/04/2012

361	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health	Please provide clarification regarding comments in an article in the Adelaide Advertiser, 9 November 2011 entitled Mental health admissions fail time target, including: a) Statistics available to the Commonwealth regarding admissions and discharges of mental health patients from state and territory emergency departments b) Statistics in relation to targets for mental health patients	Written QoN	10/04/2012
362	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health	Please provide details in relation to registration equivalency for New Zealand trained psychologists and psychiatrists including: a) Recognition of New Zealand qualifications b) Recognition of New Zealand registration	Written QoN	28/03/2012
363	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Health Workforce Capa	Please provide yearly statistics as to the number of registered nurses in Australia	Written QoN	11/04/2012
364	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Health Workforce Capa	a) Please provide yearly statistics as to the number of registered mental health nurses in Australia since 2007. b) Is there still a Chief Nurse. c) If so, provide details. d) What are the duties of the Chief Nurse? e) If not, when was the position abolished f) Why was it abolished g) What was the cost saving h) Who now undertakes the duties formerly undertaken to the Chief Nurse?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
365	11	Wright	AG	Ten Year Roadmap	When did the two rounds of targeted consultations with the experts occur?	CA 42 - 15/02/2012	10/04/2012
366	11	Wright	AG	Ten Year Roadmap	Would you take on notice details of what those forums [consultation with stakeholders]	CA 42 - 15/02/2012	1/05/2012
367	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Ten Year Roadmap	Could you also add to that who issued the invitations and how many forums were	CA 42 - 15/02/2012	17/04/2012
368	11	Wright	AG	Better Access	a) Perhaps you could give me that [figures for the last financial year] and then look at the projections for this calendar year, because the cuts are going to take effect as of 1 January next year. b) Would it also be possible to give that [figures] so there is a comparison of calendar years for the last calendar year?	CA 44 - 15/02/2012	1/05/2012
369	11	Wright	AG	Programs for mental health	I am interested in knowing the level of funding allocated to the other mental health programs that are being progressed for the 2012 calendar year. - for instance, the programs you mentioned, Partners in Recovery, PHaMS, Day to Day Living and EPPIC. Do you have the financial years available now. Then I will ask for this calendar year on notice.	CA 44 - 15/02/2012	28/05/2012
370	11	Wright	AG	Mental health services in rural and remote areas	Can you identify those 30 organisations and what they do [funding to 30 organisations under the Mental Health Services in rural and Remote Areas Program]	CA 48 - 15/02/2012	27/03/2012
371	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental health budget	[Referring to an article on mental health by Rosenberg, Mendoza and Russell and the assertion that mental health's share of the overall health budget is shrinking.] You might like to provide me with the figures that disprove the assertion that has been made there	CA 48 - 15/02/2012	17/04/2012
372	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Ten Year Roadmap	I am happy to take some examples of those on notice [feedback from the 1600 surveys]	CA 51 - 15/02/2012	17/04/2012
373	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Male suicide	Just on that point about suicides. I have had some correspondence that has come to me from South Australia, from Strathalbyn, where there have been some issues about male suicide. Mr Mackay, in your questions could you take that on notice as well - whether that is something that has come onto your radar.	CA 55 - 15/02/2012	10/04/2012
374	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Multicultural mental health	In answer to question E11-432 about multicultural mental health, I asked about a publication and the answer was that you were liaising with NSW Health in relation to the release of the report and that you would expect to advise me in February 2012 whether this could be provided. Will you take that on notice, even if it is a redacted version of it.	CA 55 - 15/02/2012	10/04/2012
375	3	Bernardi	LP	MBS items	a) How many MBS items were re-evaluated in the last year? b) Is there a system set up to ensure that MBS items are regularly re-evaluated? c) If not, why not? d) If so, how regularly is this enforced?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
376	3	Fifield	LP	Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative	What is the latest expenditure data available to the Department for the related Medicare service items in 2010-11 and so far in 2011-12?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
377	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Concerning the question specifically in relation to the Minister (E11-139), have any departmental officers under the responsibilities of Minister Roxon, Minister Butler and now Minister Pilbersek had meetings requested by Mr Thomson and meetings refused?	CA 8 - 15/02/2012	17/04/2012
378	8	Siewert	AG	Opal fuel	I have noticed in some of the information I have received that there have been some - I must say, fairly small, - reductions in funding for communications. Can you tell me the reason for that, when one of the issues that I am hearing fairly consistently, yet again, is that non-sniffable fuels causes problems in engines? I understand that there has been another fairly recent episode about that, which was proved to be 4 baseless. What is the reason for the cutting in funding, if we are still having problems with this issue around whether non-sniffable fuel causes problems? Refer to E12-222	CA 58 - 17/02/2012	answer covered in 222 and linked to 222
379	1	Siewert	AG	Opal Fuel	If you could take on notice any role the commonwealth is having in encouraging discussions or participating in discussions between states over using the NT as a model legislation is probably not the right word - an example of legislation that is looking at or provides for dealing with rehabilitation and volatile substances, that would be appreciated.	CA 58 - 17/02/2012	10/04/2012
380	8	Siewert	AG	The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Advisory Group	(The advisory group provided the department with advice on a request for tender to engage a consultant to assist the group to develop the strategy.) Will there be extra weighting for an Aboriginal provider, I am bearing in mind the most recent and persistent comments about the need for people who have lived experience and who know, specifically, the issues.	CA 60 - 17/02/2012	28/03/2012
381	8	Siewert	AG	The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Advisory Group	[In reference to the principles signed off by the advisory group relating to the funding of projects under TATS] a) Have the principles been published? b) Is it possible that we could get a copy of those principles?	CA 60 - 17/02/2012	1/05/2012
382	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Headspace	I would be interested to know, if you could take on notice, about the other headspace sites - just a little more about the outposts, which one of them have them and where those outposts are?	CA 63 - 17/02/2012	10/04/2012
383	11	Boyce	LP	Kimberley Indigenous suicide prevention initiative - ATAPS	(Boab Health Services was funded to deliver extra services and it has employed two experienced psychologists) - are they full-time?	CA 65 - 17/02/2012	27/03/2012
384	11	Boyce	LP	Kimberley Indigenous suicide prevention initiative - ATAPS	Are you able to tell me how many clients have actually accessed services as part of this initiative? Will the reports be made public? Please take it on notice and provide the information if you can and advise us if you cannot.	CA 65 - 17/02/2012	27/03/2012
385	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Local Hospital Networks	To what extent have the new local hospital networks replicated the previous health area services, and in which states?	CA 126 - 15/02/2012	3/04/2012
386	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Deliverable elective surgery	The annual report states at page 318 that 'Deliverable elective surgery data publicly available in a timely manner' was only substantially met. What action is being taken to ensure that this deliverable will be met? Do you want to take that on notice?	CA 128 - 15/02/2012	3/04/2012
387	1	Di Natale	AG	The role of the National Research Advisory Group in setting cancer research priorities.	How does the National Research Advisory Group set priorities for cancer research?	CA 77 - 15/02/2012	11/04/2012
388	8	Boyce	LP	Reduction in Indigenous smoking	The Government has claimed; that slight reductions in Indigenous smoking rates are due to the Tackling Indigenous Smoking Initiative. a) Can the Department confirm that that the data collected as part of the ATSI Health Performance Framework is the latest data on Indigenous smoking rates? b) When was this data collected, and what period does it pertain to? c) How is this rate calculated?	Written QoN	24/04/2012
389	8	Boyce	LP	Appointment of Tom Calma as National coordinator	Can the Department outline the process by which Tom Calma was appointed National Tobacco Coordinator - Tackling Indigenous Smoking given that he was awarded the contract by direct tender (i.e. nobody else was asked to submit a tender)?	Written QoN	3/05/2012
390	8	Boyce	LP	Appointment of Tom Calma as National coordinator	Can the Dept. explain what services were provided by Paper Shuffle Pty Ltd at a cost of \$33,000 for recruitment services - please detail precisely what the company did?	Written QoN	27/04/2012

391	8	Boyce	LP	Appointment of Tom Calma as National coordinator	Can the Department detail how the \$44,000 awarded to Adcorp Australia Pty Ltd was spent in advertising for this role [2009-10 AR p399] - what mediums, TV, radio etc?	Written QoN	24/04/2012
392	8	Boyce	LP	Appointment of Tom Calma as National coordinator	In answer to Question E11-219, the Department notes that it "engaged a recruitment agency to conduct an executive recruitment process including national advertisement and approaches to key individuals for the position." a) How many key individuals were approached? b) Who were these key individuals and were they selected by or in consultation with the Government? If so, who in Government was responsible for determining these key people?	Written QoN	3/05/2012
393	8	Scullion	LP	Indigenous workforce	a) Do you have some statistics on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the workforce? b) Possibly separated into those in the hospital environment and those elsewhere?	CA 56 - 17/02/2012	05/04/1012
394	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record	On what basis were the nine organisations selected to participate in the Wave 1 and Wave 2 lead implementation sites?	Written QoN	11/04/2012
395	8	Boyce	LP	Health Worker Stations on the APY Lands	What are the standard or average weekly opening hours for the health worker stations located in Nyapari, Watarru and Yunyarinyi on the APY Lands?	Written QoN	5/04/2012
396	8	Boyce	LP	Health Worker Stations on the APY Lands	How many full-time equivalent health workers were employed in a) Nyapari, b) Watarru and c) Yunyarinyi during 2010/11	Written QoN	5/04/2012
397	8	Boyce	LP	Health Worker Stations on the APY Lands	How many times did a medical doctor or registered nurse visit the health worker stations located in a) Watarru, b) Yunyarinyi and c) Nyapari during the 2010/11 financial year?	Written QoN	5/04/2012
398	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Swap it	I have gone into the website. a) Which guru tells you to swap a large portion of milk chocolate for a small piece of dark chocolate? Whose suggestion is that? You have all these things here. That is just one thing. But you have a whole lot of things. b) What is the basis of some of the suggestions that you have put in? There does not seem to be any sort of basis for that. Is that a calorie base?	CA 99 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
399	1	Sinodinos	LP	Organ & Tissue Donation	As a result of the 2008 reform package, 160 dedicated doctors and nurses (across 77 hospitals) have been funded to identify potential donors and work specifically on organ, eye and tissue donation. Could you please quantify the change in the referral rate, consent rate and donation rate as a result of that funding?	Written QoN	2/05/2012
400	1	Sinodinos	LP	Organ & Tissue Donation	It is clear that material differences in performance improvement exists between states, and also between hospitals. What has the OTA done to ensure that standards being implemented are nationally consistent?	Written QoN	2/05/2012
401	1	Sinodinos	LP	Organ & Tissue Donation	It is clear that NSW, with the largest population and largest proportion of funding went backwards in 2011. Who is responsible for this? What measures are being taken to improve NSW performance?	Written QoN	2/05/2012
402	1	Sinodinos	LP	Organ & Tissue Donation	Why has NSW recently released a discussion paper seeking input on ways to improve its organ donation and transplantation system when a national plan was devised (including a detailed implementation plan and budget) back in 2008?	Written QoN	10/05/2012
403	1	Sinodinos	LP	Organ & Tissue Donation	How does the current staffing of the OTA's head office in Canberra compare to the approved 2008 budget?	Written QoN	10/05/2012
404	1	Sinodinos	LP	Organ & Tissue Donation	In world's best practice, what is the correlation between organ registers and successful donor rates? What is the level of statistical significance in that correlation?	Written QoN	2/05/2012
405	1	Sinodinos	LP	Organ & Tissue Donation	What percentage of its resources is the OTA dedicating toward development and maintenance of organ donor registries?	Written QoN	2/05/2012
406	1	Sinodinos	LP	Organ & Tissue Donation	Since its inception, how much has the OTA spent on training specialist hospital staff in identifying potential donors and assisting families of the deceased?	Written QoN	2/05/2012
407	10	Boyce	LP	PCEHR	Has a business case/cost value analysis specifically of the PCEHR proposal been undertaken (rather than generic analyses of e-health benefits) and what were the findings from this work that would support the present PCEHR plans? If this exists, we would like a copy?	Written QoN	7/05/2012
408	13	Siewert	AG	Renal Projects	Update of the status of the projects that are being negotiated with non-government providers and those that are being negotiated with government.	CA 68 - 17/02/2012	30/03/2012
409	8	Siewert	AG	Ear Health	Have you had any requests from the Ear Bus Mob to roll the Ear Bus out into the Kimberley? Have the Ear bus Mob been looking for funding for this program?	CA 51 - 17/02/2012	5/04/2012
410	8	Siewert	AG	Ear health	Provide a breakdown of where the AGPN activity is delivered. What is happening for the more urban based communities? What is the focus of this activity?	CA 52 - 17/02/2012	5/04/2012
411	8	Scullion	LP	ENT	Of the 972 Children that received an ENT follow-up, how many had a follow up service? Provide the average waiting time between the first service and follow up. Provide a better understanding of the review period and whether or not the children had been seen in that time.	CA 59 - 17/02/2012	26/04/2012
412	8	Scullion	LP	Dental Health	Of the 2,567 Children identified as needing dental work or some dental intervention as part of the NTER, how many received referrals for further work? Provide the average waiting time between the first service and follow up.	CA 58 - 17/02/2012	26/04/2012
413	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Aged Care	Can you take on notice a bit of background in relation to those contractors? How often do you call upon their services?	CA 64 - 15/02/2012	20/03/2012
414	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Consultancies	In relation to consultancies valued at \$10,000 or above. There is a consultancy here to 'consultant names removed due to Freedom of Information Act 1982 to conduct external medicine evaluation \$4.2 million'. Can you give the rationale behind why that was removed?	CA 125 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
415	8	Scullion	LP	Indigenous Interpreter Services	What specific Indigenous interpreter services are available to the hospital sector or, if you cannot break it down to that level, to the health sector more generally?	CA 56 - 17/02/2012	5/04/2012
416	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	The table was there, but I think the table was correct up to January and there has been an additional three that have come on stream since then. We will give you the table and then you can have the fully updated version about the 22 operations on that.	CA 28 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
417	0	Boyce	LP	Forward Estimates	Are there any programs within the Department of Health where there is no funding in the forward estimates despite the fact that the program is going to continue?	CA 73 - 15/02/2012	10/05/2012
418	1	Furner	ALP	Train-the-Trainer Program	Do you have numbers on the train-the-trainer program; how many have been trained?	CA 76 - 15/02/2012	7/05/2012
419	1	Furner	ALP	Melanoma Cancer	I am aware of reports about some groundbreaking opportunities in the detection and treatment of melanoma cancer. Could you elaborate on those issues to the committee? Do we know how far way we might be from having some sort of treatment in respect to positive prevention?	CA 76 - 15/02/2012	10/05/2012