

| QoN No. | Agency/ Outcome | Broad Topic | Senator | QUESTION | Hansard/ Ref |
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| 1 | Whole of Portfolio | Budget Reporting Elements | Fierravanti-Wells | Please provide funding against Budget Reporting Elements (BREs) for the department, with adequate retractions for commercial, legal or other sensitivities. | CA 42 - 13/02/2013 |
| 2 | 1 | Alcohol Advertising | Xenophon | The Department has focused on alcohol consumption and reducing binge drinking over the last several years. Has the Department done any work on the impact of alcohol advertising on problematic drinking behaviours? | Written QoN |
| 3 | 1 | Alcohol Vouchers | Xenophon | a) Is the Department aware that Coles and Woolworths are currently offering alcohol vouchers, including 'buy two get one free' offers, on the bottom of docketts when the purchase is too low in value to trigger a fuel voucher? b) Does the Department have a position on these types of offers? c) Is this consistent with the Government's aim to reduce binge drinking? d) Are there currently any legally enforceable regulations in place to control this type of advertising? | Written QoN |
| 4 | 2 | Home Medicines Review Program | Xenophon | a) What is the department's position on the reported over-expenditure in the Home Medicines Review Program? b) Does the Department have a figure on this overspend? It has been estimated at twice the budget for the program. c) What measures or safeguards have been put in place to ensure this program is not being rorted? | Written QoN |
| 5 | 2 | Home Medicines Review Program | Xenophon | Does the department have any figures on: a) How many reviews have been done under this program? b) How many of these reviews were conducted in a patient's home and how many outside the home? c) How many doctors have made significant numbers of referrals? d) What the outcome of these reviews has been? | Written QoN |
| 6 | 2 | Home Medicines Review Program | Xenophon | Will there be an independent audit of this program? | Written QoN |
| 7 | 2 | Home Medicines Review Program | Xenophon | If the program is allowed to continue, where will the funding shortfall be made up? | Written QoN |
| 8 | 1 | Research grants | Fierravanti-Wells | What protocols are in place to ensure that those on the research committee do not have a conflict of interest in recommending research project to persons or institutions with whom they have an affiliation? Could you also tell me if there were any conflicts or perceived conflicts of interest issues in relation to any of those decisions, who withdrew from what meeting and whether grants were given to an organisation affiliated with that person who withdrew from the meeting. Could you give me a list of the 16 grants? | CA 37 - 13/02/2013 |
| 9 | 1 | Visit by Dr Karen Lee | Fierravanti-Wells | Can you tell me, in relation to the visit of Dr Karen Lee, the New York health department's built environment program director, that was hosted by your agency-are you able to break down any costs to the agency of this visit and the events? | CA 38 - 13/02/2013 |
| 10 | 1 | Research Grants Approval | Fierravanti-Wells | Can you take on notice when the minister first learned there had been a variation and who approved the variation? Were there any factual errors in the subsequent advice provided to the minister? What was the inaccuracy in the advice to the minister? Why did it occur and who was responsible? | CA 38 - 13/02/2013 |
| 11 | 1 | Responsibilities of DoHA and ANPHA | Fierravanti-Wells | What duplication of responsibilities exists between the department and the agency, and what action has been taken since the report in regards to the recommendation to actively review the alignment of their responsibilities? | CA 38 - 13/02/2013 |
| 12 | 1 | Cost of Swap It, Don't Stop It Campaign | Fierravanti-Wells | Can you tell me how the \$49 million was spent and in what years? | CA 39 - 13/02/2013 |
| 13 | 12 | Health Workforce Fund | Fierravanti-Wells | To the best of your knowledge, what rural programs that were consolidated into the Health Workforce Fund are likely to continue beyond 2014-15? | CA 61 - 13/02/2013 |
| 14 | 12 | Health Workforce Fund | Fierravanti-Wells | The Health Workforce guidelines indicate there is approximately \$35 million until 2013-14. Which of the 35 initiatives listed in the fund relates to this and the financial years involved? | CA 61 - 13/02/2013 |
| 15 | 12 | 100 Places Program | Fierravanti-Wells | How many participants are still on the 100 Places Program? | CA 63 - 13/02/2013 |
| 16 | 1 | Food Provided on Cruise Ships | Fierravanti-Wells | In relation to cruise ships that depart from and arrive in Australia: a) Which agency is responsible for standards regarding food provided? b) What standards apply to Australian food being stocked on those ships? c) What standards apply to internationally-flagged cruise ships that are based in Australia? | CA 48 - 13/02/2013 |
| 17 | 1 | Carbon Monoxide in Fish | Fierravanti-Wells | In relation to the call for submissions on the use of carbon monoxide in fish: a) Is there any information on what proportion of fish sold in Australia is subject to the treatment? b) Are there any source countries where the treatment is more prevalent? c) Has any additional information come to light to suggest that any Australian operators use this process? d) What is the intention of the review? e) Are there any particular health risks associated with the process? f) When do you expect a final report to be available? | CA 49 - 13/02/2013 |

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| 18 | 1 | International Bans on Testing Cosmetics on Animals | Rhiannon | EU legislation already prohibits the use of animals in safety testing of cosmetics produced throughout the EU. In March this year, an EU ban on the sale of cosmetics produced in other countries will come into force. Given Australia is an important market for cosmetics companies, what is the Australian Government doing to ensure Australia doesn't become a dumping ground for cosmetics produced by companies that persist in using out-dated and cruel animal tests? | Written QoN |
| 19 | 1 | International Bans on Testing Cosmetics on Animals | Rhiannon | Some years ago the EU introduced legislation to push forward the development of alternatives to animal testing and ensure the validation of those alternatives in the leadup to the ban. Would the government consider actively pursuing the same process? | Written QoN |
| 20 | 1 | International Bans on Testing Cosmetics on Animals | Rhiannon | Earlier this year Israel followed the EU by introducing legislation to ban the sale of cosmetics (ingredients or finished products) tested on animals. India has now indicated that it is considering introducing similar legislation in the very near future. Why is the Australian Government avoiding the introduction of similar legislation that would bring us in line with many other countries? | Written QoN |
| 21 | 1 | International Bans on Testing Cosmetics on Animals | Rhiannon | In answer to my previous questions about Australia following the lead of the EU Parliament in banning the use of animals in cosmetic testing: could the Minister elaborate on the answer 'For many health effects, non-animal test methods have either not yet been developed, or are still in the process of being validated as reliable replacement methods.' My understanding is that there are very few areas in which alternatives to animal tests have not yet been developed and validated. What international research informed the Minister's answer? | Written QoN |
| 22 | 4 | ACFI Monitoring Group | Smith | Can the Department please provide copies of the minutes of all meetings of the ACFI Monitoring Group since (but not including) 26 September 2012. | Written QoN |
| 23 | 4 | ACFI Monitoring Group | Smith | Can the Department please provide all the graphs, tables and modeling reports provided to members of the ACFI Monitoring Group at each of its meetings since (and including) 10 August 2012. | Written QoN |
| 24 | 4 | ACFI Monitoring Group | Smith | Please provide the names and addresses of aged care homes which have formally written to the Department advising of financial difficulties arising from the new ACFI Funding arrangements. | Written QoN |
| 25 | 4 | Aged Care - Rural, Regional and Other Special Needs Building Fund | Smith | What is the funding of the Rural, Regional and Other Special Needs Building Fund over the forward estimates? | Written QoN |
| 26 | 4 | Aged Care - Rural, Regional and Other Special Needs Building Fund | Smith | a) What is the total number of applications received for the Rural, Regional and Other Special Needs Building Fund in each of the application rounds to date? b) Please provide the information for each financial year, on a State by State basis with a metro/non metro breakdown within each State. | Written QoN |
| 27 | 14 | National Surveillance Strategy | Di Natale | In answer to QoN 12 from Supplementary Estimates 2012, the Department confirmed that it has performed no evaluation of the failed 2003 National Surveillance Strategy. In QoN 14, the Department claimed that this is because the Strategy "was never deactivated, but has evolved" into a number of separate initiatives. What are each of these separate initiatives? Has any review or evaluation been performed on any of these "separate initiatives"? | Written QoN |
| 28 | 4 | Aged Care - Rural, Regional and Other Special Needs Building Fund | Smith | a) How many successful applications were there in each of the application rounds to date, what was the name and address of the successful applicant and what was the quantum of funding? b) Please provide the information for each financial year, on a State by State basis and with a metro/non metro breakdown within each State. | Written QoN |
| 29 | 14 | Antimicrobial Resistance | Di Natale | In answer to QoN 382 from Supplementary Estimates 2012, the Department confirmed that although it "has access to appropriate expertise" through the Communicable Diseases Network and the Public Health Laboratory Network, it has never sought advice from these bodies on AMR. Why has the Department never availed itself of this expert advice? | Written QoN |
| 30 | 4 | Minister for Ageing | Smith | a) How many times has either the current or previous Minister for Ageing visited Western Australia since 2007? b) Can the Department please provide the names and addresses of Western Australian aged care homes visited by either the current or previous Minister for Ageing since 2007? | Written QoN |
| 31 | 4 | Minister for Ageing | Smith | Can the Department please provide the details of what meetings the current and previous Minister for Ageing has had with Western Australian aged care providers since 2007? | Written QoN |
| 32 | 13 | Public Hospitals and Information: Tasmanian Package | Bushby | To date, how many additional elective surgery procedures have been performed under the Tasmanian Health Assistance Package? Please provide a breakdown of a) month by month & b) category 1, 2 or 3. | Written QoN |

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| 33 | 13 | Public Hospitals and Information: Tasmanian Package | Bushby | How much funding has been provided to Tasmania to date, under each initiative/service provider (ie. elective surgery blitz, Medicare Locals etc)? | Written QoN |
| 34 | 13 | Public Hospitals and Information: Tasmanian Package | Bushby | Please provide a breakdown of how much funding will be provided each year to the Tasmanian Government under the Tasmanian Health Assistance Package? How much of that is spent on elective surgery each year? | Written QoN |
| 35 | 13 | Public Hospitals and Information: Tasmanian Package | Bushby | Does the agreement require the money for elective surgery to be spent on different types of surgery? i.e. knee, hip, gall bladder removals, hernia repairs, cataracts? | Written QoN |
| 36 | 13 | Public Hospitals and Information: Tasmanian Package | Bushby | a) How much does it cost to fund the Commission on Delivery of Health Services in Tasmania? b) Does this money come from the \$325 million or is it in addition to? c) Does the Chair of the Commission and the other members receive any funds for their services on the Commission? | Written QoN |
| 37 | 13 | Public Hospitals and Information: Tasmanian Package | Bushby | a) Has the Department received a request from the Tasmanian government to re-instate \$6 million in funding, that was withdrawn late last year as a result of changes in the national specific purpose payments for health care? b) If the answer is yes, please list the date of the request and the signatory. c) What was the response provided? If the request was rejected, on what basis was it rejected? If it was approved, does the agreement contain any conditions? | Written QoN |
| 38 | 13 | Public Hospitals and Information: Tasmanian Package | Bushby | Given the Victorian government, through its Local Hospital Networks, is having \$107 million in retrospective cuts reversed, why isn't Tasmania? | Written QoN |
| 39 | 13 | Public Hospitals and Information: Tasmanian Package | Bushby | What does Tasmania stand to lose over the forward estimates because of changes in the national specific purpose payments for health care? | Written QoN |
| 40 | Whole of Portfolio | Absence Rate | Mason | In the Australian Public Service Commission's State of the Service Report 2011-12, the Professional Services Review (an agency within the Department of Health and Ageing) was identified as the worst-performing agency in the Australian Public Service with respect to unscheduled absences. While the median Australian Public Service sick leave rate in 2011-12 was 8.5 days and the median absence rate was 11.1 days, the Professional Services Review sick leave rate was 10.5 days and the median absence rate was 21.4 days. a) What is the explanation for these rates? b) Are absences of this magnitude having a negative impact on the Professional Services Review's performance and productivity? c) What steps has the Professional Services Review taken to improve these rates? | Written QoN |
| 41 | Whole of Portfolio | Leave | Mason | What provision does the Professional Services Review make for compensation leave for its staff (including how many staff are involved and the length of leave)? | Written QoN |
| 42 | Whole of Portfolio | Unscheduled Absences | Mason | With respect to the top five worst performing agencies in the Australian Public Service in relation to unscheduled absences, the State of the Service Report 2011-12 states: "Three of these five agencies had very high proportions of compensation leave which, in an agency with few employees, can be heavily influenced by one or two individuals on an extended return to work program". Is this the case for the Professional Services Review? | Written QoN |
| 43 | 1 | Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder | Boyce | These questions are in relation to the current and future research activity in relation to Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). (The FASD report was tabled by the Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee in the last week of Parliament in 2012). a) What research has been funded in relation to FASD? b) What funding has been committed and spent to date? c) Are the results of projects published, if so where? d) What outcomes have been identified that the department working on in relation to FASD? | Written QoN |
| 44 | 2 | Myozyme, a life saving drug used to treat Pompe Disease | Boyce | In estimates last week, the department said that the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee last year deferred their decision on listing Myozyme on the Life Saving Drugs Program, when in fact it was rejected again at the November PBAC meeting. You also stated that consideration would be given to observational data from a small clinical group of patients to prove the effectiveness or otherwise of Myozyme. It is my understanding that the company has already provided you with data from a global observational study, which includes Australian data, is this correct? What else do you require from the company? | Written QoN |

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| 45 | 2 | Myozyme, a life saving drug used to treat Pompe Disease | Boyce | Given that people with Pompe Disease who are not on Myozyme are at risk of premature death and/or a severe and rapid deterioration in health, does the department recognise that there is a degree of urgency in assessing the data that is collected? | Written QoN |
| 46 | 2 | Myozyme, a life saving drug used to treat Pompe Disease | Boyce | Given that the drug is available to children with early onset of the disease, does this not speak for itself and demonstrate the effectiveness of the drug? | Written QoN |
| 47 | 2 | Myozyme, a life saving drug used to treat Pompe Disease | Boyce | Adults who go onto Myozyme report a big improvement in their health to such an extent that when they are treated early enough they are able to function well and get on with their lives whereas prior to taking the drug, their functioning was progressively seriously impaired. Does this not demonstrate the effectiveness of the drug? | Written QoN |
| 48 | 2 | Myozyme, a life saving drug used to treat Pompe Disease | Boyce | Are you aware that Australia is one of the last industrialised nations not to fund access to Myozyme, which is funded in approximately 50 other countries including those with comparable systems such as England? | Written QoN |
| 49 | 2 | Myozyme, a life saving drug used to treat Pompe Disease | Boyce | Australia has previously had an excellent record in the treatment of other Lysosomal storage diseases including Fabry, Gaucher, and MPS1, where patients are receiving funding under the Life Savings Drugs Program. These are all the same family of disease as Pompe, it is just that the missing enzyme and organs affected are different. Why have treatments for these diseases been successfully listed under the LSDP, yet Myozyme has not? | Written QoN |
| 50 | 2 | Myozyme, a life saving drug used to treat Pompe Disease | Boyce | Is the level of evidence being required for the treatment of Pompe's disease different from that which was required for other treatments on the Life Saving Drugs program? If so, what has changed and why? | Written QoN |
| 51 | 2 | Myozyme, a life saving drug used to treat Pompe Disease | Boyce | Are you aware that there are currently more than four Australians known to be living with Pompe disease who do not have access to Myozyme treatment because it is not listed as a lifesaving drug? | Written QoN |
| 52 | 2 | Chemotherapy Drugs | Boyce | Where are the negotiations with stakeholders up to regarding the impact on the department's Expanded and Accelerated Price Disclosure (EAPD) policy in region to chemotherapy drugs? | Written QoN |
| 53 | 2 | Chemotherapy Drugs | Boyce | a) What guarantees are you giving patients that their chemotherapy services will not be interrupted as a direct result of the inability of community pharmacists and private hospitals to absorb the shortfall in funding caused by the Price Disclosure cuts to docetaxel on December 01? b) Did you know that there is a shortfall of \$1 million per week which is being absorbed by the pharmacists? c) When will we see a resolution? | Written QoN |
| 54 | 2 | Chemotherapy Drugs | Boyce | If the Government has saved \$200m to date from its Expanded and Accelerated Price Disclosure (EAPD) policy on chemotherapy drugs alone - surely it must expect to reinvest part of those savings to make the system viable as this was what the sector was led to believe would happen after all stakeholders signed off on an alternative funding model in 2009? | Written QoN |
| 55 | 2 | Chemotherapy Drugs | Boyce | On top of the cumulative Price Disclosure related cuts (now worth about \$200 million in annualised and recurrent savings to the Government), had DoHA been advised by advanced care pharmacists and the Pharmacy Guild this may well be the last straw and community pharmacies - which are already absorbing the funding shortfall caused by the cuts (at \$1 million a week) will be forced to collapse or pass the costs onto cancer clinics and hospitals? Either way, cancer patients may have their time critical treatment disrupted. | Written QoN |
| 56 | 2 | Chemotherapy Drugs | Boyce | Why does the department continue to argue that the funding must come out of the Fifth Pharmacy Community Agreement when it was clear that the funding cuts arose originally out of an unworkable budget measure in 2008 and is currently being funded by the EFC Budget measure of 2010 and not the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement? | Written QoN |
| 57 | 2 | Chemotherapy Drugs | Boyce | Why does the department continue to argue that the funding must come out of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement when it was clear that there are other stakeholders involved - and directly impacted upon by the price reductions to chemotherapy drugs including private hospitals, clinics, public hospital pharmacies and public cancer clinics? | Written QoN |
| 58 | 2 | Chemotherapy Drugs | Boyce | Because pharmacies have lost this funding source, what analysis has the department undertaken as to what impact this will have on the future of reinvestment strategies of public pharmacists? | Written QoN |
| 59 | 2 | Chemotherapy Drugs | Boyce | What is the shortfall that you expect the public pharmacy sector to sustain as a result of these Price Disclosure impacts on chemotherapy drugs? | Written QoN |
| 60 | 5 | QLD Super Clinics | Boyce | The Redcliffe five-storey GP super clinic is nothing more than a shell six years after it was pledged in the 2007 election campaign as one of four clinics to be built in Queensland. Can you detail exactly all the reasons why it is still not open for business? | Written QoN |

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| 61 | 5 | QLD Super Clinics | Boyce | a) To what degree are the inordinate delays in the project being open for business the responsibility of Redcliffe Hospital Foundation? b) To what degree are the inordinate delays in the project being open for business the responsibility of the previous Bligh state government? c) To what degree are the inordinate delays in the project being open for business the responsibility of the current Newman state government? d) To what degree are the inordinate delays in the project being open for business the responsibility of the Federal Government? e) When do you expect it to be open for business? | Written QoN |
| 62 | 5 | QLD Super Clinics | Boyce | a) What is the status of the Super Clinic promised for Mt Isa? b) Is it correct that not even a site has been chosen and purchased? c) Can you detail all the reasons for the lack of progress of the promised Mt Isa Super Clinic? | Written QoN |
| 63 | 5 | QLD Super Clinics | Boyce | a) What is the status of the Super Clinic proposed for Townsville? b) Can you detail all the reasons why the completion of the Townsville has been so delayed? c) When do you expect it to be open for business? | Written QoN |
| 64 | 5 | QLD Super Clinics | Boyce | a) What is the status of the Super Clinic proposed for Gladstone? b) Can you detail all the reasons for the lack of progress of the promised Gladstone Super Clinic? c) When do you expect it to be open for business? | Written QoN |
| 65 | 5 | QLD Super Clinics | Boyce | Can you please reconcile your previous answers in Estimates over the past three years with the current status of the promised Super Clinics in Redcliffe, Mt Isa, Gladstone and Townsville? | Written QoN |
| 66 | 5 | QLD Super Clinics | Boyce | The current minister for Health, Tanya Plibersek has claimed, that one of the major reasons for the delays in the completion of the Super Clinic program is the difficulty finding suitable real estate. Does this explain the problems at Redcliffe, Mt Isa, Gladstone or Townsville? | Written QoN |
| 67 | 5 | QLD Super Clinics | Boyce | It's claimed that despite the passage of years four proposed Super Clinics still don't even have funding agreements. Is that true and if so what are the four and why is this the case? | Written QoN |
| 68 | 5 | After-hours medical care in Tasmania/Tasmania Medicare Local (TML) | Bushby | a) Has the TML tender for the provision of after-hours medical services in Tasmania been filled? If the answer is yes, please detail the successful applicant/s. b) What services were undertaken to be delivered by the successful applicant? c) Will the successful applicant/s offer all the services provided by the previous provider of after-hours medical care, GP Assist Tasmania? Please list any differences in care to be provided. d) Will the successful applicant make available a triage doctor on Saturday mornings and/or during regional public holidays? e) What processes are in place to ensure the successful tenderer delivers all services undertaken in their tender documentation? f) What is the annual amount that the Department will pay the successful tenderer for the provision of the tendered services? | Written QoN |
| 69 | Whole of Portfolio | Staffing | Boyce | a) How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? c) 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 |
| 70 | Whole of Portfolio | Staffing | Boyce | a) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? b) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? c) How many contract staff left department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? | Written QoN |
| 71 | Whole of Portfolio | Staffing | Boyce | Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. | Written QoN |

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| 72 | Whole of Portfolio | Making the Public Service more efficient | Boyce | a) Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).In addition, please provide the following detail: b) Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel? c) Has there been a reduction in business flights? d) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? e) Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? f) Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? g) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? h) Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. i) Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? j) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? k) Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? l) Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? m) Has the five per cent savings target been achieved - if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? n) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? | Written QoN |
| 73 | Whole of Portfolio | Printing Costs | Boyce | How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online? | Written QoN |
| 74 | Whole of Portfolio | Graduate Recruitment | Boyce | a) How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. b) Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. | Written QoN |
| 75 | Whole of Portfolio | Graduate Training | Boyce | How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each. | Written QoN |
| 76 | Whole of Portfolio | Advertising | Boyce | a) What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? b) Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? c) Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. d) Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. e) Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. f) Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? g) Provide the details for each advertising item.Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. h) What advertising - Campaign and Non-Campaign - and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake? | Written QoN |
| 77 | Whole of Portfolio | Hospitality and Entertainment | Boyce | What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates? | Written QoN |

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| 78 | Whole of Portfolio | Meeting Costs | Boyce | What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. | Written QoN |
| 79 | Whole of Portfolio | Program Launch Costs | Boyce | What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. | Written QoN |
| 80 | Whole of Portfolio | Board Appointments | Boyce | 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 on each board and across the portfolio? c) Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date. | Written QoN |
| 81 | Whole of Portfolio | Freedom of Information | Boyce | a) Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? b) What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? c) How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? d) How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? e) Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? f) Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? | Written QoN |
| 82 | Whole of Portfolio | Community Cabinet Meetings | Boyce | a) How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location. b) How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. c) 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 |
| 83 | Whole of Portfolio | Reviews | Boyce | 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) Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? g) What reviews are planned? h) When will each of these reviews be concluded? | Written QoN |
| 84 | Whole of Portfolio | Consultancies | Boyce | a) How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if know | Written QoN |
| 85 | Whole of Portfolio | Media Monitoring | Boyce | a) What is 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 these services for the year 2012-13? d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? | Written QoN |

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| 86 | Whole of Portfolio | Media Monitoring | Boyce | 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 these services for the year 2012-13? d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? | Written QoN |
| 87 | Whole of Portfolio | Social Media | Boyce | Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. | Written QoN |
| 88 | Whole of Portfolio | Social Media | Boyce | a) Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media? b) If yes, provide details of the useage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when useage peaks). c) Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff useage? d) If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor useage in the future? | Written QoN |
| 89 | Whole of Portfolio | Social Media | Boyce | Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours) | Written QoN |
| 90 | Whole of Portfolio | Internet | Boyce | a) Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? b) If yes, what was the reason for this? c) Did it impact the Minister's office? | Written QoN |
| 91 | Whole of Portfolio | Staff Amenities | Boyce | What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list. | Written QoN |
| 92 | Whole of Portfolio | Staff Amenities | Boyce | a) Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. b) Why were coffee machines purchased? c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? e) Who has access? f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? | Written QoN |
| 93 | Whole of Portfolio | Coffee Machines | Boyce | a) Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. b) Why are coffee machines rented? c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from? e) Who has access? f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? | Written QoN |

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| 94 | Whole of Portfolio | Contractors | Boyce | 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost). 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost). 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost). d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). h) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. j) What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). | Written QoN |
| 95 | Whole of Portfolio | Media Subscriptions | Boyce | a) What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? b) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. c) What is the cost for this financial year to date? d) What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? e) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. f) What is the cost for this financial year to date? g) What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? h) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. i) What is the cost for this financial year to date? | Written QoN |
| 96 | Whole of Portfolio | Travel Costs | Boyce | a) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). b) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. c) What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. d) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. | Written QoN |
| 97 | Whole of Portfolio | Travel Costs | Boyce | Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. | Written QoN |
| 98 | Whole of Portfolio | Travel Costs | Boyce | Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships. | Written QoN |
| 99 | Whole of Portfolio | Travel Costs | Boyce | When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel. | Written QoN |
| 100 | Whole of Portfolio | Travel Costs | Boyce | Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost? | Written QoN |
| 101 | Whole of Portfolio | Legal Costs | Boyce | 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 |
| 102 | Whole of Portfolio | Legal Costs | Boyce | What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. | Written QoN |

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| 103 | Whole of Portfolio | Legal Costs | Boyce | a) 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. b) 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 |
| 104 | Whole of Portfolio | Education Expenses | Boyce | a) What is the department/agency's guidelines on study? b) For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency. | Written QoN |
| 105 | Whole of Portfolio | Executive Coaching and Leadership Training | Boyce | 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: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form 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 5. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total amount spent on the service e) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used 6. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 7. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) ii. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location | Written QoN |
| 106 | Whole of Portfolio | Media Training | Boyce | In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form 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 5. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 6. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total amount spent on the service d) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location | Written QoN |
| 107 | Whole of Portfolio | Paid Parental Leave | Boyce | a) Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? b) For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments. c) What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date. | Written QoN |

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| 108 | Whole of Portfolio | Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries | Boyce | a) 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. b) 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. c) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification. | Written QoN |
| 109 | Whole of Portfolio | Corporate Cars | Boyce | a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency? 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 |
| 110 | Whole of Portfolio | Taxi Costs | Boyce | a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? b) Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. c) What are the reasons for taxi costs? | Written QoN |
| 111 | Whole of Portfolio | Hire Cars | Boyce | a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? b) Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. c) What are the reasons for hire car costs? | Written QoN |
| 112 | Whole of Portfolio | Credit Cards | Boyce | Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. Please update details of the following: a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? | Written QoN |
| 113 | Whole of Portfolio | Provision of Equipment | Boyce | a) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? b) For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? c) Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. d) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided. | Written QoN |
| 114 | Whole of Portfolio | Electricity Purchasing | Boyce | a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? b) What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date? | Written QoN |
| 115 | Whole of Portfolio | Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents | Boyce | Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include: o How are briefings requests commissioned? o What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. o Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. o Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. o How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include: o How are briefings requests commissioned? o What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. o Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. o Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. o How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. o Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information? | Written QoN |
| 116 | Whole of Portfolio | Shredders | Boyce | Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used. | Written QoN |
| 117 | Whole of Portfolio | Protective Security Policy Framework | Boyce | Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures. | Written QoN |

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| 118 | Whole of Portfolio | Office Locations | Boyce | Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a) Department/Agency; b) Location; c) Leased or Owned; d) Size; e) Number of Staff at each location and classification; f) If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g) If owned, the value of the building; h) Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i) Type of functions and work undertaken. | Written QoN |
| 119 | Whole of Portfolio | Communications Staff | Boyce | a) For all departments and agencies, please provide - in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff - the following: a. By Department or agency: i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location iv. How many are graphic designers? v. How many are media managers? vi. How many organise events? b) Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications? | Written QoN |
| 120 | Whole of Portfolio | Grants | Boyce | a) Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. b) Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details. c) Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for grant? | Written QoN |
| 121 | Whole of Portfolio | Commissioned Reports | Boyce | a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? | Written QoN |
| 122 | Whole of Portfolio | Government Payment of Accounts | Boyce | 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? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) c) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? | Written QoN |
| 123 | Whole of Portfolio | Stationery Requirements | Boyce | a) 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? b) What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? | Written QoN |
| 124 | 2 | Price Reductions | Fierravanti-Wells | a) What is the current figure for annual expenditure for F1 drugs that are expected to come off patent and trigger the 16 per cent statutory price reduction each year over the forward estimates? b) What is the expected saving to Government of the 16 per cent price reduction over the forward estimates? | CA 120 - 13/02/2013 |
| 125 | 2 | Price Reductions | Di Natale | The number of cases since the introduction of the different formularies where an originator company with a product in F1 - and which is not subject to generic competition - has introduced a new mechanism that will actually trigger a statutory price reduction and moving to F2? Please provide a list of where that might have happened. | CA 123 - 13/02/2013 |
| 126 | 1 | Tobacco Plain Packaging - Monthly Tracking Survey | Fierravanti-Wells | a) What are the total project costs and who is the consultant providing the research to the Cancer Council? b) Did it go to tender? c) Is Professor Wakefield, in terms of her involvement, with any particular organisation? Did you take that into account?d) If you could take details of that on notice and the thinking behind that contract. | CA 23 - 13/02/2013 |
| 127 | 1 | Tobacco - Palatability Contract | Fierravanti-Wells | Did the project go out to tender? | CA 24 - 13/02/2013 |
| 128 | 1 | Tobacco - National Class Action Lawsuit | Fierravanti-Wells | Has the Minister for Health sought, received and circulated this advice? If it has not been, could you tell me why it has not been please? Can you tell me what is the nature of the advice and what action, if any is the government investigating in relation to this advice? | CA 25 - 13/02/2013 |

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| 129 | 11 | Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program | Wright | a) How many organisations have left the MHNIP since 9 May last year? b) Have any new organisations been registered for MHNIP since 9 May 2012? | CA 127 - 13/02/2013 |
| 130 | 11 | Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program | Wright | a) Can you tell me what percentage of organisations are trending below the expected level in terms of session allocations? b) What percentage of organisations are trending above the expected level in terms of session allocations? | CA 127 - 13/02/2013 |
| 131 | 11 | Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program | Wright | How many organisations have used all of their allocated sessions as at 13 February 2013? | CA 127 - 13/02/2013 |
| 132 | 11 | Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program | Wright | How many sessions had been used as at 31 December last year? Perhaps you could at least look at the date today and see what further number have been claimed in that period between 31 December and now that pertain to that period up to and including 31 December. | CA 127 - 13/02/2013 |
| 133 | 11 | Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program | Wright | Can you tell me please, how much funding has been expended on the MHNIP to 31 December 2012 and what proportion that was of the financial year 2012-13 funding allocation? | CA 128 - 13/02/2013 |
| 134 | 11 | Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program | Wright | For clarification, I might ask you to ascertain the amount of those claims that were paid at that date, allowing for the fact that there may be some pending. Also, if you could look at today's date for claims in relation to sessions up to and including 31 December, if you understand what I am saying? | CA 128 - 13/02/2013 |
| 135 | 11 | Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program | Wright | Organisations have been asked to advise Medicare if they anticipate not using their full allocations of sessions - which is what you have indicated - in 2012-13. Have any organisations responded to that request? | CA 129 - 13/02/2013 |
| 136 | 11 | Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program | Wright | Is there any possibility that the system could fail such that sessions are paid for and then ultimately it is clear that those sessions have been beyond allocation, and in which case what would be the consequences? If you could ask them {Department of Human Services} just in terms of potential issues about whether organisations will be required to refund money that they have received perhaps in error. | CA 129 - 13/02/2013 |
| 137 | 11 | Mental Health working Group | Wright | Can I ask you to take on notice the variety of things that that working group has been asked to do that you might not have otherwise had time to tell us about? | CA 130 - 13/02/2013 |
| 138 | 11 | Workforce Issues | Fierravanti-Wells | In relation to workforce issues, some issues were put to me pertaining to baseline training for non-government community mental health sector staff, such as Certificate IV in Mental Health. Is that something the Commonwealth has an interest in? Or is it pertinent more to the Northern Territory government? | CA 40 - 15/02/2013 |
| 139 | 11 | Indigenous Suicide Prevention Projects | Siewert | a) What do organisations have to do to seek that extension? b) Have you already written to them? c) Will the criteria for the decision-making process and whether or not they have been successful be included in the letter? d) Could you supply the criteria and what level of funding would be offered. Are you saying it has to be just a continuation of existing funding on the same grounds? e) Are you offering an extension of funding to all organisations that are funded under the program? | CA 42 - 15/02/2013 |
| 140 | 1 | Port Augusta Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre | Fierravanti-Wells | a) How many meetings has the department had with the local community in Port Augusta on this project? b) Did the department meet the council to discuss possible sites and access to those sites? c) And, if there were no meetings, please provide a reason as to why. Given the circumstances and the amounts of money involved, I would have thought it would have been appropriate for at least a departmental officer from your South Australian office to meet with the council in relation to possible sites. d) Also, I have been informed that the consulting group Arup were engaged to scope the project and commence planning. How much have they been paid for their services? e) Can you tell me how much has been spent on the entire process since the announcement of the funding in 2007? | CA 43 - 15/02/2013 |
| 141 | 13 | National Partnership Agreement on Hospital and Workforce Reform | Di Natale | a) What additional sub-acute services and in which jurisdictions have been provided as a result of the National Partnership Agreement on Hospital and Workforce Reform? b) Is the Department aware whether funding will be continued for these service beyond 30 June 2013? c) If not, is the Department aware of what cuts to services will result? | Written QoN |
| 142 | 1 | Food Regulation | Di Natale | a) Is the Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation still committed to introducing a mandatory pregnancy warning label for alcohol starting December 2013? b) More than one year has now passed since the Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation decided to support mandatory pregnancy warning labels. What process has the Government implemented to date to ensure that warning labels will be implemented on alcohol products at the end of the two year period? | Written QoN |

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| 143 | 13 | Alcohol Health Warnings | Di Natale | To implement mandatory labeling changes to products, Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) must be tasked to examine the labeling change and develop a standard to implement such a change. When will the Government task FSANZ to commence the regulatory processes to implement mandatory alcohol health warnings? | Written QoN |
| 144 | 1 | Voluntary Labelling Scheme | Di Natale | The Chair of Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation, The Hon Catherine King has recently indicated that an evaluation of the industry's voluntary labelling regime will be evaluated. What process will the Government take to independently evaluate the voluntary labelling scheme being implemented by the alcohol industry to introduce consumer messages onto its products? | Written QoN |
| 145 | 1 | Alcohol Industry Voluntary Labelling Regime | Di Natale | What is the timeframe for the evaluation of the alcohol industry's voluntary labelling regime and when will the results of this evaluation be publicly available? | Written QoN |
| 146 | 1 | Warning Labels for Alcohol | Di Natale | a) Will the evaluation of the alcohol industry's voluntary labelling regime push out the initial December 2013 timeframe for the introduction of health warning labels for alcohol? b) Given that the Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation has already decided that a mandatory pregnancy warning label be implemented, is this evaluation just a stalling tactic to delay the introduction of a mandatory pregnancy warning label for alcohol? | Written QoN |
| 147 | 1 | Alcohol Warning Labels | Di Natale | When will members of the Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation decide on the form of regulation for alcohol pregnancy warning labels? Will agreement on this regulation take place prior to the December 2013 deadline, which Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation determined at its 9 December 2011 meeting? | Written QoN |
| 148 | 1 | Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders | Di Natale | a) Is the Commonwealth Government preparing a response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs Inquiry into Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders final report? b) When will the Commonwealth Government's response to the inquiry report be made available to the public? | Written QoN |
| 149 | 1 | Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders | Di Natale | a) What action has the Commonwealth Government taken to develop a National Plan of Action for the prevention, diagnosis and management of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, as per recommendation one of the House of Representatives Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee's Inquiry into Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders? b) Will this National Plan of Action be available for public release by 1 June 2013, as specified by the Social Policy and Legal Affairs committee? | Written QoN |
| 150 | 1 | Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders | Di Natale | What action has the Commonwealth Government undertaken to immediately establish an ongoing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Reference Group to oversee the development of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders National Action Plan? | Written QoN |
| 151 | 1 | National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Diagnostic Instrument | Di Natale | The Government has provided funding to develop a National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Diagnostic Instrument. Is the Department aware of any further funding or plans to provide funding to pilot the National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Diagnostic Instrument and develop guidelines for its use? | Written QoN |
| 152 | 1 | Harmful Use of Alcohol | Di Natale | a) Is it the Department's understanding that the Australian Government is content with the global target set for alcohol consumption set within the Global Monitoring Framework for NCDs as being "at least 10% relative reduction in the harmful use of alcohol , as appropriate, within the national context." ? b) What indicator/s will the Department and the Government set to measure reductions in harmful alcohol use in Australia? c) How will the Department and the Government define 'harmful use of alcohol' in order set a benchmark by which to achieve reductions over time? | Written QoN |
| 153 | 1 | National Alcohol Strategy | Di Natale | a) The National Alcohol Strategy expired in 2009 and was extended to 2011. It is now 2013 and Australia still does not have a National Alcohol Strategy. Can the Department provide an explanation as to why a new National Alcohol Strategy has not been developed? b) Can the Department indicate when a revised National Alcohol Strategy will be developed? | Written QoN |

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| 154 | 1 | National Health Priority Areas | Di Natale | <p>a) What funding has been allocated to address prevention and control of the National Health Priority Areas in 2012-13 and across the forward estimates? b) Can the Department update the table (set out below) that was provided during Estimates hearings in October 2010 and include all National Health Priority Areas? c) What funding has been allocated for PBS, MBS, hospital payments and research for each National Health priority Area? d) What policy mechanism is used to determine funding levels for programs that specifically target prevention and control of each National Health Priority Area (ie above and beyond MBS, PBS, hospital payments and research)? e) What progress has been made on Indigenous smoking rates and what programs and funding have been allocated beyond June 2013? f) It is difficult to get a complete picture of Indigenous health funding under the Close the Gap initiative? Can a table be provided which shows which programs expire when? g) What is the current funding allocation to address rheumatic heart disease? h) What results have been achieved to date for the national rheumatic heart disease initiative? i) Which states are currently funded by the Commonwealth to support rheumatic heart disease activities? Is it the case that funding is not available for South Australia and New South Wales to participate? If not, why not? j) When does the Healthy Communities Initiative expire? What processes are underway to consider renewing and strengthening this program? What results have been achieved to date?</p> | Written QoN |
| 155 | 2 | PBAC Review | Di Natale | <p>a) Please explain the function and process under which a PBAC Review is undertaken and what references are made to current prescribing information, peer review groups and colleges. b) What external expert sources does the PBAC consult as part of its process in developing recommendations in these reviews? c) Are these sources generally regarded as key opinion leaders by their peer groups and colleges? How are they chosen? d) Are these reviews, if they are cost-based, done with the best clinical advice and on the principles of sound evidence based medicine? How can the government and taxpayers be sure of that? e) What further reviews are expected and which categories of drugs will they cover? f) In the current PBAC Review into Diabetes Prescribing, is the intention of the Department to restrict access to some drugs, namely glitazones and DPP4s (gliptins)? Why does the Department intend to restrict access to these drugs at a time when Diabetes, a national health priority is a serious health issue in this country? g) Are there implications for insulin pricing in this review? Is it not true Australia already have some of the lowest insulin prices in the world? h) Is the Department advising the government on how to cut access to drugs that are needed for treating serious conditions only because of their cost? i) With the recently announced PBAC Review into the Life Saving Drugs Programme, what practical implications are there for patients currently dependent on these drugs? j) Has the Department discussed with the government whether patients will be affected if the government decides to reduce funding for these drugs? Are there plans to remove drugs on the LSDP? k) Has the Department consulted with any patient groups likely to be affected?</p> | Written QoN |
| 156 | 14 | National Hepatitis C Strategy | Di Natale | <p>In regards to the answers given to QON from October 2012 ref (E12-194) the Department has engaged David Fowler Consulting to conduct a Review into the National Hepatitis C Strategy. a) When will the review be completed? b) With whom is Mr Fowler meeting with to assist in his review? c) Will the review be made public if so when, if not why not? d) With whom has he met with to date? e) The answer makes reference to "an agreed set of terms of reference". What are they? Please table these. f) In regards to KPIs within the strategy, who is advising Mr Fowler on whether those KPIs have actually been met? And what has actually been done to meet those KPIs?g) Has Hepatitis Australia been involved or will they be consulted into whether the Hep C strategy has met its objectives in terms of treatment rates? h) When was the last meeting the Department had with Hepatitis Australia to discuss the issues in this area? i) With regard to treatment targets and the Auckland statements request for 5% treatment target, has the department discussed this with the Minister for Health or her advisers?</p> | Written QoN |
| 157 | 2 | Lyrice | Di Natale | <p>a) On 16 Nov 2012 the Govt approved the listing on Lyrice on the PBS, can the Minister advise how long was it took from PBAC approval and when it will be listed on the PBS? b) Given the cost was \$447m, how was this high cost, high expenditure drug funded? c) Was its cost fully offset from savings, either within the DoHA budget or across Govt? d) What were the savings to the budget from the statin review? Where did these savings go? e) Were any of the savings from the Statin review used to help offset the cost of funding Lyrice on the PBS? f) It would appear in recent times, the next most high cost drug funded was Cetuximab in 11/12 at a cost of \$272m over 5 yrs, and Lyrice will cost \$447m. Can the Department explain the rationale for funding Lyrice over other medications that are just as worthy?</p> | Written QoN |

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| 158 | 1 | Antimicrobial Resistance | Di Natale | Does the Commission agree with the following statement: "Prior to the formation of Antimicrobial Resistance Standing Committee there has been no national coordination of activities, comprehensive national reports on antibiotic use and resistance or the ability to link antimicrobial usage and resistance data at a national level. Moreover, there is no single entity that fulfils such a role at a national level."? | Written QoN |
| 159 | 1 | Antimicrobial Resistance | Di Natale | The ostensible purpose of the "National Surveillance and Reporting of Antimicrobial Resistance and Antibiotic Usage in Australia: Ways Forward" report is to "inform the development of a business case for a coordinated and efficient national approach to reporting and surveillance of antimicrobial resistance and antibiotic usage across Australia". What does a "business case" mean in a public health context? Does this imply that if it is not cost-effective to perform national surveillance and monitoring on antimicrobial resistance then such surveillance and monitoring will not be funded? What considerations, criteria and methodology will be applied to inform this "business case"? | Written QoN |
| 160 | 1 | Antibiotic Resistance | Di Natale | How, specifically, will the work of the Committee intersect with the current Senate Inquiry into the progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 1999 Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance? What specific protocols and procedures exist to incorporate the submissions and findings of the Inquiry? | Written QoN |
| 161 | 4 | Home and Community Care Program | Di Natale | a) In relation to the Department's Commonwealth Home and Community Care Program, I have received representations to the effect that larger organisations, including culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) organisations, have not had difficulty adapting to the changes, but that smaller CALD organisations with fewer resources have had difficulty adapting to the changed management style. How is the Department managing the changeover process between Commonwealth and State/Territory management of the HACC program? b) How many complaints have been received to date about the Commonwealth management of the HACC program? How many complaints have been received from smaller CALD organisations? c) How is the Department ensuring that small CALD community groups are not being disadvantaged by changed management arrangements? | Written QoN |
| 162 | 1 | National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme | Di Natale | When is the Government's review of NICNAS due to be completed and its recommendations implemented? | Written QoN |
| 163 | 1 | National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme | Di Natale | The NICNAS website states that a discussion paper proposing an arrangement suited to the regulation of nanoforms of 'existing' industrial chemicals is being developed by NICNAS and the NICNAS Nanotechnology Advisory Group as a basis for public consultations in 2011-12. a) When will this discussion paper be released? b) When are these public consultations expected to take place? c) When is NICNAS expected to introduce regulation for nanoforms of 'existing' industrial chemicals? | Written QoN |
| 164 | 1 | Titanium Dioxide in Sunscreen | Di Natale | a) The TGA informed stakeholders last year that it had conducted a new review of the scientific literature on the safety of nanoparticulate titanium dioxide or zinc oxide in sunscreen. When will this review be published? b) Is the TGA aware of the study published by Bennett et al last year in PLOS ONE which found that sunlight causes clumps of titanium dioxide nanoparticles to disaggregate and to penetrate pig skin? c) Is the TGA aware of the study published by Virkutyte et al in the Chemical Engineering Journal last year which found that chlorine in swimming pools can strip the coating off titanium dioxide nanoparticles in sunscreens that protect against UV radiation, leaving them able to react with water to form free radicals? d) Is the TGA aware of the study published by Monopoli et al in Nature Nanotechnology last year which found that nanoparticles in contact with biological fluids are rapidly covered in a layer of proteins or lipids (termed a corona) with implications for skin penetration and the extent to which the nanoparticles are dissolved into ions? e) Does the TGA intend to revise its opinion regarding the safety of nano-ingredients in sunscreen on the basis of this new evidence? f) Is the TGA aware of the study published by Barker & Branch in Progress in Organic Coatings in 2008 which found that nanoparticles of anatase titanium dioxide in sunscreen were reacting with sunlight and breaking down the coating of Colorbond roofs in a matter of weeks? g) What action has the TGA taken to ensure that nanoparticles of anatase titanium dioxide are not used in sunscreen products? h) How many companies have the TGA told to stop advertising their sunscreen products as non nano or nano free within the past year and on what basis? i) What organisations and individuals are currently represented on the Complaints Resolution Panel which makes decisions about such complaints? | Written QoN |

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| 165 | 10 | E-Health | Boyce | In an answer to a written question on notice from the Estimates of October last year [WQON 361] regarding what will replace the expired National Partnership on E-Health DOHA stated that an ; "eHealth Memorandum of Understanding was agreed by the Standing Council on Health at its meeting on November 9, 2012. However, the communiqué released after that meeting stated that the Ministers had only "noted progress on the eHealth MOU." a) Can you explain this apparent inconsistency between your answer and the stated actions of the Standing Council on eHealth? b) If, as you claim a new 'eHealth MOU' is in existence could you please provide me with a copy of it? | Written QoN |
| 166 | 10 | PCEHR | Boyce | a) During the Estimates hearings this month Ms Huxtable stated in regard to the launch of the PCEHR last year; "We started with a capacity to register from 1 July." In the light of the inability of anyone to register on line for a PCEHR at that time and the failure of the only E-health communication device supplied at launch, being a 1-800 number that didn't work could the witness explain what she meant by that evidence? b) How many clinical records have been uploaded to the PCEHR so far? c) Dr Mukesh Haikerwal has had an intimate involvement in the development of the PCEHR. He is also a practising GP. Has he had any difficulties uploading any clinical records? d) Has he, in fact ever been successful? e) How many GP practices have successfully uploaded clinical records to the PCEHR? f) Given that if the facts are provided the answers to questions 2-5 may not be all that encouraging on what basis did witness Ms Huxtable also claim in evidence at those estimates hearings, "I would argue that we are really now in a place where we are beginning to see the more comprehensive, I guess, operation of the PCEHR system, not just registration but also clinical use."? g) What is the evidentiary basis for such a claim? h) Can you tell me how many E-Health experts, specialists, contractors or workers have signed up for a PCEHR? | Written QoN |
| 167 | 10 | PCEHR Audit Trail | Boyce | a) Is the 'Audit Trail' of the PCEHR, functioning, is it working fully? b) What are the consequences for those who have signed up for a PCEHR if it's not working or not working properly? c) Could failures in the audit trail software lead to major breaches of client privacy? | Written QoN |
| 168 | 10 | PCEHR - Outages | Boyce | In the last round of Estimates we asked some specific questions around a rash of reported outages in the E-Health architecture. [E12-356,357] In my view the answers provided were highly unsatisfactory. Your response was to say, and this is important, your 'targets' are similar to other similar organisations. I clearly wasn't asking about targets I was asking about a level of actual, outage events that have occurred and whether that number would be acceptable in comparable industries. Could please provide me with precise response to the question that was asked? | Written QoN |
| 169 | 1 | Petrol Sniffing | Scullion | a) With the Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012 now passed, what specific plans does your department have in place for using the legislation? b) Which locations are you targeting? c) Have you declared any areas yet? | Written QoN |
| 170 | 1 | Indigenous Smoking | Scullion | a) When will the "Tackling Indigenous Smoking" measure terminate? b) What are the KPIs for this measure? c) How much of the \$100m allocated has been spent so far? d) What were the funds used for? Can you provide a breakdown of funding for all programs and measures? e) What results have been achieved in reducing the rate of Indigenous people smoking? f) With Indigenous women smoking while pregnant raised as a problem in the Closing the Gap report how much of the \$100m in funding for Indigenous smoking has been targeted at stopping pregnant women smoking? g) What special measures have been employed in this area? | Written QoN |
| 171 | 1 | Banned Drinkers Register/ Closing the Gap Transferred to FaHCSIA | Scullion | In her Closing the Gap speech the Prime Minister quoted statistics about the positive impact of the former NT Labor Government's Banned Drinkers Register and called on the NT Government to re-introduce it. In defence of the register the PM claimed there were 10,000 fewer anti-social incidents. a) Where did this figure come from? b) What is meant by anti-social incidents? c) The PM said there had been a drop in alcohol related incidents but police figures show a 2.9% increase. How do you account for this? | Written QoN |
| 172 | 1 | Gardasil | Madigan | The Australian Government has strongly promoted the vaccination of young women with the HPV and therefore cervical cancer preventing vaccine Gardasil. There has been a report in the British Medical Journal, October 2012, of a young Australian woman experiencing complete failure of her ovaries and early onset menopause possibly due to a vaccination with Gardasil. There have been other cases of reduced and infrequent menstrual bleeding after vaccination with the drug. It seems there is need for research into more than immediate reactions to the medication, but into its long term effects. What is the expenditure on promoting Gardasil in terms of: a) Production of vaccine b) Promotion of vaccine c) Subsidies for vaccinations d) Research into long term effects of Gardasil on adolescent girls? | Written QoN |

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| 173 | 12 | Accidents and Injuries | Madigan | a) How many accidents or injuries (including those suffered by workers and or consumers) have arisen from the use of imports that are non-compliant with Australian regulatory technical, safety, industry, structural and sustainability standards? b) Leaving aside for a moment the potential human, community and society suffering from deaths and injuries from this risk, could you provide an estimation of the implication on the budget? | Written QoN |
| 174 | 1 | RU486 | Madigan | RU486, Registration with Therapeutic Goods Administration and eligibility for listing under Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme What is the precedent for the Therapeutic Goods Administration for granting approval to import a drug to a company established exclusively for the importation of only that drug, and whose parent company has a vested interest in its usage? This is case with the establishment of Marie Stopes Health by one of Australia's leading abortion providers, Marie Stopes International, and the TGA approval of the importation of RU486. | Written QoN |
| 175 | 1 | RU486 | Madigan | I believe that there is a campaign to have RU486 listed as eligible for listing under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. What determines the criteria for receiving such listing and what is the level of subsidy provided under the PBS? | Written QoN |
| 176 | 1 | Data Plans - ACSQHC | Fierravanti-Wells | a) Has the ACSQHC developed a three year data plan, in accordance with the National Health Reform Agreement? b) Has any direction been provided to the ACSQHC about the adequacy or otherwise of a data plan? c) What progress has been made to streamlining and rationalising of data requirements and of progress towards a national data repository? d) Is there any information available on the total national costs to providers, States and Territories and other relevant entities of new data requirements and requests by Commonwealth agencies? e) When will a single provision multiple use data set be operational? f) What action is the Commonwealth taking to ensure Commonwealth and national agencies are working together to achieve this outcome and when will it be achieved? | Written QoN |
| 177 | 1 | Dietary Guidelines | Fierravanti-Wells | In relation to the response to my previous question E12-240 on the timing of the release of the dietary guidelines, why does the NHMRC Dietary Guidelines Committee consider that the forthcoming Australian Health Survey which will report 'detailed information on dietary intake' is not relevant to the development of evidence based dietary guidelines which report 'what should Australians eat'? For instance, if added sugars or total sugars intake of the Australian population has declined or moderated since the last national survey 17 years ago, is it valid to change a guideline from "Moderate" to "Limit"? | Written QoN |
| 178 | 1 | Dietary Guidelines | Fierravanti-Wells | In relation to the response to my previous question on sugars and 'D-grade' evidence E12-243, if no grade D evidence statements were used to draft the dietary guidelines, can the NHMRC clarify the grade of evidence that was used to amend the sugars guideline, specifically relating to added sugars in foods and drinks? We note that the evidence grade for added sugars was 'D' for association between sugars intake and body weight and/or body fat. | Written QoN |
| 179 | 1 | Dietary Guidelines | Fierravanti-Wells | Will the Working Committee provide the new high level evidence that led to the amendment of the draft guideline on added sugars since it has not been publicly released? If so, when will it be publicly released? If not, why not? | Written QoN |
| 180 | 4 | Extra Service Status | Fierravanti-Wells | a) What checks and balances does DoHA have in place to ensure that approved providers of residential care who apply for Extra Service Status have the capability to provide accommodation, activities, catering and other services which are of "substantially higher quality" than non-extra services providers? b) Who inspects the applicant providers before a grant of Extra Service Status and what criteria are applied to grant the status? c) Are there follow up visits following the grant of ESS? If so, at what intervals and by whom? d) How does DoHA ensure that extra services are provided to the standard specified in the ESS provider's Extra Services Agreement? | Written QoN |
| 181 | 5 | Medicare Locals | Fierravanti-Wells | What is the total combined Salary for 2012-13 for all staff working in the Medicare Locals Branch of the Department of Health & Ageing? | Written QoN |

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| 182 | 12 | Data Plans - HWA | Fierravanti-Wells | a) Has the HWA developed a three year data plan, in accordance with the National Health Reform Agreement? b) Has any direction been provided to the HWA about the adequacy or otherwise of a data plan? c) What progress has been made to streamlining and rationalising of data requirements and of progress towards a national data repository? d) Is there any information available on the total national costs to providers, States and Territories and other relevant entities of new data requirements and requests by Commonwealth agencies? e) When will a single provision multiple use data set be operational? f) What action is the Commonwealth taking to ensure Commonwealth and national agencies are working together to achieve this outcome and when will it be achieved? | Written QoN |
| 183 | 1 | Data Plans - IHPA | Fierravanti-Wells | a) Has the IHPA developed a three year data plan, in accordance with the National Health Reform Agreement? b) Has any direction been provided to the IHPA about the adequacy or otherwise of a data plan? c) What progress has been made to streamlining and rationalising of data requirements and of progress towards a national data repository? d) Is there any information available on the total national costs to providers, States and Territories and other relevant entities of new data requirements and requests by Commonwealth agencies? e) When will a single provision multiple use data set be operational? f) What action is the Commonwealth taking to ensure Commonwealth and national agencies are working together to achieve this outcome and when will it be achieved? | Written QoN |
| 184 | 1 | Training - IHPA | Fierravanti-Wells | a) Where did the funding originate for the Neurological Nurse Educator? b) Given that the pilot was setup to identify the impact of the nurse and if it was found successful, was there provision for ongoing support and a rollout of the program? Why did this not take place? | Written QoN |
| 185 | 1 | Training - IHPA | Fierravanti-Wells | a) Has the Teaching, Training and Research Working Group been established and what work has been done to date? b) Why is there such a lengthy timeline - five years until 2018 - for the transition to activity based funding for teaching, training and research? c) With increasing numbers of health undergraduates and graduates, particularly in medicine, is there a need to look at this more urgently to ensure the right incentives and funding models are in place? d) What do you anticipate will be the cost of the teaching, training and research project? | Written QoN |
| 186 | 1 | Cost Data - IHPA | Fierravanti-Wells | a) Has cost data from all jurisdictions been received for 2011-12 and what is the timeline for processing this data, presumably for the 2014-15 pricing framework? b) Is the indexation formula used for the hospital costing data the same as that used for the National Healthcare SPP for the purposes of National Health Reform funding? If not, why does it differ and how is it different? | Written QoN |
| 187 | 1 | Cost Data - IHPA | Fierravanti-Wells | In a previous question on notice, you identified that normative pricing models operate in other jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom, British Columbia and in some instances in the US. Why has there been a delay and no substantive work done to date on a normative pricing model in Australia? | Written QoN |
| 188 | 1 | Data Plans - NHPA | Fierravanti-Wells | a) Has the NHPA developed a three year data plan, in accordance with the National Health Reform Agreement? b) Has any direction been provided to the NHPA about the adequacy or otherwise of a data plan? c) What progress has been made to streamlining and rationalising of data requirements and of progress towards a national data repository? d) Is there any information available on the total national costs to providers, States and Territories and other relevant entities of new data requirements and requests by Commonwealth agencies? e) When will a single provision multiple use data set be operational? f) What action is the Commonwealth taking to ensure Commonwealth and national agencies are working together to achieve this outcome and when will it be achieved? | Written QoN |
| 189 | 1 | Parkinsons | Fierravanti-Wells | a) What percentage of the ageing budget is directed to Parkinsons? b) What percentage of the health budget is directed to Parkinsons? | Written QoN |
| 190 | 13 | Organ Donation | Fierravanti-Wells | a) What was last year's target donor rate? b) Is it correct that last year's actual donation rate was 15.6 dpmp? c) Is it correct that the Australia only achieved an increase of 17 donors across the country in 2012 as compared to 2011? d) What is the target donor rate for 2013? e) How has this target been reached? f) Is the Authority setting its own targets, or are they being set by the advisory council? g) If this has not been decided, when will it be decided? | Written QoN |

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| 191 | 13 | Organ Donation | Fierravanti-Wells | a) Why is it that a key performance target for a national reform agenda is being set part-way through the year as opposed to being set in advance? b) How is this target being communicated with those responsible for its delivery? c) Based on performance to date, reaching the donor targets is looking unlikely. What shortcoming have you identified? d) How do you plan to address these shortcomings? e) How is the progress being measured? f) Who is it being measured by? g) What changes are going to be made to reach the objective that the \$151 million was allocated for? | Written QoN |
| 192 | 4 | Aged Care | Fierravanti-Wells | a) Page 65 in the report on Operation of the Aged Care Act states that \$4.6 million was spent by 39 service providers overing 45 outlets. b) Where are these outlets located? c) Who are the service providers? | Written QoN |
| 193 | 8 | Data Collection | Fierravanti-Wells | Can the Department advise what the latest life expectancy figures are for the following population groups: a) ATSI men and women in metropolitan areas; and b) ATSI men and women in rural and remote areas. c) Can OATSIH advise the source for this data? | Written QoN |
| 194 | 8 | Unregistered Births | Fierravanti-Wells | a) Does OATSIH have any data containing estimates of Indigenous births that are not registered with the relevant State or Territory authority (usually the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages)? b) How is such data usually collected or estimated? | Written QoN |
| 195 | 13 | Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority | Di Natale | a) Part 3 of the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority Act 2008 outlines the office and functions of the CEO, which are to formulate, in writing, policies and protocols relating to organ or tissue donation and transplantation matters; and to declare, in writing, standards and codes of practice relating to organ or tissue donation and transplantation matters; and to support and encourage the implementation of policies and protocols and standards and codes of practice. What steps has the current CEO of the Authority taken relating to formulating, declaring and implementing policies and protocols relating to organ and tissue donation? What steps has the CEO taken to support, encourage, conduct and evaluate the skills and knowledge of people involved in organ or tissue donation and transplantation services? b) On how many occasions has in their capacity as CEO of the Authority has the current CEO visited hospitals and spoken to doctors, counsellors, administrators, and potential donors' next-of-kin? c) What has the CEO of the Authority done to take account of their experiences in writing policies and protocols relating to donation matters? What has the CEO done to update, amend and change the formulating, declaring and implementing policies and protocols relating to organ and tissue donation? The changes and amendments to these policies and protocols must surely have been evolving over the last couple of years, please table these changes and amendments. | Written QoN |
| 196 | 13 | Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority | Di Natale | a) Parts 54 to 56 of the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority Act 2008 outline the CEO's responsibility with regard to grants of financial assistance made by the CEO, on behalf of the commonwealth, to: a State, a Territory, and a person other than a State or Territory. How has the CEO of the Authority been ensuring, on behalf of the Commonwealth, in granting financial assistance to the states that the money is set aside for the purposes and objectives of the Organ and Tissue Authority, as outlined in the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority Act 2008? b) What steps has the Authority taken to ensure that actions taken to achieve the objectives of the legislation are auditable, transparent and accountable? | Written QoN |
| 197 | 13 | Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority | Di Natale | Can the Organ and Tissue Authority table the agreements between states and territories relating to grants of financial assistance? What do those agreements say about policies and protocols? | Written QoN |

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| 198 | 13 | Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority | Di Natale | The Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority Act 2008 tasks the CEO specifically with a number of functions. In performing their function as CEO and paying regard to the requirement to statutory objectives (including promoting a co-ordinated and consistent approach to organ or tissue donation and transplantation matters, improving access to organ or tissue donation and transplantation services, improving the identification of potential organ or tissue donors, minimising waiting times for potential organ or tissue recipients and improving the management of waiting lists for potential organ or tissue recipients): a) How does the CEO inform themselves of information regarding performance in these areas? b) How does the CEO then go about allocating funds with regard to achieving these stated objectives? c) What adjustments and changes are made to grants of financial assistance on the basis of this information? Please provide examples of where this has occurred. d) What has the CEO done to discharge your responsibilities, particularly with regard to the statutory objective of improving the identification of potential organ or tissue donors? | Written QoN |
| 199 | 13 | Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority | Di Natale | Has the Authority ever provided a grant of financial assistance to a person or body other than a state or territory? If yes, please identify these persons or bodies. | Written QoN |
| 200 | 13 | Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority | Di Natale | Do funding agreements entered into by the Authority set out policies and protocols, standards and codes of practice relating to organ or tissue donation and transplantation matters? Are they, as required by the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority Act 2008, in writing, and formulated by the CEO? | Written QoN |
| 201 | 13 | Organ Donors | Di Natale | According to a recent New England Journal of Medicine article "Estimating the Number of Potential Organ Donors in the United States", the estimated number of potential donors in the United States is 48.8 per million people. In Australia this number is 22.61 per million people according to data in reports referred to by the CEO of the Authority in Additional Estimates. In Additional Estimates, the CEO also commented that only 1% of people who die in hospitals are potential donors. How does the Department explain the difference between the United States and Australia in this regard? What specific steps is the Authority taking to identify more donors? | Written QoN |
| 202 | 1 | Mental Health Funding | Di Natale | In Question on Notice E12-154 from Budget Estimates 2012, the Department advised that one reason for discontinuing funding for ISIS Primary Care under the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants fund and Non Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program was Departmental concern that other available services were funded in the area. Is the Department aware that the two funded agencies mentioned in the northern catchment, rather than the Western catchment? | Written QoN |
| 203 | 1 | Mental Health Funding | Di Natale | The two funded agencies mentioned in answer to Question on Notice E12-154 from Budget Estimates 2012 are both working with youth and comorbid Dual Diagnosis issues, whereas the ISIS project/program was funded to work with adults in the Western region, under the Counselling, Consultancy & Continuing Care model. a) Does the Department agree with this characterisation of the respective services provided? b) If the Department disputes this characterisation, please provide evidence and detailed reasons supporting this. c) Does the Department agree that the services provided are substantively different to those provided by ISIS, and that the services are targeted at different issues and different demographics? | Written QoN |
| 204 | 1 | Mental Health Funding | Di Natale | Given that the two funded agencies cited in answer to Question on Notice E12-154 from Budget Estimates 2012 provide substantively different services to ISIS, does the Department agree that since the discontinuation of funding for ISIS Primary Care, there is now no service available for adults with comorbid mental health and alcohol and other drug (AOD) issues in the Western Region? Was this the intended outcome of the Department's decision to discontinue funding? | Written QoN |

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| 205 | 1 | Mental Health Funding | Di Natale | One of the reasons given in answer to Question on Notice E12-154 from Budget Estimates 2012 for discontinuing funding for ISIS Primary Care under the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants fund and Non Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program was Departmental concern that the organisation was not delivering services satisfactorily. I understand that while the program experienced initial difficulties in its first financial year of funding (2010/2011) with program and staffing re-alignments, but overperformed significantly in its most recent year (2011/2012) which compensated for previous underperformance when averaged over both years. Specifically when the project was re-aligned, a substantial Performance measure was Episodes of Care (EOCs). In 2010/2011, the agreed-upon EOC targets for this program was 55 EOCs, and 15 were delivered. In 2011/2012, the target was 45 and 158 were delivered. Therefore, although ISIS underperformed in 2010/11, across the 2 financial years their target was 100 EOCs and their performance was 173, giving a total performance 173% to target. Does the Department agree with these figures? Was the Department aware of this year-by-year breakdown when it made the decision to discontinue funding? | Written QoN |
| 206 | 2 | Home Medicines Review | Di Natale | How has the department addressed the discrepancy between the claims of underfunding of the Home medicines review program by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia with the findings of the recent evaluation of the Home Medicines Review program conducted by Campbell Research and Consulting, which found that a substantial majority of community pharmacists are not initiating Home Medicines Review? | Written QoN |
| 207 | 2 | Home Medicines Review | Di Natale | a) Is the department aware of independent evaluations showing low levels of awareness of the Home medicines review program among consumers, in spite of the fact that community pharmacists are funded to promote and initiate Home medicines reviews under the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement? b) Was this research canvassed as part of the Department's discussions with the Guild on the sustainability of the Home medicines review program earlier this month? | Written QoN |
| 208 | 2 | Home Medicines Review | Di Natale | Given that more than \$100 million has been allocated to primary care under the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement, has the Department discussed cross-subsidising the Home medicines review program with the Guild as part of the recent negotiations? | Written QoN |
| 209 | 2 | Home Medicines Review | Di Natale | Can the Department provide details of what funding arrangements are in place for the QCPP Quality Maintenance Allowance (QMA incentives, which recognise and support those practices that deliver a range of patient-centred services within the program's quality framework? Can these funds be used to support the Home Medicines Review program? | Written QoN |
| 210 | 2 | Home Medicines Review | Di Natale | In light of recent calls by the Guild to suspend the Home Medicines Review program within community pharmacy settings, how is the Department advancing the recommendations Home Medicines Review Qualitative Research Project? In particular, is the Department investigating the possibility of Home Medicines Reviews led by healthcare professionals such as Aboriginal health workers and nurses, as recommended by the researchers? | Written QoN |
| 211 | 2 | Home Medicines Review | Di Natale | a) Has the Department consulted with professional indemnity insurance providers regarding the potential ramifications for pharmacists of not responding to a Home Medicines Reviews referral in the event of a moratorium? b) In the event of a moratorium, patients that have Home Medicines Review interview appointments made will need to be informed that they will be denied this service. Has the Department explored how this would be coordinated in the event of a moratorium? Has the Department investigated the costs associated with such an action? | Written QoN |
| 212 | 2 | Home Medicines Review | Di Natale | In alleging that "aggressive business models" are harming the viability of the Home Medicines Review Program, the Guild is indirectly implicating GPs. Has the Department sought advice from peak medical organisations on these claims? | Written QoN |
| 213 | 2 | MedChecks | Di Natale | The Guild has proposed that MedChecks and Diabetes MedChecks could be drawn upon to address the needs of consumers in relation to medication safety. These services are not collaborative, and occur in the community pharmacy setting rather than the home. The program specific guidelines of the MedChecks and Diabetes MedChecks stipulate that they are not intended to be comprehensive medication reviews. Have these issues been canvassed as part of the Department's recent negotiations with the Guild on the Home Medicines Review Program? | Written QoN |
| 214 | 1 | Urogynaecological Mesh | Xenophon | a) Does the TGA consider that there is any consistency between the response given to my question (from the October 17, 2012 Senate Estimates hearings) and the statement given to the 7.30 program? b) If so, will there be a correction issued? | CA 29 - 13/02/2013 |

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| 215 | 1 | Medicine and Device Alerts/Communication | Xenophon | Are there any other strategies in the pipeline? (previous discussion referred to the DAEN, the education and communication strategy and alerts on the website and provided to media) | CA 30 - 13/02/2013 |
| 216 | 9 | Private Health Insurance | Fierravanti-Wells | What do you anticipate the average rebate will be for policyholders by 2015-16. | CA 57 - 13/02/2013 |
| 217 | 10 | Health and Hospital Fund | Fierravanti-Wells | Can you tell me about the \$1.33 billion round? For example, let me take the Port Macquarie base hospital expansion. Where is that? Is that finished? | CA 91 - 13/02/2013 |
| 218 | 10 | Health and Hospital Fund | Fierravanti-Wells | So how many of these are going to be completed and have ceremonies this year? Do we know? | CA 91 - 13/02/2013 |
| 219 | 10 | Health and Hospital Fund | Fierravanti-Wells | Of all the projects, how many are not meeting timeframes and milestones? | CA 91 - 13/02/2013 |
| 220 | 10 | Health and Hospital Fund | Fierravanti-Wells | Senator I am just interested to see what is going to happen with those top five. Why not start with the ones that total \$1.8 billion. If you could start with those ones that would be helpful. | CA 91 - 13/02/2013 |
| 221 | 13 | Public Hospitals and Information - Improving Public Hospital Services NPA - Mental Health | Fierravanti-Wells | In relation to the IPHS, improving public hospital services NPA, as at 30 June 2012, there were 712.79 beds and equivalent services which had been delivered nationally against the target. a) There was a mental health component of that. I have almost found four in Queensland, but I do not know where the rest of them are. Do we know where the mental health beds are? b) And can you break that down to category and where they are in which state? | CA 96 - 13/02/2013 |
| 222 | 13 | Public Hospitals & Information - New Data Requirements | Fierravanti-Wells | a) Is there any information available on total national costs to provider states and territories and other relevant entities of new data requirements and requests from commonwealth agencies? b) When will a single provision multiple use data set be operational? | CA 10 - 13/02/2013 |
| 223 | 1 | National Binge Drinking Strategy Sponsorship Program | Edwards | The Government offered a \$25 million sponsorship deal with 14 sports codes last year. The deal was That the sports involved would promote the safe drinking message through advertising, uniform branding, sports ambassadors and communication with players, their families and spectators I follow the Adelaide Reds in South Australia and the mighty Thunderbirds in the netball but I'm not seeing any evidence of these above promises. a) How many of these sports "gave up" alcohol sponsorship to take government's sponsorship deal?b) How has this helped reduce alcohol consumption and/or alcohol related issues? c) What are your measurables? What KPI'S were put on sports to justify the funding? d) Soccer is one sport that relies on money from this program.. What work are the clubs, players and importantly the top flight stars of the game doing to promote education about reducing alcohol consumption or related issues? e) How long does do you intend to continue offering this sponsorship deal to these sports? | Written QoN |
| 224 | 8 | Hearing Health | Siewert | Have you had any feedback yet about how successful teachers are being, with the new work that is rolling out, at identifying those particular problems? | CA 39 - 15/02/2013 |
| 225 | 10 | Health System Capacity and Quality | Fierravanti-Wells | FW: What percentage of health practitioners that are registered with AHPRA do you believe have signed on to your system?Rosemary Huxtable (RH): I think we would have to take that on notice. I am not familiar with AHPRA details. But there is another angle to this, and we can put it on notice too, if you wish-I am putting my own questions on notice; that is not really done, is it? FW: That is very good. RH: But that relates to the practice incentive program, the EPIP eligibility. Four of the requirements were from 1 February. Mr Butt might have more on this under outcome 5. There has been quite high take-up of the EPIP, four of the requirements of which took effect from 1 February. The first of those requirements is to have an HPIO-HPII. FW: So to get that funding, you have to be- RH: Given that our focus in the first stage is really around that sort of general practice, we are very encouraged by the rate of take-up and interest within general practice. So it is another angle, I guess, coming at the same issue. | CA 89 - 13/02/2013 |
| 226 | 4 | ACFI Fraud Investigations | Fierravanti-Wells | How many providers have fraud investigations afoot right now? | CA 67 - 13/02/2013 |
| 227 | 13 | Organ Donation and Transplantation Data | Brown | Please provide organ donation and transplantation data by state for the three years since 2009. | CA 93 - 13/02/2013 |
| 228 | 5 | Medicare Locals Funding | Fierravanti-Wells | Is there any moneys going into Medicare Locals contained for administration and management that promote the PCEHR registration process? | CA 80 - 13/03/2013 |
| 229 | 5 | Medicare Locals | Fierravanti-Wells | How is the Australian Lifestyle Medicine Association workshop being supported by Medicare Locals? | CA 101 - 13/02/2013 |
| 230 | 5 | Medicare Locals | Fierravanti-Wells | We would be delighted to provide you with the agenda for this event (Medicare Local Forum March 2013). | CA 103 - 13/02/2013 |
| 231 | 5 | Medicare Locals Funding | Fierravanti-Wells | Can you provide the total amount of core funding (including other program funding) by Medicare Locals? | CA 109 - 13/02/2013 |
| 232 | 4 | Staff Involved in ACAT Assessments | Fierravanti-Wells | What is the number of staff from the department and generally who are actually involved in ACAT assessments? Could you give me a bit of a profile on the staff - where they are and whatever information you have available, if you give it to me from the states? | CA 68 - 13/02/2013 |
| 233 | 4 | Non-operational Bed Licences | Fierravanti-Wells | How long has the bed licence at Evans Head been non-operational? Is it the oldest? | CA 70 - 13/02/2013 |

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| 234 | 4 | Occupancy Rates in Aged Care | Fierravanti-Wells | Do you know where that seven per cent that is not occupied is? | CA 71 - 13/02/2013 |
| 235 | 4 | ACAR Places in QLD | Furner | The Queensland government is certainly going through a process of reviewing the aged care services that it delivers and has announced closures in a number of areas that you have outlined. We would have to take on notice whether those numbers have any implications in terms of the places available in Queensland. | CA 75 - 13/02/2013 |
| 236 | 4 | Viability Supplement | Smith | How does the viability supplement work in terms of a process? Is an aged care home required to apply for it? Is it built into its particular funding instrument? How does it work? | CA 77 - 13/02/2013 |
| 237 | 4 | Aged Care - Indigenous Workforce Measures | Fierravanti-Wells | In areas such as the Northern Territory, you have got issues of transience, few bonds, a culturally diverse workforce and, obviously, the need to deliver culturally appropriate care. The combination of these factors provides difficulties in terms of viability. How are these high costs of viability issues being addressed - and how will they be addressed - under the proposed changes under Living Longer Living Better? | CA 47 - 15/02/2013 |
| 238 | 4 | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders that Require Aged Care | Fierravanti-Wells | At page 9 of the operation of the Aged Care Act, there is a table, table 1. In terms of getting figures, most specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, in relation to a breakdown of that, is that better put on notice? I am trying to get a handle on the number of people that require care who are of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background. | CA 47 - 15/02/2013 |
| 239 | 9 | Private Health Insurance | Fierravanti-Wells | Will the department cease to refer to the 30 per cent rebate because for the vast majority of policy holders it will erode with time and be significantly less than 30 per cent? | CA 55 - 13/02/2013 |
| 240 | 1 | Indian Clinical Trials - Total Overseas Cost | Fierravanti-Wells | What amount of funding is spent on research or trials outside Australia? | CA 32 - 13/02/2013 |
| 241 | 1 | Indian Clinical Trials | Fierravanti-Wells | How many allegations or incidents have been brought to the council's attention of improper or unethical trials in overseas jurisdictions that have received some funding from NHMRC? | CA 32 - 13/02/2013 |
| 242 | 1 | Spelling of Fetus - Why | Fierravanti-Wells | Okay. So what prompted this change? | CA 33 - 13/02/2013 |
| 243 | 1 | Spelling of Fetus - Cost | Fierravanti-Wells | So that is the reason for it. Can you tell me the cost of this change, given it is a change in spelling and it does not really change the meaning of the document? | CA 33 - 13/02/2013 |
| 244 | 1 | Indian Clinical Trials - Trending Costs | Fierravanti-Wells | How is this trending? Is the proportion of funding spent overseas for trials growing? | CA 32 - 13/02/2013 |
| 245 | 1 | Antimicrobial Resistance Committee | Di Natale | I think that [antimicrobial resistance] committee said that during the second half of 2008 the NHMRC intends to conduct a review of the published data on the risk that the use of antibiotics in food-producing animals poses to human health, but I have not been able to track that down. Was that review ever completed? | CA 36 - 13/02/2013 |
| 246 | Whole of Portfolio | OzHealth App for the AIHW's Australia's Health 2012 Report | Fierravanti-Wells | a) How much did the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's OzHealth app cost to develop? b) Was it done internally or by an external provider? c) How many downloads of the app are you aiming for? d) What are the recurrent costs for update and maintenance? | CA 13 - 13/02/2013 |
| 247 | 4 | Aged Care Staffing in Darwin | Fierravanti-Wells | I was particularly surprised to learn that with workforce shortages in the Darwin area that up to 90 per cent of their staff are on some form of visa or otherwise, which I found quite an interesting statistic, particularly when you are trying to run a residential aged-care facility. | CA 46 - 15/02/2013 |
| 248 | 4 | Aged Care - Indigenous Workforce Measures | Fierravanti-Wells | In relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce on page 69 of the report on the operation of the Aged Care Act, specifically in the Indigenous space, is this the only measure that assists to address workforce issues? | CA 47 - 15/02/2013 |
| 249 | Whole of Portfolio | Overseas Delegations | Fierravanti-Wells | On Page 231 of the annual report in relation to overseas delegations: a) Can you tell me from which countries the delegations came and what dates they visited? b) Do we know why there was a significant increase on previous years? c) What aspects of the health system were they seeking to learn about? d) For each delegation, can you provide the detail of where the request came from? Did it come from Foreign Affairs or Prime Minister and Cabinet? e) Can you tell me how many have been planned for this financial year? f) Can you tell me if any of these visits were associated or assisting or in any way connected with the UN security seat bid? | CA 89 - 13/02/2013 |
| 250 | 3 | MBS Items | Fierravanti-Wells | Can MBS items be used to support group sessions that promote lifestyle changes? | CA 102 - 13/02/2013 |
| 251 | 8 | Investigations into Financial Misconduct | Fierravanti-Wells | How many Aboriginal medical service or other recipient organisations have been investigated this financial year to date for suspect financial misconduct with respect to Commonwealth funds or for breach of the terms of their funding agreements? | CA 38 - 15/02/2013 |
| 252 | 5 | Medicare Locals | Fierravanti-Wells | For the reasons that you have outlined, you can give me what they get in terms of program, but you cannot give me what they expend in relation to each of those programs? | CA 109 - 13/02/2013 |

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| 253 | 11 | Medicare Locals | Fierravanti-Wells | In relation to Medicare Locals I read, and if you can confirm this, that there was an issue about them taking over responsibilities of mental health. Is that correct? | CA 104 - 13/02/2013 |
| 254 | 1 | PIP Implants | Fierravanti-Wells | Finally, in relation to this, whether it is for the secretary or for the parliamentary secretary, has the government done any further consulting on whether to extend the rebate for MRIs in relation to the PIP implants? There was an issue with some medical practitioners suggesting that, while the government's proposal for a period of 12 months was very welcome, it should be extended beyond that. Has there been any further consideration given to extending the MRI rebate beyond the initial period. | CA 30 - 13/02/2013 |
| 255 | 13 | NPA on Improving Health Services in Tasmania | Fierravanti-Wells | a) So it will guarantee an actual fall in elective surgery waiting times? Is that the intention? b) Is there a breakdown by the type of procedure? | CA 9 - 13/02/2013 |
| 256 | 2 | PBAC Listing Times | Di Natale | Based on a report by PharmaDispatch of 28 November 2012, it appears that in relation to the listing of high cost drugs, the time from Ministerial announcement to listing date has increased under the MoU. Can the Department comment on the validity of the report? | CA 117 - 13/02/2013 |
| 257 | 8 | Updated Attachments on Indigenous Expenditure | Fierravanti-Wells | Thank you. On 21 October 2011 a couple of very useful attachments were tabled to this committee. They were entitled 'Australian government Indigenous Expenditure - Indigenous specific component of mainstream programs 2010-2011' and 'Australian government Indigenous expenditure - Indigenous specific programs 2010-2011'. I wonder whether an update of those attachments could be provided to the committee. | CA 35 - 15/02/2013 |
| 258 | 8 | Report: Otitis Media and Early Education | Siewert | Is it intended that the final report will then become public? | CA 39 - 15/02/2013 |