

QoN No.	Agency/ Outcome	Broad topic	Senator	QUESTION	Hansard/ Ref
1	Cross	SaCS Award	Siewert	How much of FaHCSIA's \$1.2 Billion from the SaCS award is allocated to each state and territory?	CA19 - 28 May 2012
2	Cross	SaCS Award	Siewert	How much is the SACS website costing?	CA19 - 28 May 2012
3	Cross	Portability	Siewert	What are the savings from the portability measure against each payment type?	CA20-21 - 28 May 2012
4	Cross	Social Security Appeals Tribunal	Siewert	Over what time frame is the 11% fall in applications for review of Centrelink decisions?	CA26 - 28 May 2012
5	Cross	Social Security Appeals Tribunal	Siewert	What is the Breakdown in appeals of specific allowances and pensions including DSP? Could you please break this down into quarters and into States and Territories?	CA27 - 28 May 2012
6	Cross	Social Security Appeals Tribunal	Smith / Siewert	Could you please provide a breakdown of cases that have been upheld against each specific allowance or pension? Please include Child Support Agency payments.	CA27 - 28 May 2012
7	7	EPBC Act	Waters	Has SEWPAC ever approached FaHCSIA for advice on the social impacts of major projects that have been referred under the EPBC act?	CA25 - 28 May 2012
8	Cross	Migration agreements	Waters	Has FaHCSIA, of its own volition or at the request of anyone else, assessed the social and economic impacts of enterprise migration agreements?	CA25 - 28 May 2012
9	7	EPBC Act	Waters	Has the Environment Minister or SEWPAC ever requested, in writing, input from FaHCSIA on major projects that have social, economic and community impacts?	CA25 - 28 May 2012
10	7	EPBC Act	Waters	What are the skills a regulator might need to assess the social and community impacts of major project proposals?	CA26 - 28 May 2012
11	Cross	Open Mind	Bernardi	Could you provide details of all contracts entered into with Open Mind? What was the total spent on those contracts and were they tendered in the usual manner? Please provide copies of any reports that were generated by the market research work.	CA15 - 28 May 2012
12	Cross	Campaigns	Bernardi	What is the anticipated spend for 2012-13 on Communications, including PR Campaigns and advertising?	CA23 - 28 May 2012
13	Cross	Staffing	Bernardi	How many full time equivalents within the department have their main focus or their work output directly relevant to communications, public relations and related activities?	CA23 - 28 May 2012
14	Cross	Campaigns	Bernardi	Can you provide a list of the Blogs and websites and things that are regularly monitored, including any twitter feeds, that are monitored by the Communications area? Does the Department monitor contributions made by Minister's, Shadow Ministers', other Parliamentarians, and their staff or advisors?	CA24 - 28 May 2012
15	Cross	Charter Letters	Fifield	Did FaHCSIA Ministers receive Charter Letters and, if so, when were they issued?	CA4 - 28 May 2012
16	Cross	Ministerial responsibilities	Fifield	Please provide the formal responsibilities of Minister Collins including the annual dollar value of programs which she has responsibility for.	CA5-6 - 28 May 2012

17	Cross	Ministerial responsibilities	Fifield	Please provide the formal responsibilities of Senator McLucas including the annual dollar value of programs which she has responsibility for.	CA6 - 28 May 2012
18	Cross	Ministerial responsibilities	Fifield	Can you please provide the documents that explain to which Ministers Ministerial Briefs, Minutes and Correspondence go?	CA6 - 28 May 2012
19	Cross	Charter Letters	Fifield	Do Charter letters only go to Ministers or do they also go to Parliamentary Secretaries?	CA7 - 28 May 2012
20	Cross	Freedom of Information	Fifield	Of the 69 FOI Applications where decisions have been taken, how many of those resulted in a decision to not disclose some information?	CA8 - 28 May 2012
21	Cross	Staff Misconduct	Fifield	How many cases of staff misconduct were there in 2010-11 and what was the nature of these cases?	CA8 - 28 May 2012
22	Cross	Household Assistance Package	Fifield	Was there any written or verbal communication from the Government to the department that the word 'carbon' not be used in television advertising for the household assistance package?	CA10 - 28 May 2012
23	Cross	Household Assistance Package	Fifield	Can you provide a copy of the HAP Campaign focus group reports? Whether there were recordings done and whether those are available? When was the last focus group conducted?	CA11 - 28 May 2012
24	Cross	Household Assistance Package	Fifield	Could you please provide the brief to the advertising agency that undertook the HAP Campaign?	CA21 - 28 May 2012
25	Cross	Social Security Appeals Tribunal	Smith	This financial year (2011-12), how many cases have resulted in the applicant's case being upheld?	CA27 - 28 May 2012
26	Cross	EPBC Act	McKenzie	Has the Murray-Darling Basin Authority sought FaHCSIA's advice on the development of their socio-economic modelling around the release of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan?	CA26 - 28 May 2012
27	1	Immunisation Allowance	Moore	Of the 15,000 children that are not fully immunised, how many are not immunised due to a conscientious objection?	CA10 - 29 May 2012
28	1	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Siewert	Can you provide the scope and reporting timeframe for the study of recently separated parents, commissioned by the Attorney-General's Department?	CA37 - 29 May 2012
29	1	Income Management	Siewert	Can you advise whether there is any issue with the people from Peel accessing Parenting Support given the lack of case workers in this area?	CA49 - 29 May 2012
30	1	Income Management	Siewert	Can you provide a breakdown into North, East and South Perth where non-compulsory or compulsory income management is coming from?	CA49 - 29 May 2012
31	1	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Xenophon	Can you provide what the statistics show and the level of research into the extent that mental health problems, substance abuse and family violence contribute to grandparents having to look after grandchildren?	CA38 - 29 May 2012
32	1	Communities for Children	Bernardi	When did Communities for Children service providers first raise the issue of the timeliness of July payments?	CA3 - 29 May 2012
33	1	Communities for Children	Bernardi	When were instructions received by the Department to provide early funding to Communities for Children service providers?	CA4 - 29 May 2012
34	1	Communities for Children	Bernardi	Which Communities for Children service providers specifically requested early funding?	CA4 - 29 May 2012
35	1	Communities for Children	Bernardi	When did consultations commence regarding which Communities for Children service providers would receive early funding?	CA5 - 29 May 2012

36	1	Communities for Children	Bernardi	In which jurisdictions are the five Communities for Children service providers that did not receive early funding and have not met their milestones located?	CA6 - 29 May 2012
37	1	Program Support	Bernardi	What are the reasons for the decrease in funding for the program support dollars in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?	CA8 - 29 May 2012
38	1	Immunisation Allowance	Bernardi	How many children are not fully immunised due to a medical exemption?	CA10 - 29 May 2012
39	1	Family Tax Benefit	Bernardi	Can you provide a breakdown of the split between A and B of the 137,000 FTB customers who have lodged a lump sum claim?	CA12 - 29 May 2012
40	1	Family Tax Benefit	Bernardi	For both instalment and lump sum eligible recipients of FTB A and B, please provide a breakdown of the age group of the children, broad age group of parents, and the family income brackets which are assessed?	CA12-13 - 29 May 2012
41	1	Family Tax Benefit	Bernardi	What are the latest figures on the number of people who receive FTB A and/or FTB as a result of holding a temporary visa?	CA13 - 29 May 2012
42	1	Family Tax Benefit	Bernardi	When was the Department asked to do modelling to determine which customers would no longer be eligible for FTB payment and which would be likely to be eligible for youth allowance under the means test?	CA17 - 29 May 2012
43	1	Baby Bonus	Bernardi	How many people in the APY lands in South Australia received the baby bonus in 2011-12?	CA28 - 29 May 2012
44	1	Baby Bonus	Bernardi	Are there any instances of where the baby bonus instalments are being transferred to another party? If a child is removed from the mother for reasons of care, are the subsequent baby bonus payments redirected to the primary caregiver?	CA28 - 29 May 2012
45	1	Child Protection	Bernardi	How many children are deemed at risk in the APY lands?	CA28-29 - 29 May 2012
46	1	Income Management	Edwards	Can you provide a breakdown of the 1000 people estimated to participate in income management in Playford, in terms of people referred by child protection, people assessed by Centrelink and people who are volunteers?	CA50 - 29 May 2012
47	2	National Rental Affordability Scheme	Ludlam	How much money have residents saved from sustainability initiatives and energy efficiency within the NRAS build?	CA97 - 28 May 2012
48	2	National Affordable Housing Agreement	Ludlam	How much money have residents saved from sustainability initiatives and energy efficiency within the NAHA build?	CA101 - 28 May 2012
49	2	Affordable Housing	Rhiannon	Has there been any advocacy or suggestions as to how data surrounding social housing initiatives (including NAHA, NPA, NRAS, SHI) can be gender disaggregated?	CA44-45 - 28 May 2012
50	2	Affordable Housing	Rhiannon	Is the Department working towards redefining primary homelessness to include equally the experiences of men and women to enable accurate data to be obtained and to also look at primary homelessness and secondary homelessness?	CA45 - 28 May 2012
51	2	Housing Assistance	Payne	Can you break down the items within the housing assistance and homelessness prevention program?	CA89 - 28 May 2012

52	2	Homelessness Prevention	Payne	On page 58 of the Budget Statement, the numbers targeted in the deliverables are 5,500 cases both in the current budget and across the forward estimates for the homelessness prevention services and 400 cases for families being assisted through homelessness services also. Are those on track to be met in the current year?	CA90 - 28 May 2012
53	2	Reconnect	Payne	Can you provide details of the providers who attended the Reconnect forum, the cost of holding the forum, the number of providers who were invited compared to the number who were able to attend, and whether the results of the forum will be made public?	CA91 - 28 May 2012
54	2	McKinlay Shire Council	Payne	For this budget period, can you provide information about whether any submissions were made by other Shire Councils seeking a similar project to the McKinlay Shire Council, and which Shire Councils?	CA91 - 28 May 2012
55	2	McKinlay Shire Council	Payne	Was the submission by the McKinlay Shire Council made to the Department and, if not, whom? Was this the only project of this nature considered for construction in this particular budget period?	CA91 - 28 May 2012
56	2	McKinlay Shire Council	Payne	Can you provide a breakdown of how the \$4.7 million allocated to McKinlay Shire Council is to be spent?	CA91 - 28 May 2012
57	2	McKinlay Shire Council	Payne	Can you indicate when the McKinlay Shire Council project is expected to be completed?	CA91 - 28 May 2012
58	2	Community Activity Centres	Payne	Can you indicate how many community activity centres, either co-located with housing or otherwise, have been funded by the Department previously and when?	CA92 - 28 May 2012
59	2	National Rental Affordability Scheme	Payne	By the time of round 3 of the NRAS incentive, how many incentives in the Northern Territory had been completed?	CA100 - 28 May 2012
60	2	Community Housing Sector	Payne	Please provide the website link to the public report outlining the consultation phase on the regulation of the community housing sector.	CA104 - 28 May 2012
61	2	Homelessness	Payne	Please provide information on improved annual reporting arrangements and what work might be done in that regard, to have progress updates in 2012 and 2013 which would be based on data that was not available to the review at the time (Census data and the specialist homelessness services data collection framework). Also, provide information to indicate whether there was any other recommendations that were not implemented and the reasons for not pursuing those?	CA105 - 28 May 2012
62	2	Housing Affordability Fund	Payne	Does the department have any further information on the Ipswich City Council's withdrawal process from the Housing Affordability Fund program?	CA106 - 28 May 2012
63	2	Housing Affordability Fund	Payne	What is the reason for the decrease in HAF from around \$6.8 million to less than \$3 million in the forward years to 2015-16? Can you indicate if there is any change in the number of staff - whether staff will be removed and if that is how expenditure is going to be reduced and, if not, how it is to be reduced by that amount?	CA106 - 28 May 2012

64	2	Housing Affordability Fund	Payne	Please identify the nature of the projects at Kingaroy, Palmview and Palmerston, the value of the projects and, more specifically, any information you can provide about the extended delay in signing the funding agreements? Also provide details on how the department made the assessment that the project for the City of Rockingham was not able to be completed within the required time frame before the exhaustion of the program and the other three are - what the difference is?	CA108 - 28 May 2012
65	2	Homestay Network	Payne	Have any homelessness service providers raised with the department or in the context of the committee looking at the accommodation of asylum seekers, the idea of using the Homestay model to assist homeless Australians as well as asylum seekers?	CA109 - 28 May 2012
66	3	Problem Gambling	Di Natale	Can you provide a total estimate by 2016 of what it will cost the industry to have every new machine precommitment ready?	CA46 - 29 May 2012
67	3	Problem Gambling	Di Natale	Can you provide a comparison between making a new machine mandatory precommitment ready versus making it dollar bet ready?	CA46 - 29 May 2012
68	3	Problem Gambling	Bernardi	When did the Citizen Centred Engagement Portal website go live?	CA40 - 29 May 2012
69	3	Problem Gambling	Bernardi	Will the market research performed by Hall and Partners Openmind Pty Ltd to assess the need for communication activities and the introduction of the Australian government's proposed gambling reforms be made public?	CA42 - 29 May 2012
70	3	Problem Gambling	Bernardi	What was the tender process used to contract Hall and Partners Openmind Pty Ltd?	CA42 - 29 May 2012
71	3	Problem Gambling	Bernardi	Will the market research performed by Hall and Partners Openmind Pty Ltd to test problem gambling creative concepts be made public?	CA42 - 29 May 2012
72	3	Problem Gambling	Bernardi	What was the rationale for FaHCSIA not providing a regulatory impact statement for the National Gambling Reform Bill 2012?	CA43 - 29 May 2012
73	4	Age Pension increases	Furner	Can you compare how much aged pensions have increased under the Labor Government with how much they increased under the last 5 or 4.5 years of the Howard Government?	CA35 - 28 May 2012
74	4	Working Life Residency	Siewert	How many people are Grandfathered and how much does it cost?	CA32 -33 - 28 May 2012
75	4	Seniors Conference	Fierravanti-Wells	Can you provide any papers that you gave or obtained as a consequence of attendance at the Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference?	CA29 - 28 May 2012
76	4	Aged Pensioners	Fierravanti-Wells	In relation to the latest number of Age Pension recipients, can you please provide advice or a link to where the figure of 3.3 million came from?	CA29 - 28 May 2012
77	4	Aged Pensioners	Fierravanti-Wells	How many people on Age Pension for 2010-11 have taken advantage of the pension advance payment option?	CA29 - 28 May 2012
78	4	Aged Pensioners	Fierravanti-Wells	Can you provide a quarterly breakdown of the number of recipients applying to utilise the pension advance option?	CA30 - 28 May 2012
79	4	Aged Pensioners	Fierravanti-Wells	Do you have circumstances where the application for the Pensioner Advance option was denied and in what sort of circumstances would you deny somebody?	CA30 - 28 May 2012

80	4	Seniors Health Card	Fierravanti-Wells	I have some questions in relation to the tripling of the tax-free threshold and the seniors card. Has any work been done on the eligibility criteria for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, and proposed changes in relation to that?	CA31 - 28 May 2012
81	4	Seniors Health Card	Fierravanti-Wells	Can you provide an estimated number of applicants who may be denied access to the card due to not meeting the eligibility criteria now?	CA31 - 28 May 2012
82	4	Seniors Health Card	Fierravanti-Wells	How many recipients of the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card will no longer need to complete required paperwork due to the tripling of the tax-free threshold so as to access the Seniors Health Care Card?	CA31 - 28 May 2012
83	5	Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund	Fifield	Can you provide the number of applications for the Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund by jurisdiction?	CA60 - 28 May 2012
84	5	National Disability Insurance Scheme	Fifield	Was Minister Macklin consulted by the Prime Minister before she replied to Mr Abbott's proposal regarding the NDIS on 19 May 2012?	CA61 - 28 May 2012
85	5	National Disability Insurance Scheme	Fifield	Was any advice sought from the Department on the subject of Mr Abbott's NDIS proposal before the Prime Minister replied?	CA61 - 28 May 2012
86	5	National Disability Insurance Scheme	Fifield	Can you provide a copy of the letter sent to states and territories by the minister seeking in principle agreement to trial sites?	CA67 - 28 May 2012
87	5	Staffing	Fifield	How many staff are currently employed by FaHCSIA within the Disability and Carers area?	CA68 - 28 May 2012
88	5	Staffing	Fifield	Can you provide a breakdown of the positions, roles and responsibilities of staff working on the NDIS?	CA68-69 - 28 May 2012
89	5	National Disability Insurance Scheme	Fifield	Can you provide the selection documentation for the CEO of the NDIS Launch Transition Agency?	CA69 - 28 May 2012
90	5	National Disability Insurance Scheme	Fifield	Can you provide the range of the gap between new money and old money for the \$21,000 contribution by jurisdiction?	CA70 - 28 May 2012
91	5	National Disability Insurance Scheme	Fifield	When was the decision taken to establish the NDIS board?	CA71 - 28 May 2012
92	5	National Disability Insurance Scheme	Fifield	When did the NDIS Advisory Group meet with Sensory Impairment peak bodies including the deafness forum?	CA82 - 28 May 2012
93	5	National Disability Insurance Scheme	Fifield	For this financial year, can you provide dates where Minister Macklin has engaged with state disability Ministers?	CA89 - 28 May 2012
94	6	Average Staffing Levels	Cash	What is the total expenditure on staffing for the Office for Women?	Written
95	6	Average Staffing Levels	Cash	What is the Senior Executive Service (SES) and non-SES breakdown?	Written
96	6	Average Staffing Levels	Cash	What are the current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers? What is the breakdown by location?	Written
97	6	Average Staffing Levels	Cash	What have been the changes in average staffing levels since November 2007? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the Budgetary implications?	Written
98	6	Average Staffing Levels	Cash	In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? What functions have been sacrificed and why?	Written
99	6	Average Staffing Levels	Cash	Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this?	Written

100	6	Average Staffing Levels	Cash	Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how have staff been identified for such offers? Are there such plans for the future?	Written
101	6	Election Commitments	Cash	What is the status of each election commitment within the portfolio?	Written
102	6	Election Commitments	Cash	Which election commitments are experiencing slippages? Why? Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates? What are the implications of this slippage?	Written
103	6	Consultancies	Cash	How much has the Office for Women spent on consultancy services since November 2007? How can the department justify this expenditure?	Written
104	6	Consultancies	Cash	Could the Office for Women provide a complete list of current consultancy services? For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use. For each consultancy, please indicate why the Office for Women or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves.	Written
105	6	Advertising and Marketing	Cash	How much has the Department spent on advertising and marketing this financial year? How does the Office for Women justify this expenditure?	Written
106	6	Advertising and Marketing	Cash	Could the Office for Women provide a complete list of current contracts.	Written
107	6	Advertising and Marketing	Cash	Please indicate the rationale for each service provided and its intended use.	Written
108	6	Discretionary Grants	Cash	Please provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the current financial year by the Office for women?	Written
109	6	Discretionary Grants	Cash	Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Written
110	6	Commissioned Reports	Cash	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in the Office for Women since November 2007?	Written
111	6	Commissioned Reports	Cash	Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.	Written
112	6	Commissioned Reports	Cash	How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?	Written
113	6	Commissioned Reports	Cash	What is the current status of each report? Has the Government responded to each report?	Written
114	6	Superannuation	Cash	The Women's Budget Statement 2012 at page 10 quotes that 'Australian women are...vulnerable to poverty in old age, with lower superannuation balances and greater dependence on the single age pension'. In view of the fact that superannuation is not included in Labor's paid parental leave scheme despite the recognition that this lower super and greater dependency on aged pension is in large part due to 'broken work patterns and lower incomes' and that one of the priority areas for the Office is to increase women's economic security – what was the policy rationale behind excluding superannuation from the Government's PPL scheme?	Written

115	6	Superannuation	Cash	I refer to the answer to question on notice 231 from the 2011-12 additional estimates - what relationship does the Office for Women have with Treasury in terms of high-level advice on superannuation and financial literacy more generally?	Written
116	6	QONs	Cash	I refer to the answer to question 141 at the 2011-12 supplementary estimates hearings, which provided a figure of \$1,337,125.59 in expenditure on consultancy at the Office for Women in the year 2010-11. Could you please: (a) Provide a breakdown of what those consultants' fees are spent on. (b) Explain why, with an average 'year-to-date headcount' of 54 staff with expertise in gender issues, why the Office for Women needs to employ consultants to do work it would be reasonably expected to undertake on its own? (c) Can you also please provide a breakdown of the \$14,052.29 which was spent on hospitality – what was the reason for each function and what was the expense incurred per function? (d) Can you also please provide a breakdown of the \$56,764.12 which was spent on education for staff– what education was undertaken by the staff? How many staff were	Written
117	6	QONs	Cash	The FaHCSIA Portfolio Budget Statement outlines that one of the objectives under 6.1 is to manage expenditure in connection with services performed on behalf of other governments and bodies that are not agencies subject to the FMA Act (1997), including the COAG Select Council on Women's Issues. Please provide a list of these "other governments and bodies" that are not agencies subject to the FMA Act.	Written
118	6	QONs	Cash	I refer to the answer to question on notice 202 from the additional estimates 2011-12. Given that one of the roles of the Office of Women is to promote the cross-portfolio and whole of Government monitoring and promoting of gender equality, why is data on the number of gender expert, gender equality experts of people with gender-specific knowledge expertise across Government Department over the past year not collected? Do you have a KPI in relation to this role? What is it?	Written
119	6	QONs	Cash	I refer to the answer to question on notice 232 from additional estimates 2011-12 which states the workforce re-entry policy is a matter for DEEWR. Can you please explain and outline the high-level advice you provide to DEEWR on this issue, in particular given that the Women's Budget Statement has flagged the potential productivity gains for women re-entering the workforce after having children. How is the Office of Women able to make this statement?	Written
120	6	QONs	Cash	I refer to question on notice answer 236 from additional estimates 2011-12 which outlines that the Appoint Women Website is being 'considered in the context of developing broader strategies to increase the number of women on Government boards'. Can you please outline what those strategies are, how they are progressing, and what decision has been made on the future of the Appoint Women Website? Will it continue to operate?	Written

121	6	Violence against Women	Cash	Given that Indigenous women and women from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds experience domestic and family violence at much higher rates than their other female counterparts, can you please outline any special measures being taken either as part of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children or otherwise, to address these groups particularly?	Written
122	6	Violence against Women	Cash	On 24 April 2012, Minister Collins announced the formation of a new panel to deliver advice to Government on ways to address violence against women and their children. How often will it meet? Does it have any KPIs? If so, please provide them?	Written
123	6	The Line	Cash	The Line is one of the key programs promoted as providing 'primary prevention' under the National Action Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children: Given that The Line is a social marketing campaign - how many 'likes' does it have on Facebook?	Written
124	6	The Line	Cash	How is The Line being promoted in schools and other community youth groups and what sort of reach does it have? How many students and young people have been touched by or informed about its existence?	Written
125	6	The Line	Cash	How many people engage with the online discussions – again given that this is a social marketing campaign over Facebook, how are the online discussions being monitored?	Written
126	6	The Line	Cash	Who is responsible for maintaining the Facebook site?	Written
127	6	The Line	Cash	How is the Office or the Department tracking data and results or return on investment for its social media programs, including this one?	Written
128	6	The Line	Cash	What evidence do you have to date that the program is changing attitudes?	Written
129	6	The Line	Cash	How much is being spent on the program overall, and how much of that is being spent on advertising? Can you please provide an update to QON 12 from the February Estimates for the Financial Year to date.	Written
130	6	The Line	Cash	Can you please provide an update on the Key Reform Projects that are being developed in the first phase of the National Plan 2011-13 including: - Improving service delivery for women with disability; - Risk assessments for the health sector - Children exposed to domestic violence - The transition of women to stability post-violence - The national workforce agenda - Community policing best practice for safe indigenous communities - Indigenous community safety planning	Written
131	6	The Line	Cash	I refer to the answer given to QON 215 - What is the status of the National Centre of Excellence to guide a national research agenda in the area of violence against women which was expected to be established in 2012?	Written
132	6	The Line	Cash	I refer to the answer to QON 226 - What is the nature and what are the outcomes of discussions between DEEWR and the Office for Women regarding the Domestic Violence Workplace Rights and Entitlement Project?	Written

133	6	Boards	Cash	I refer to Question on Notice Answer 228 from the 2011-12 additional estimates. How are you tracking the progress of the 70 AICD scholarship awardees?	Written
134	6	Boards	Cash	Have all 70 now completed their course?	Written
135	6	Boards	Cash	Can you please provide information on the boards they have joined since or while completing their AICD courses, or how they have otherwise progressed in their employment?	Written
136	6	Boards	Cash	As at 30 June 2011 women held 35.3 per cent, and men held 64.7 per cent of the 3960 board positions to 466 Australian Government boards and bodies (http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/women/pubs/govtint/Documents/gbgb_april2012.pdf) How are these board appointments made, and how is it ensured that each person appointed to a board is board-ready? What are the criteria?	Written
137	6	Commission on the Status of Women	Cash	Last year FaHCSIA was advertising for applications to participate in the Australian Government delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, which was held earlier this year. a. Apart from the Australian Country Statement what other reports or outcomes on CSW relating the Australian delegation's participation, and outcomes relating to Australia, are available? b. What was the outcome of the three sides events that were either hosted or co-hosted by Australia? c. How many delegates in total were sent to CSW as part of the Australian Government delegation?	Written
138	6	Commission on the Status of Women	Cash	How much did the Department or Government spend in total on briefing, sending, and accommodating the Australian Government delegation to CSW?	Written
139	6	Trafficking	Cash	On 14 March 2012 the Minister for the Status of Women Julie Collins announced \$1.2 million of funding to go to the Australian Red Cross to assist victims of people trafficking, bringing support for the Australian Red Cross from the Government to \$4.22 million. What was the process for determining to which organisation these funds were directed, given that there are a number of not-for-profit and charity groups that conduct work with victims of sex trafficking?	Written
140	6	Closing the Gender Pay Gap	Cash	At the last estimates hearings in February Ms Carroll gave evidence that it was in fact DEEWR that had the lead on closing the gender pay gap. Please outline what contribution the Office for Women has, in terms of undertaking to fulfil its commitment to the priority areas of increasing women's economic security and ensuring women's equal place in society, in assisting or advising DEEWR on initiatives, programs, or other actions that will help to close that gap, which still stands at 17.4 per cent? (ABC Gender Pay Gap Statistics, May 2012)	Written
141	6	Closing the Gender Pay Gap	Cash	Is the Paid Parental Leave for fathers on track to commence from 1 January 2013?	Written

142	6	Role of the Office for Women	Cash	The Women's Budget Statement 2012 refers to the achievements and budget measures of the Gillard Government in working to improve the lives of women. Please outline the role the Office for Women, in its capacity to deliver better outcomes for women, to influence policy, to consult across government and to influence policy, Cabinet and Budget decision-making, had in providing input on each of the following: - increase to the rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A - the Schoolkids Bonus - National Carer Strategy - National Disability Insurance Scheme - Mental health reform - The aged care system.	Written
143	6	Role of the Office for Women	Cash	What is the Office of Women's expenditure in each of the following areas: a. Advertising b. Travel (including breakdown of business and economy travel and domestic and international) c. Hospitality and entertainment d. ICT e. Consultancy f. Education and training to staff g. External accounting h. External auditing i. External legal costs j. Memberships and/or grants paid to affiliate organisation	Written
144	6	COAG	Cash	I refer to the answer to question on notice 147 from the supplementary budget estimates 2011-12, which states: The Select Council on Women's Issues formally commenced on 17 September 2011 when the Prime Minister wrote to the chair advising of COAG's endorsement of its Terms of Reference. The inaugural meeting was held on 18 November 2011. How is the progress or success of the Council being measured?	Written
145	6	Alliances	Cash	I refer to the announcement by Minister Ellis on 27 June 2011 of the new funding for some of the National Women's Alliances to undertake certain projects. How are these projects being monitored? Please provide an update on them.	Written
154	6	Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency	Cash	RE: Australian Standard on Gender-inclusive Job Evaluation and Grading - answer to QON 196: What was the final cost for producing this document, and what part of that total cost is made up of consultancy fees?	Written
155	6	Staffing	Cash	What number and type of 'non-ongoing' employees does the Office for Women employ at present and over the last year?	Written

156	6	Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency	Cash	I refer to Question on Notice answer 197 from the 2011-12 additional estimates hearings where I requested a list of each position in EOWA with the relevant job description for each of the positions. Can you please provide a list of the 30 positions and the relevant job descriptions?	Written
157	6	EOWA and Office for Women - Gender Equity Bill	Cash	I refer to a report in the Australian Financial Review on March 9 this year titled 'Gender Equity Bill to Spur Pay Claims'. Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry CEO Peter Anderson flagged his concerns with this legislation, saying he was concerned the information employers were required to provide 'could be used for extraneous purposes'. A spokesperson for ACCI said employers were concerned that unions would use the data on wage levels to ask for industry-wide raises.' Are there any express provisions in the legislation that would prevent the use of information in this way, or in other ways that are extraneous to the express purposes of the legislation?	Written
158	6	EOWA and Office for Women - Gender Equity Bill	Cash	In what specific ways will the legislation address the gender pay gap?	Written
159	6	EOWA and Office for Women - Gender Equity Bill	Cash	In its submission to the Senate Inquiry into this legislation the Financial Services Union cited lack of awareness and training of managers in the application of equal opportunity policies, as an impediment to putting equal opportunity into practice - are there any moves afoot through either EOWA or the Office for Women to introduce further education measures in tandem with this legislation?	Written
160	6	EOWA and Office for Women	Cash	How will the legislation deal in a pragmatic way with industries such as the building and construction industry, whose industry body the Master Builders Association has said it is doing everything possible through education and training, to lure women into the industry, but where we could never practically imagine a 50-50 gender split in terms of employment?	Written
161	6	EOWA and Office for Women - Gender Equity Bill	Cash	On May 15 this year Minister Collins addressed the ACTU National Congress Women's lunch in Sydney. She said: We have taken consultation very seriously and I can assure you that, as union stakeholders, you have been well represented by very engaged and effective people. Ms Collins then goes on to thank a number of union staff with whom she has consulted on the legislation. I have also been advised that there was consultation within the Australian Public Service, as well as with an Implementation Advisory Group that includes the Australian Industry Group and Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, among others. a. What was the nature of the feedback received from industry groups on the legislation? What were their concerns?	Written
162	6	EOWA and Office for Women - Gender Equity Bill	Cash	How many more jobs will be created for women as a result of the legislation?	Written

163	6	EOWA and Office for Women - Gender Equity Bill	Cash	What rationale is there for the public service not being subject to this legislation?	Written
164	6	EOWA and Office for Women - Gender Equity Bill	Cash	Did the package go through the national consultative council on workplace relations or the council on industrial legislation?	Written
165	6	EOWA and Office for Women - Gender Equity Bill	Cash	What did the dept work through with the OBPR?	Written
166	6	EOWA and Office for Women - Gender Equity Bill	Cash	Did the OBPR suggest changes to the legislation etc? Did they make comment on the level of ministerial discretion?	Written
167	6	EOWA and Office for Women	Cash	What steps does the department propose an employer take to establish whether or not a union has members in the workplace?	Written
168	6	EOWA and Office for Women	Cash	Will the department be able to give an assurance that, if they follow those steps, that they won't be in breach of the freedom of association provisions?	Written
169	6	EOWA and Office for Women	Cash	Will those steps, if they are proposed by the department or agency, able to be relied upon in other proceedings involving potential breaches of Freedom of Association, Adverse Action claims, general protection claims or other related proceedings?	Written
170	6	EOWA and Office for Women	Cash	How does the agency intend to satisfy itself that the employer has provided an employee association a copy of the report where they have members in the workplace?	Written
171	6	EOWA and Office for Women	Cash	What penalty exists for not providing an employee association a copy of the report? What defences are available? Will an argument based on potential breaches of the Freedom of Association provisions be a defence?	Written
172	6	EOWA and Office for Women	Cash	Is the employer obliged to notify each and every single employee association that has members in the workplace?	Written
173	6	EOWA and Office for Women	Cash	Are there any restrictions or limitations in place on who can access an employer's report once it has been provided to the agency? If not, why not?	Written
174	6	EOWA and Office for Women	Cash	Are there any restrictions or limitations in place as to what purpose information contained in the report can be used for by the agency? If not, why not?	Written
175	6	EOWA and Office for Women	Cash	Will there be penalties for misuse of information provided in the report? If not, why not. If so, what are they?	Written
176	6	EOWA and Office for Women	Cash	Is the agency restricted in any way in providing the information in the report to another Commonwealth or State agency, or other third party organisation of any kind? If not, why not?	Written
177	6	RE: Clause 16B	Cash	What obligations exist on an employer with respect to what they do with any comments they receive from employees?	Written
178	6	RE: Clause 16B	Cash	Are employees required to identify themselves if they make a comment about the report directly to the agency? If not, why not?	Written

179	6	RE: Clause 16B	Cash	What limitations or restrictions exist with respect to how comments received by the agency are used by that agency?	Written
180	6	RE: Clause 16B	Cash	Is the agency obliged to provide any comments they receive back to the employer? If not, why not?	Written
181	6	RE: Clause 16B	Cash	Is the agency restricted in any way in providing comments from employees back to another Commonwealth or State agency, or any other third party of any kind?	Written
182	6	Financial Literacy	Cash	Can you provide a list of financial literacy and management programs that are run within the department?	CA42 - 28 May 2012
183	6	Status of Personal Safety Survey	Cash	Could you provide a list of timeframes for the Status of Personal Safety Survey and when they were actually met - and, in particular, going forward, what the additional timeframes are?	CA43 - 28 May 2012
184	6	Consultancies	Cash	In relation to the answer to QoN 141 from supplementary estimates, can you provide: A breakdown of what the \$1,337,125.59 of consultancy fees were? A breakdown of what the \$14,052.29 hospitality and entertainment costs were? A breakdown of what the \$56,764.12 education or staff training costs were?	CA43 - 28 May 2012
185	6	The Line Campaign	Cash	Can you provide the data analysing the tracking research for The Line Campaign?	CA44 - 28 May 2012
186	6	The Line Campaign	Cash	Can you provide a breakdown of the \$14,154,679 spent on The Line Campaign into print advertising, radio advertising, online advertising and online web?	CA44 - 28 May 2012
187	6	EOWA	Cash	When did the pay equity specialist commence her non-ongoing contract with the agency?	CA51 - 28 May 2012
188	6	EOWA	Cash	What is the pay level for an EL2 position?	CA51 - 28 May 2012
189	6	EOWA	Cash	What do each of the non-ongoing employees employed by EOWA do and how long do their contracts run?	CA51 - 28 May 2012
190	6	EOWA	Cash	Are you able to provide any reports from the Standards Australia Technical Committee that were provided in relation to the new Gender Equality Standard or any minutes from meetings?	CA51 - 28 May 2012
191	6	Rural Women's Alliance	McKenzie	Can you provide any advice around the rural women's alliance and any engagement they have had around the impact on women within the Murray-Darling Basin system, Queensland to Adelaide?	CA49 - 28 May 2012
192	7	Safe Houses	Crossin	Who constructed the Safe House at Hermannsburg and what was the design?	CA12 - 1 June 2012
193	7	Safe Houses	Crossin	Can you provide a copy of the evaluation of the effectiveness of safe houses?	CA12 - 1 June 2012
194	7	Indigenous Budget	Siewert	What is the increase in investment for Indigenous Australians in the Budget?	CA4 - 1 June 2012
195	7	Safe Houses	Siewert	Please provide a list of communities where men's safe house staff are being consulted on support programs for men.	CA13 - 1 June 2012
196	7	Indigenous Budget	Siewert	Reconciliation Australia's calculation of the budget expenditure indicates that, for this financial year, there has been about a 4%, or about \$152m drop. Can you indicate whether that is correct?	CA17 - 1 June 2012

197	7	National Partnership on Remote Service Delivery	Siewert	Will Mr Gleeson be provided with the Evaluation Framework for the National Partnership on Remote Service Delivery?	CA23 - 1 June 2012
198	7	Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services	Siewert	Please provide an evaluation of the new approach to employment services against the National Partnership Agreement.	CA24 - 1 June 2012
199	7	Remote Indigenous Housing	Payne	Can you provide any information on the consultations with Land Councils in regards to private home ownership around the Territory?	CA63 - 1 June 2012
200	7	Indigenous Budget	Siewert	Could you provide information on the extent of the gap in outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in the Northern Territory as compared with other states and territories.	CA5 - 1 June 2012
201	7	Indigenous Budget	Scullion	How much of the \$5.2 billion announced in the 2012-13 Budget is new funding and how much of it is reallocated funding?	CA6 - 1 June 2012
202	7	Safe Houses	Scullion	Can you provide the Northern Territory Government reports on the operation of the Safe Houses for 2010 and 2011?	CA12 - 1 June 2012
203	7	Safe Houses	Scullion	Are any of the 57 people employed in Safe Houses on CDEP?	CA12 - 1 June 2012
204	7	Safe Houses	Scullion	What training is provided to the Staffers or Counsellors with responsibility for Safe Houses?	CA12 - 1 June 2012
205	7	Mai Wiru	Scullion	Can you provide the new business model for Mai Wiru?	CA14-15 - 1 June 2012
206	7	Alice Springs Transformation Plan	Scullion	How many of the 100 CDEP positions within the Alice Springs Town Camp are currently filled and what is the nature of the work being undertaken?	CA16 - 1 June 2012
207	7	Alice Springs Transformation Plan	Scullion	How many of the CDEP participants have moved off CDEP and into other jobs or transferred to the Territory Alliance building and renovation of the houses in the town camps? Has anyone moved from the CDEP to being fully employed by the Alliance?	CA17 - 1 June 2012
208	7	Teenage Births and Pregnancy Data	Scullion	Can you provide a breakdown of the data, by jurisdiction and age, on teenage births and pregnancies?	CA21- 1 June 2012
210	7	Remote Indigenous Housing	Scullion	Does the Government have a view on whether the high administration costs, which appear to be inherent with this Alliance model, have been the cause behind the incomplete refurbishments and the issues regarding the standard of work being done?	CA56 - 1 June 2012
211	7	Indigenous Business Australia	Scullion	Please provide audit figures on Tjapukai's trading position for 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11.	CA63 - 1 June 2012
212	7	Indigenous Business Australia	Scullion	How much money has IBA expended on Tjapukai over the last 3 years?	CA64 - 1 June 2012
213	7	Indigenous Business Australia	Scullion	Please provide a break-down of the 55 people employed at Tjapukai over the last 3 years (eg full-time, part-time) including the number of non-Indigenous employees.	CA64 - 1 June 2012
214	7	Indigenous Business Australia	Scullion	Please confirm the total amount that has been approved by the Board for Tjapukai capital works operations for now and into the foreseeable future.	CA64 - 1 June 2012

215	7	Indigenous Business Australia	Scullion	Was BDA Marketing Planning engaged by IBA to prepare a report on the outlook for Tjapukai? If so, could you supply the report or any contribution made by BDA?	CA65-66 - 1 June 2012
216	7	Indigenous Business Australia	Scullion	Did the BDA Marketing Planning presentation on day one at the Gold Coast relate to Tjapukai - if so, please provide a copy of the presentation or contribution of BDA to that presentation.	CA65-66 - 1 June 2012
217	7	Indigenous Business Australia	Scullion	Please provide the names of those who have provided advice to IBA regarding Tjapukai and provide their reports.	CA66 - 1 June 2012
218	7	Indigenous Business Australia	Scullion	Please provide the reference within the Act that enables IBA to consider social or cultural issues in relation to the financial viability of an organisation. Please also provide minutes of meetings where the Board has considered these factors.	CA67 - 1 June 2012
219	7	Closing the Gap	Scullion	The government's 2012 Close the Gap report has shown that improvements are being made in most of the six target outcomes. However disadvantage in justice for indigenous Australians continues to be an area of concern. Why wasn't justice disadvantage identified as one of the original targets in the Closing the Gap initiative?	Written
220	7	Closing the Gap	Scullion	I refer to a report in the Koorie Mail (22 February 2012) in which the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jody Broun claims that rates of indigenous incarceration have worsened over the past 20 years. Statistics from the Australian Institute of Criminology support this, indicating a 34.5% increase in indigenous imprisonment since 2000 through 2008. Given that Indigenous disadvantage in justice has been proven to be a growing area of concern, shouldn't it be included as one of the seven close the gap targets?	Written
221	7	Closing the Gap	Scullion	Will the Government now commit to include Closing the Gap targets for reducing the over representation of indigenous young people in the criminal justice system as part of the Prime Minister's annual closing the gap statement?	Written
222	7	Closing the Gap	Scullion	Is demographic mapping currently being considered by the Government to provide better data on where funding should be targeted to redress Indigenous disadvantage?	Written
223	1	Playford Income Management Trial	Edwards	Once placed on income management will people be able to remove themselves from the scheme? If so what will they have to do to achieve this? Can those that voluntarily choose income management choose to come off of it?	Written

224	1	Playford Income Management Trial	Edwards	Support services have been promised to accompany income management in Playford. Are there service providers in place already for: a. financial counselling b. money management c. Communities for Children Service d. playgroups e. parenting education classes f. mentoring and support groups g. early learning programs. If these are available online please provide a link to the website, if not, please provide a list. If not, when does the Department anticipate these will be organised?	Written
225	1	Playford Income Management Trial	Edwards	What happens to those individuals on income management who leave the Playford area?	Written
226	1	Families Week	Bernardi	How much funding was provided by the Department for Families Week 2012 and can you provide a breakdown of how these funds were allocated?	Written
227	1	Families Week	Bernardi	How much of the funding from the Department for Families Week 2012 was spent on communications and market research?	Written
228	1	Families Week	Bernardi	Who designed and approved the artwork for the National Families Week 2012 poster?	Written
229	1	Families Week	Bernardi	Why aren't there any fathers depicted on the National Families Week 2012 poster?	Written
230	3	Gambling	Bernardi	What additional information is on the unitingforchange website that is not available on problemgambling.gov.au?	Written
231	3	Gambling	Bernardi	How many people have viewed problemgambling.gov.au and untingforchange.org.au?	Written
232	3	Gambling	Bernardi	How many of the people who viewed problemgambling.gov.au and untingforchange.org.au are or were employees of the Department?	Written
233	3	Gambling	Bernardi	Has the Department conducted a cost-benefit analysis on the grant to the Uniting Church? If so, what was the outcome of that evaluation?	Written
234	3	Gambling	Bernardi	Has the Department determined how the grant to the Gambling Impact Society is being spent and has the Department conducted a cost-benefit evaluation of that grant?	Written
235	3	Gambling	Bernardi	How many participants are involved in the Gambling Impact Society's consumer advocacy trial and how much is each participant being paid?	Written
236	3	Gambling	Bernardi	What other grants were there from the Department in relation to problem gambling in since 21 August 2010?	Written
237	3	Gambling	Bernardi	How much has the Department spent on gambling, including staff time, since 21 August 2010?	Written
238	3	Gambling	Bernardi	How many FaHCSIA staff are employed to work on gambling in total?	Written
239	3	Gambling	Bernardi	Why did the Department fail to provide a Regulatory Impact Statement for the <i>National Gambling Reform Bill 2012</i> ?	Written

240	3	Gambling	Bernardi	Has a cost benefit analysis on the <i>National Gambling Reform Bill 2012</i> been completed?	Written
241	3	Gambling	Bernardi	Has the Department had any formal consultation with state and territory governments or poker machine developers in relation to the draft Bill?	Written
242	3	Gambling	Bernardi	What is the position of state and territory governments with respect to the draft Bill?	Written
243	3	Gambling	Bernardi	What is the position of poker machine manufacturers with respect to the draft Bill?	Written
244	1	Income Management	Bernardi	What is the cost per-person of administering income management in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, and the five trial sites respectively?	Written
245	1	Income Management	Bernardi	Has any timeline been set by the Minister's office or the Department for the introduction of income management in the APY Lands?	Written
246	3	Community Investment Program	Bernardi	The Community Investment Program is reduced by \$2 million in the 2012-13 Budget. What impact will this cut have on programs or service delivery, and where will these funds be redirected?	Written
247	3	Community Investment Program	Bernardi	Can the Department provide a list of organisations and agencies who received funding under the Community Investment Program in the last financial year and this financial year?	Written
248	3	Financial Management Program	Bernardi	Can the Department provide a list of organisations and agencies who received funding under the Financial Management Program in the last financial year and this financial year?	Written
249	5	Migration Treatment of Disability	Boyce	Budget Paper No. 2 Immigration and Citizenship, Migration Health Requirements item reads: "The Government will reform the health criteria that applicants must meet to obtain an Australian visa, at a cost of \$4.6 million over four years. Under current arrangements, visa applicants are refused entry to Australia where the estimated costs of treating a pre-existing health condition are above the Significant Cost Threshold set at \$21,000. The reform will increase the Significant Cost Threshold from \$21,000 to \$35,000 to better reflect current health costs, and remove the requirement for offshore Humanitarian Visa applicants to meet the Significant Cost Threshold criteria. This reform will commence on 1 July 2012. These reforms are in response to the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Migration on the Migration Treatment of Disability: Enabling Australia." In this regard FaHCSIA received the following budgetary allocations \$100,000 in 2012/13 and 2013/14, rising to \$200,000 the next and \$400,000 in last year of forward estimate. What is the budgetary allocation to FaHCSIA for?	Written

251	2	Housing Budget	Payne	Please outline any changes to the work done under program 2.1 since the 2011-12 additional estimates statements, to explain the increase in administered funding and program support now expected for the 2011-12 financial year compared with the budgeted amounts originally contained in the 2011-12 Budget. Please outline the expected staff structure for this program (including, number, position and section/branch) currently, and in future financial years.	Written
252	2	Housing Budget	Payne	With respect to the reduction in program support funding for program 2.2 for 2013-14 and 2014-15, between the 2011-12 additional estimates statements and the recent 2012-13 Budget statements, how many staff do you anticipate will be removed from this program in future years to reduce expenditure by that level? Please outline the expected staff structure for this program (including, number, position and section/branch) currently, and in future financial years.	Written
253	2	Julia Creek Measure	Payne	Was the department asked to provide a briefing to the Minister on funding of possible seniors housing and community services, and possible locations and their comparative benefits, in the context of the decision to fund the Julia Creek housing measure, or otherwise? If so, which locations were identified as alternates to the Julia Creek development? Was an expression of interest submitted to the department by any group or Member of Parliament for this project?	Written
254	2	Building Better Regional Cities Program	Payne	Please provide an update on the BBRC program upon Ministerial approval of funding applications, including any detail you are able to give on the councils that applied, approved applications, the quantum of funding and the type of proposals that have been made. Please outline the process by which the department or Minister selected successful applications, including the level of ministerial discretion permitted under the program guidelines or other internal government requirements. Please outline the nature and details of any funding decisions that deviated from the typical process of the department making a recommendation and the Minister accepting that recommendation; that is, any decisions to fund an applicant that were not recommended by the departmental process but were approved nonetheless, and any applications that the department recommended for funding approval that were rejected by the Minister.	Written
255	5	Disability Support Pension	Siewert	How many people currently receive the Disability Support Pension? Provide a breakdown by age, gender, Indigenous/non-Indigenous.	Written
256	5	Disability Support Pension	Siewert	How many are 'grandfathered' under the 2005 changes and how many have been granted under the tighter eligibility requirements?	Written

257	5	Disability Support Pension	Siewert	For the periods 1 October 2011 to 31 December 2011 and 1 January 2012 how many people rejected under the new Program of Support requirements?	Written
258	5	Disability Support Pension	Siewert	For each of the quarters from 1 July 2011 to 30 September, 1 October 2011 to 31 December 2011 and 1 January 2012, provide details of the reasons new claims have been rejected.	Written
259	5	Disability Support Pension	Siewert	How many 'medical reviews' have been undertaken? Of these, how many cancellations?	Written
260	5	Disability Support Pension	Siewert	How many new claims lodged? Of these, how many rejected?	Written
261	5	Disability Support Pension	Siewert	How many appeals lodged at each level of appeal (related to medical qualification)? What is the outcome of the appeals?	Written
262	7	Voluntary Leases in the NT	Siewert	How many and which remote communities and town camps have signed up to voluntary leases in the Northern Territory? How many remote communities in the NT have not signed up to voluntary leases?	Written
263	7	Voluntary Leases in the NT	Siewert	The compulsory leases expire on 17 August 2012. Will the Commonwealth take out further compulsory leases on those communities which are not signed up to voluntary leases by that time? If not, what interim arrangements are being made? What arrangements has the Commonwealth made to ensure that tenancy management (repairs and maintenance, rent collection, payment of water, sewage, rates) continues in those communities where there is no voluntary lease?	Written
264	7	Amata and Mimili Access to Washing Machines	Siewert	What funding has the Federal Government allocated to make sure people in Amata and Mimili have working washing machines in their homes or access to a functioning Laundromat?	Written
265	7	Amata and Mimili Access to Washing Machines	Siewert	What percentage of community houses in Amata do not currently have a working washing machine in them? What percentage of community houses in Mimili do not currently have a working washing machine in them?	Written
266	7	Amata and Mimili Access to Washing Machines	Siewert	Has the Government investigated the cost of building and maintaining a Laundromat in either Amata and/or Mimili and, if so, what are the projected capital and recurrent costs?	Written
267	7	Family Mental Health Support Service: APY Lands	Siewert	Which agency or organisation has been selected to deliver the new Family Mental Health Support Service on the APY Lands, as announced by Minister Macklin on 4 May 2012?	Written
268	7	Family Mental Health Support Service: APY Lands	Siewert	How many Full-Time Equivalent staff will the Family Mental Health Support Service employ and how many of these staff will work and live in Ernabella, Fregon or Kenmore Park?	Written
269	7	Family Mental Health Support Service: APY Lands	Siewert	How many individuals is the Family Mental Health Support Service expected to support over the course of the next year and what indicators will be used to measure the effectiveness of this support?	Written

270	7	Family and Wellbeing Centre: APY Lands	Siewert	What is the expected capital cost of the new Family and Wellbeing Centre in Mimili? Has construction of this centre commenced? When is the centre expected to open? How many full-time equivalent staff will be based at the centre once it is operational?	Written
271	7	Family and Wellbeing Centre: APY Lands	Siewert	Has construction of the Family and Wellbeing Centre in Amata been completed? If not, what is the timeline for this work? How much did it cost to establish this centre (i.e. the cost of modifying the existing facility)?	Written
272	7	Family and Wellbeing Centre: APY Lands	Siewert	Has construction of the Family and Wellbeing Centre in Pukatja been completed? If not, what is the timeline for this work? What is the expected capital cost of this centre?	Written
273	7	Government investment: APY Lands	Siewert	How much funding has FaHCSIA invested in the APY Lands during the 2011/12 financial year? How much funding does FaHCSIA expect to invest in the APY Lands in the next financial year?	Written
274	1	Intensive Family Support Services: APY Lands	Siewert	Which agency or organisation has been selected to deliver new Intensive Family Support Services on the APY Lands as announced by Minister Macklin on 4 May 2012? When are these services expected to be up and running? How many additional Full-Time Equivalent social workers will the new Intensive Family Support Services employ? How many additional Full-Time Equivalent family support workers will the new Intensive Family Support Services employ? What indicators will be used to measure the effectiveness of these new Intensive Family Support Services?	Written
279	7	Expansion of the Wiltja Residence	Siewert	How many students are currently accommodated at the Wiltja Residence in Adelaide? How many of these students come from communities on the APY Lands? What are the home communities of the other students currently accommodated at the Wiltja Residence? Since mid 2010, what is the maximum number of students from the APY Lands that have been accommodated at the Wiltja Residence at any point in time?	Written
280	7	Financial Wellbeing Service: APY Lands	Siewert	How much of the \$2.82 million investment in the APY Lands – jointly announced by Ministers Macklin and Caica on 4 May 2012 – is the South Australian Government contributing?	Written

281	7	Financial Wellbeing Service: APY Lands	Siewert	Which agency or organisation has been selected to deliver the new Financial Wellbeing Service in Amata and Mimili and when is this service expected to start? How many Full-Time Equivalent staff will the Financial Wellbeing Service employ and how many of these staff will work and live in Amata or Mimili? How many individuals is the Family Wellbeing Service expected to provide one-on-one support to in its first 12 months of operating and what outcomes will be used to measure the effectiveness of this support?	Written
282	7	Financial Wellbeing Service: APY Lands	Siewert	Does the Department have any plans to extend this service to other APY communities? If so, when will this happen? If not, why not?	Written
283	7	Youth in Communities	Siewert	On p. 148 of budget paper 2, it states that the Government will "continue support for the Youth in Communities program in 30 priority communities." Will there be capacity for new communities to access this funding under the current arrangements?	Written
284	7	Youth in Communities	Siewert	Are there any plans to expand the program to those regions that do not currently have any YIC Programs? If yes, will this be through this funding allocation, or through another allocation of funds? If from another allocations of funds, please provide details.	Written
285	7	Expenditure statements for priority sites	Siewert	Have you been provided with any advice as to when the statements of expenditure will be published (as called for in your fifth report)?	Written
286	7	Expenditure statements for priority sites	Siewert	Do you know how much money has been spent in individual priority sites since the commencement of the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Services? For example, do you know how much the Australian and South Australian Governments have spent in Amata in the last three years?	Written
287	7	Expenditure statements for priority sites	Siewert	Have you received any early reports on the effectiveness of the night patrol trial in Amata? When are similar trials due to begin in Mimili and other communities on the APY Lands?	Written
288	7	Remote Housing	Siewert	How many houses in remote communities in the Northern Territory have been deemed to be "legacy dwellings"? What is the breakdown per community?	Written
289	7	Remote Housing	Siewert	How many houses in remote communities have been deemed to be "improvised dwellings"? What is the breakdown per community?	Written
290	7	Remote Housing	Siewert	How many houses in remote communities are under tenancy agreements? What is the breakdown per community?	Written

291	7	Remote Housing	Siewert	How many houses have been deemed to be Beyond Economic Repair in the Northern Territory since 30 June 2009? Which agency makes the decision as to whether a house is Beyond Economic Repair? What are the decision making principles which guide the decision to deem a house to be Beyond Economic Repair? Which communities in the Northern Territory have houses which have been deemed to be Beyond Economic Repair? How many houses in each community in the Northern Territory have been deemed to be Beyond Economic Repair? What mechanism exists for review of the decision to deem a house to be Beyond Economic Repair? How many houses have been vacated after being deemed to be Beyond Economic Repair in the Northern Territory since 30 June 2009?	Written
292	7	Remote Housing	Siewert	How many houses have been built in the Northern Territory under SIHIP? How many houses constructed under SIHIP in the Northern Territory have had defect works undertaken after completion? How many houses refurbished under SIHIP in the Northern Territory have had defect works undertaken after completion? What budget allocation is there for the rectification of defects for houses refurbished or constructed in the Northern Territory under SIHIP?	Written
293	7	Remote Housing	Siewert	How many houses refurbished under SIHIP in the Northern Territory have been placed under tenancy agreements, by community? How many houses refurbished under SIHIP in the Northern Territory have not been placed under tenancy agreements, by community?	Written
294	7	Remote Housing	Siewert	How many houses constructed under SIHIP in Maningrida cannot be occupied because there is no water connected to the premises? When will these houses be able to be occupied? How many houses constructed under SIHIP in Gunbalunya cannot be occupied because there is no water connected to the premises? When will these houses be able to be occupied? How many houses constructed under SIHIP in the Northern Territory cannot be occupied because there is no water connected to the premises?	Written
295	7	Remote Housing	Siewert	How much of the SIHIP budget earmarked for the Northern Territory has been expended? Will there be enough funds in the SIHIP budget to complete all refurbishments and construction of new houses targeted? How will the remaining SIHIP budget be allocated?	Written
296	7	CDEP	Siewert	How many people in the Northern Territory are participants in CDEP?	Written
297	7	CDEP	Siewert	How many people in the Northern Territory have been transitioned off CDEP and onto income support payments since 1 July 2009? Provide data for each financial year and from 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011).	Written

300	7	Remote Jobs and Communities Program	Siewert	Part of the new Remote Jobs and Communities Program is a continuation of waged employment for people currently 'grandfathered' on the old CDEP scheme. What will be the employment arrangements for these workers under the new scheme? Will their rate of pay, superannuation entitlements etc remain the same as currently?	Written
301	7	Remote Jobs and Communities Program	Siewert	As of April 23, 2012 only 1,667 workers in the NT remained on 'grandfathered' CDEP wages. Currently if a worker breaks their relationship with their employer for a certain number of weeks, they lose this grandfathered position. Will this provision also apply under the new RJCP? i.e. are a set number of waged jobs being retained, or will the waged positions disappear when the individual worker "breaks their relationship".	Written
303	7	Remote Jobs and Communities Program	Siewert	How many people are currently working in the NT Jobs Program positions? Is there a guarantee that all these positions are filled by Indigenous people? What percentage of these positions are full time, part-time etc?	Written
305	7	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Expenditure	Siewert	The Government's Strategic Review of Indigenous Expenditure (2010) report states that "policies and programs must be targeted to local needs, in close engagement and active partnership with the people they are designed to assist." What evidence and information can the Government provide to demonstrate it has implemented this recommendation and changed the way it works with communities?	Written
306	7	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Expenditure	Siewert	The Strategic Review of Indigenous Expenditure report found that mainstream agencies need to implement reforms to provide effective policy and services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients. What action has the Government taken since this report to further this goal?	Written
307	7	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Expenditure	Siewert	What proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander expenditure is allocated to addressing disadvantage compared to the proportion allocated to prevention?	Written
308	7	Housing in remote communities	Siewert	As part of the ongoing National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, does the Federal Government expect to fund the construction of any new houses and/or major house refurbishments in the following South Australian communities: Watarru; Kenmore Park; Kanpi; and Nyapari? If so, can you provide a brief outline of the intended works and when they are due to be completed?	Written
309	7	HOIL	Siewert	How many concessional home loans has IBA granted under its Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) program in the current financial year?	Written
310	7	HOIL	Siewert	What is the average amount that IBA had lent to Indigenous mortgagees through the HOIL program in the current financial year?	Written
311	7	HOIL	Siewert	How many Full Time Equivalent staff are currently employed on the HOIL program?	Written
312	7	HOIL	Siewert	Since the HOIL program, began how many loans has IBA granted to people living on South Australian communal lands?	Written

313	7	HOIL	Siewert	Since the HOIL program began how many loan applications has IBA received from people living on communally-held lands in (a) South Australia, (b) Western Australia, (c) Queensland, (d) New South Wales and (e) the Northern Territory?	Written
314	3	ATM Fees	Siewert	When will FaHCSIA announce the exact locations of the 76 ATMs that are expected to provide free transactions by the end of this year? Have the 76 ATM sites already been identified and, if so, how many are located in (a) South Australia, (b) Western Australia, (c) Queensland and (d) the Northern Territory?	Written
315	3	ATM Fees	Siewert	Is FaHCSIA planning to expand this scheme to other remote communities – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – and, if so, when will this happen?	Written
316	3	ATM Fees	Siewert	Is the Government expecting to negotiate with other providers of ATMs in remote communities? If not, how will the Government help those in the communities where the ATMs are not covered by this agreement?	Written
317	7	Stronger Futures	Siewert	The commitment to 10-year funding provides much needed certainty to Aboriginal community organisations that are delivering services and programs in local communities. Given the needs of many communities are similar to those in the NT, why isn't the Government extending this approach beyond the Northern Territory?	Written
318	7	Stronger Futures	Siewert	The budget includes \$14 million of existing funding over 3 years to support governance and leadership development in communities in the NT, including building capacity of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to be involved in the delivery of services and provide more opportunities to “develop personal, family and community leadership”. How will these funds be allocated to communities and organisations and what steps will the Government take to ensure Aboriginal peoples are involved in decision making about how these funds are allocated?	Written
319	7	Community Development Fund	Siewert	How will the \$137.5 million over three years from 1 July 2013 of the Community Development Fund contribute to developing sustainable capacity building in communities? How will the funds be allocated?	Written
320	7	Remote Engagement Officer Network	Siewert	What will the “Remote Engagement Officer Network” do? Will the new Indigenous Engagement Officers be recruited from local communities How will ‘Government Engagement Coordinators’ be different to GBMs and IEOs? What proportion of this money will go towards improving consultation and participation with Aboriginal people? Will efforts be made to improve consultation after the dismal reports of the Stronger Futures consultation process?	Written
322	7	Stronger Futures	Siewert	Are you aware of any non-indigenous programs that were cut to fund Stronger Futures?	Written

323	5	Respite Care	McKenzie	The Mount Alexander Shire Accommodation Respite Group's recent Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund application has been rejected. Why was it rejected? What were the criteria used to assess applications? Have MASARG received any advice or support from the department about revising their application or alternative Federal Government funding options for them to consider?	Written
324	3	Community Connections Victoria	McKenzie	Connections Victoria to deliver services in Western Victoria. By November, the organisation had lost state government contracts in the face of claims of alleged funding mismanagement (End nears for Community Connections, Warrnambool Standard 23/512). Now the organisation is being wound up (Decision soon on new family welfare services agency, Warrnambool Standard 28/5/12). Did FaHCSIA have any concerns about practices at Community Connections Victoria when they renewed their contract in 2011? Were there any changes to Community Connections Victoria's practice included as part of the conditions in the contract? When did the department first become aware of the issues surrounding Community Connections Victoria? Did they conduct any of their own investigations into the organisation? Were the department aware of the concerns of Community Connections Victoria's other funding providers? Were they aware more recently that other funding providers had removed their support for Community Connections Victoria? What are the department's processes for dealing with cases such as this? With CCV winding up, will there be a tender process to decide on an alternate deliverer of these type of services?	Written
325	Cross	Carbon tax	McKenzie	Has the department modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? What is the department's total annual electricity spend? If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? How much electricity does the department use?	Written

326	2	Building Better Regional Cities Program	McKenzie	The SEWPAC website says that "The Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities is responsible for the management of the Building Better Regional Cities Program." (http://www.environment.gov.au/housing/bbrc/index.html) Yet the FaHCSIA website says "The Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is responsible for the management of the Building Better Regional Cities Program." (http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/housing/progserv/bbrc/Pages/default.aspx). I understand FaHCSIA is actually responsible for managing the program. When did this change? Why? Has there been any confusion from potential applicants? What was the resolution of any confusion? Why wasn't the website updated? How were the included Local Governments chosen? How many applications have been received? Was there an application from every eligible local government? For what total amount? Were local governments provided any assistance by the department in preparing their applications?	Written
327	7	Working Group on Indigenous Reform	Wright	We understand that the Working Group on Indigenous Reform (WGIR) chaired by Minister Macklin is considering the matter of justice specific Closing the Gap targets in its 2012 work plan. What outcomes is the WGIR working towards in 2012 with respect to justice specific Closing the Gap targets?	Written
328	7	Working Group on Indigenous Reform	Wright	Will the WGIR be developing, or has it already developed, a proposed target for reducing the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous incarceration rates?	Written
329	7	Working Group on Indigenous Reform	Wright	To what extent is the WGIR working with the Standing Council on Law and Justice with respect to justice specific Closing the Gap targets?	Written
331	7	Working Group on Indigenous Reform	Wright	Is there a planned timetable for moving towards inclusion of justice specific targets in COAG's Closing the Gap strategy?	Written
332	7	Working Group on Indigenous Reform	Wright	Please outline all consultation processes that have been undertaken to date by the WGIR on the matter of justice specific Closing the Gap targets.	Written
333	7	Working Group on Indigenous Reform	Wright	What further consultation will the WGIR be conducting in 2012 with respect to justice specific Closing the Gap targets?	Written
334	7	Working Group on Indigenous Reform	Wright	Has the WGIR sought and/or received any expert advice with respect to the matter of justice specific Closing the Gap targets? If so, from whom and what questions did the expert(s) address?	Written
335	Cross	Access and Equity	Di Natale	How does your Department ensure that the Government's Access and Equity Strategy is implemented in its entirety and in relation to all Departmental activities?	Written
336	Cross	Access and Equity	Di Natale	How does your Department acknowledge the multicultural character of the Australian society, in terms of the services and programs you provide?	Written

337	Cross	Access and Equity	Di Natale	How do you measure your success against Access and Equity goals? What evidence do you have that the Department is actively implementing the Government's Access & Equity policy?	Written
338	Cross	Access and Equity	Di Natale	What changes will you implement over the next financial year to ensure your programs and services are more accessible to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)) communities?	Written
339	Cross	Access and Equity	Di Natale	What is your Department doing to ensure it has a culturally competent workforce?	Written
340	5	NDIS	Di Natale	How will your Department ensure that persons from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background with disability are able to access and engage with the National Disability Insurance Scheme?	Written
341	5	NDIS	Di Natale	Who are the members of the new National Disability Insurance Scheme Working Group? Why is there no person from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background with a disability on this Working Group?	Written
342	7	Nutrition and food security in the APY lands	Scullion	a) Is OATSIH aware of the cessation of funding to Mai Wiru for the provision of assistance to increase store nutrition awareness and general governance and management advice to community stores in the APY lands? b) What review has been conducted to assess the improvement in store nutrition policies and practices? c) Can copies of any reviews be provided to the committee? d) What measures are in place or being supported in order to maintain store nutrition and management standards in the APY Lands? e) Is funding to be provided to Outback Stores to provide future support in the APY lands? f) What is the amount of this funding? g) Was this decision made by OATSIH or FAHCSIA? h) Were APY communities consulted about this decision? i) Will Outback Stores be establishing and stores on the lands, and if yes, where? j) Are Outback Stores being contracted or assisted by the government to take over management of any APY Lands community stores?	Written
343	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	a) How many people are currently receiving the Disability Support Pension? b) How many are male? c) How many are female? d) How many are 21-25? e) How many are 26-30? f) How many are 31-40? g) How many are 41-50? h) How many are 51-60? i) How many are 61+?	Written
344	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	How many people have received Disability Support Pension payments each month between June 2011 and June 2012?	Written

345	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	How many people applied for Disability Support Pension payments each month between June 2011 and June 2012? How many were rejected in that period?	Written
346	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	What proportion of rejections each month between June 2011 and June 2012 were for medical and non-medical reasons?	Written
347	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	How many entrants were there to the Disability Support Pension each month between June 2011 and June 2012 that were not receiving the Disability Support Pension in June 2011?	Written
348	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	How many people transferred to the Disability Support Pension from another income payment each month between June 2011 and June 2012? What income payments, and how many from each?	Written
349	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	How many people transferred from the Disability Support Pension to another income payment each month between June 2011 and June 2012? What income payments, and how many to each?	Written
350	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	How many exits were there from the Disability Support Pension each month between June 2011 and June 2012?	Written
351	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	How many people exited the Disability Support Pension and moved off income payments completely each month between June 2011 and June 2012?	Written
352	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	How many current Disability Support Pension recipients are manifestly qualified for the Disability Support Pension?	Written
353	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	How many people currently qualify for the Disability Support Pension for being permanently blind?	Written
354	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	How many Disability Support Pension recipients currently receive income from employment?	Written
355	5	Disability Support Pension	Fifield	What is the expenditure on Disability Support Pension each month between June 2011 and June 2012?	Written
356	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	Please provide a month by month breakdown since October 2011 of the number of people who received the Carer Adjustment Payment.	Written
357	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How many people were suspended from Carer Payment each month between June 2011 and June 2012?	Written
358	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How many Carer Payment recipients currently report income from employment?	Written
359	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	Between June 2011 and June 2012, how many people, and what proportion of all Carer Payment recipients, temporarily ceased to provide care under the 63 day allowance for Carer Payment?	Written
360	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How long, in days, was the average cessation of care for Carer Payments between June 2011 and June 2012?	Written
361	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How many people received the Carer Payment (child), by month between June 2011 and June 2012 ?	Written
362	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How many people applied for the Carer Payment (child), by month between June 2011 and June 2012 ?	Written

363	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How many people received the Carer Payment (adult), by month between June 2011 and June 2012 ?	Written
364	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How many people applied for the Carer Payment (adult), by month between June 2011 and June 2012 ?	Written
365	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How many people received the Carer Allowance (child), by month between June 2011 and June 2012?	Written
366	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How many people applied for the Carer Allowance (child), by month between June 2011 and June 2012?	Written
367	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How many people became automatically eligible for the Carer Allowance (child), by month between June 2011 and June 2012?	Written
368	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How many people received the Carer Allowance (adult) by month between June 2011 and June 2012?	Written
369	5	Carer Income Support	Fifield	How many people applied for the Carer Allowance (adult) by month between June 2011 and June 2012?	Written
370	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	As at the end of financial year 2011-2012, how many children are currently receiving funding under the Better Start Initiative? As at the end of financial year 2011-2012, how many applications have been received for funding under the Better Start Initiative? As at the end of the financial year 2011-2012, how many applications have been refused funding under the Better Start Initiative?	Written
371	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	How many funding applications are pending awaiting assessment and decision?	Written
372	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Please provide a current breakdown, by residence (State or Territory), of children who have received funding under the Better Start Initiative.	Written
373	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Please provide a current breakdown, by age, of children who have received funding under the Better Start Initiative.	Written
374	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Please provide a current breakdown of the conditions/disability of children who have received funding under the Better Start Initiative: by residence (State/Territory) by locality (Urban, Regional, Rural)	Written
375	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	What was the Department's forecast registration and application numbers in 2010-2011, and 2011-2012?	Written
376	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	How many people accessed Better Start each month in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012?	Written
377	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Since January 2012, how many complaints has the Department received in relation to the Better Start Initiative?	Written

378	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	How many complaints were in relation to: a) Accessing services? b) Non-payment? c) Ineligibility?	Written
379	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Please provide current expenditure under Better Start on: a) children already registered under Better Start. b) recurrent operational costs outside the Department, including registration. c) assessment, Gateway Advisors and service provider panel costs	Written
380	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Please provide numbers for: a) Total Better Start registrations since the program commenced. b) Total services provided through the related Medicare items so far in 2011-2012.	Written
381	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Have advisory and expert assessment services been assessed? When were they assessed? How were they assessed? What was the outcome of the assessment?	Written
382	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Which, and how many of the recommendations of the KPMG report Reviewing the evidence on the effectiveness of early childhood intervention have been implemented?	Written
383	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Which recommendations of the KPMG report are expected to be implemented in the next twelve months?	Written
384	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	As at the end of the financial year 2011-2012, how many children are currently receiving funding under the Helping Children with Autism program? As at the end of the financial year 2011-2012, how many applications have been received for funding under the Helping Children with Autism program? As at the end of the financial year 2011-2012, how many applications have been refused funding under the Helping Children with Autism program?	Written
385	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	How many funding applications are pending awaiting assessment and decision?	Written
386	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Please provide a current breakdown, by residence (State or Territory), of children who have received funding under the Helping Children with Autism program.	Written
387	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Please provide a current breakdown, by age, of children who have received funding under the Helping Children with Autism program.	Written
388	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	What was the Department's forecast registration and application numbers in 2010-2011, and 2011-2012?	Written
389	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	How many people accessed Helping Children with Autism funding each month in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012?	Written

390	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Since January 2012, how many complaints has the Department received in relation to the Helping Children with Autism program?	Written
391	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	How many complaints were in relation to: a) Accessing services? b) Non-payment? c) Ineligibility?	Written
392	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Please provide current expenditure under Helping Children with Autism on: a) children already registered under Helping Children with Autism. b) recurrent operational costs outside the Department, including registration. c) assessment, autism advisors and service provider panel costs.	Written
393	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Please provide numbers for: a) Total Helping Children with Autism registrations since the program commenced. b) Total services provided through the related Medicare items so far in 2011-2012.	Written
394	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Have Autism Advisors and service provider panels been assessed? When were they assessed? How were they assessed? What was the outcome of the assessment?	Written
395	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Is A review of the research to identify the most effective models of practice in early intervention of children with autism spectrum disorders by Prior, M., Roberts, J. M.A., Rodger, S., Williams, K. & Sutherland R. (2011) publicly available? If not, when will it be released?	Written
396	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	relation to: a) Eligible and ineligible therapies? b) Improved communication and information sharing? c) Reinvigoration of operationalisation of principles of good practice? d) Evaluating and managing service provider applications? e) The role of Autism Advisors? f) Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of services? g) Innovation or changes to address identified problems? h) Please could a full copy of the report be provided.	Written
397	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	As of 1 July 2012, a) What will be the application process for Helping Children with Autism? b) What will be the eligibility criteria?	Written
398	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	As of 1 July 2012, a) What will be the application process for the Better Start Initiative? b) What will be the eligibility criteria?	Written
399	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Will the funding for program support for Helping Children with Autism remain separate from funding for program support for Better Start?	Written

400	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	How many staff in FaHCSIA are currently working on Helping Children with Autism? How many staff in FaHCSIA are currently working on Better Start?	Written
401	5	Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability	Fifield	Please provide a structural breakdown of how Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability will be set up (by position): a) Staff b) Funding c) Assessment/Eligibility d) Information/Communication e) Evaluation/Reporting	Written
402	Cross	Staffing	McKenzie	How many ongoing full-time staff were recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?	Written
403	Cross	Staffing	McKenzie	How many ongoing part-time staff were recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?	Written
404	Cross	Staffing	McKenzie	How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these positions?	Written
405	Cross	Staffing	McKenzie	This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract, what is the average length of their employment period and how many have been extended beyond their original contract period?	Written
406	Cross	Staffing	McKenzie	What is the average time taken to recruit to a new or vacant position in your department/agency this financial year?	Written
407	Cross	Staffing	McKenzie	How much has the department/agency spent on recruitment services in the financial year to date? Please supply cost of advertising positions and detail costs of any services from recruitment agencies.	Written
408	Cross	Staffing	McKenzie	Please provide details of what staffing changes have occurred in each department/agency from the 2012-13 Budget. Provide a list of additional and/or redundant positions, the classification and the program those positions are part of or have been taken from.	Written
409	Cross	Staffing	McKenzie	Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency in this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written
410	Cross	Staffing	McKenzie	Will there be any training after the 2012 calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please provide details including costs and what the training is.	Written
411	Cross	Staffing	McKenzie	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written
412	Cross	Government advertising	McKenzie	What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.	Written
413	Cross	Government advertising	McKenzie	Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.	Written

414	Cross	Government advertising	McKenzie	Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.	Written
415	Cross	Government advertising	McKenzie	Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.	Written
416	Cross	Government advertising	McKenzie	Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.	Written
417	Cross	Government advertising	McKenzie	What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?	Written
418	Cross	Hospitality and Entertainment	McKenzie	What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written
419	Cross	Hospitality and Entertainment	McKenzie	What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written
420	Cross	Hospitality and Entertainment	McKenzie	What is the Department/Agency planning on spending on hospitality? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written
421	Cross	Hospitality and Entertainment	McKenzie	What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written
422	Cross	Hospitality and Entertainment	McKenzie	Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?	Written
423	Cross	Board appointments	McKenzie	List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.	Written
424	Cross	Board appointments	McKenzie	What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?	Written
425	Cross	Board appointments	McKenzie	Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written

426	Cross	Freedom of Information	McKenzie	Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written
427	Cross	Freedom of Information	McKenzie	What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?	Written
428	Cross	Freedom of Information	McKenzie	How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?	Written
429	Cross	Freedom of Information	McKenzie	Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?	Written
430	Cross	Freedom of Information	McKenzie	How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?	Written
431	Cross	Community Cabinet Meetings	McKenzie	What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? How many Community Cabinet meetings has each Minister attended? List date and location. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with each Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister(s) 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. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?	Written
432	Cross	Reviews	McKenzie	For this financial year to date: How many Reviews are being undertaken? What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? What reviews are planned? When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written
433	Cross	Consultancies	McKenzie	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.	Written

434	Cross	Consultancies	McKenzie	How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	Written
435	Cross	Media monitoring	McKenzie	What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? Which agency or agencies provided these services? What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12? What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written
436	Cross	Media monitoring	McKenzie	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? Which agency or agencies provided these services? What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12? What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written
437	Cross	Social media	McKenzie	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 publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written
438	Cross	Contractors	McKenzie	For this financial year to date: 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).	Written
439	Cross	Contractors	McKenzie	For this financial year to date: 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).	Written
440	Cross	Contractors	McKenzie	For this financial year to date: 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).	Written

441	Cross	Contractors	McKenzie	For this financial year to date: 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). 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).	Written
442	Cross	Contractors	McKenzie	For this financial year to date: 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).	Written
443	Cross	Contractors	McKenzie	For this financial year to date: 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).	Written
444	Cross	Contractors	McKenzie	For this financial year to date: 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).	Written
445	Cross	Contractors	McKenzie	For this financial year to date: Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written
446	Cross	Contractors	McKenzie	For this financial year to date: What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).	Written
447	Cross	Discretionary grants	McKenzie	Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Written
448	Cross	Discretionary grants	McKenzie	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants? Please provide an explanation where interim requirements were not met.	Written
449	Cross	Commissioned Reports	McKenzie	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written

450	Cross	Payment of accounts	McKenzie	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)? 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. 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? Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written
451	Cross	Stationery requirements	McKenzie	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? What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written
452	Cross	Media subscriptions	McKenzie	Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written
453	Cross	Media subscriptions	McKenzie	Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written
454	Cross	Media subscriptions	McKenzie	Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written
455	Cross	Travel costs	McKenzie	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).	Written
456	Cross	Travel costs	McKenzie	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).	Written
457	Cross	Travel costs	McKenzie	Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.	Written
458	Cross	Travel costs	McKenzie	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

459	Cross	Travel costs	McKenzie	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
460	Cross	Legal costs	McKenzie	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
461	Cross	Legal costs	McKenzie	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
462	Cross	Legal costs	McKenzie	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written
463	Cross	Legal costs	McKenzie	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
464	Cross	Education expenses	McKenzie	What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.	Written
465	Cross	Education expenses	McKenzie	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

466	Cross	Executive coaching and leadership training	McKenzie	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 from a provider listed under (4), please provide: The name and nature of the service purchased. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). The total amount spent on the service. 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: The location used The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) Any costs the department	Written
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467	Cross	Media training	McKenzie	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: The name and nature of the service purchased Whether the service is one-on-one or group based The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The total amount spent on the service 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: The location used The number of employees who took part on each occasion The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written
472	Cross	Training for portfolio minister and parliamentary secretaries	McKenzie	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. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.	Written
473	Cross	Training for portfolio minister and parliamentary secretaries	McKenzie	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

474	Cross	Corporate cars	McKenzie	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): How many cars are owned or leased by each department and agency in your portfolio? Where is the car/s located? What is the car/s used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written
475	Cross	Taxi costs	McKenzie	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written
476	Cross	Corporate credit cards	McKenzie	Please provide a breakdown of the number of corporate credit card holders by APS classification level. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? How is corporate credit card use monitored? What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written
477	Cross	Printing of documents	McKenzie	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written
478	Cross	Provision of equipment	McKenzie	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.	Written
479	Cross	Provision of equipment	McKenzie	For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written
480	Cross	Provision of equipment	McKenzie	Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.	Written
481	Cross	Provision of equipment	McKenzie	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.	Written

482	Cross	Electricity purchasing	McKenzie	Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written
483	Cross	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	McKenzie	Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information: • How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? • What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. • Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. • How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.	Written
484	Cross	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	McKenzie	Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information: • How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? • What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced. • Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken. • How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.	Written
485	Cross	Shredders	McKenzie	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written
486	Cross	FaHCSIA Fraud Prevention and Compliance	Fifield	a) What sources of data are currently used within the Department of Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to reduce inappropriate access to welfare payments? b) What sources of data will be discontinued within the Department of Families Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs as a result of the 2012-2013 Budget Measure?	Written

487	7	AIHW Report into Indigenous housing	Payne	Can you please inform the committee of your views on the AIHW report, Constructing and maintaining houses, which was recently produced for the Closing the Gap Clearinghouse, and any actions your department is taking or has taken (with respect to any current Indigenous housing programs) to incorporate the findings or recommendations of that report, including the following findings: Indigenous housing construction firms, faced with remote locations, government funding dependent on achieving timelines, and a lack of independent quality control, may end up 'gaming' the system by overcharging and under-delivering on both new housing and upgrades of houses (p5); Dwellings often have defects that do not become obvious until the building is occupied, and in areas with great seasonal variations these defects may not become apparent until after at least a year of occupancy (p6); Indigenous housing procurement should have longevity of at least 5 years to enable meaningful training outcomes, such as local labourers having an opportunity to gain full certification (p7); As there are often defects that don't become immediately apparent, and there is no requirement to make a payment to a builder for work that does not meet specifications, there should be a significant final payment available to the builder once all defects identified during the defects period are rectified (p7); Maintenance programs are difficult in remote areas, and the level of maintenance	Written
488	7	Remote Jobs and Community Package – staffing	Payne	Please identify the expected net staffing changes in FAHCSIA and DEEWR as a result of the establishment of the Remote Jobs and Communities Program, and the related shifts of funding away from the existing programs that will fund this reform.	Written
489	7	FAHCSIA Budgeting – economic development and participation	Payne	Please outline in detail the funding changes in FAHCSIA that result in the budgeted expenses for economic development and participation falling from around \$190m per year across the forward estimates to around \$90m per year. Please explain why grandfathered wage recipients need to remain on CDEP for a further five years.	Written
490	Cross	Paid Parental Leave	McKenzie	Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?	Written
491	Cross	Paid Parental Leave	McKenzie	For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.	Written
492	6	The Line Campaign	Brown	Can you provide the most recent data on the tracking research when it becomes available in a month's time?	CA47 - 28 May 2012

493	5	Autism and Early Intervention	Xenophon	In 2005 the Commonwealth Government funded a detailed evidence based review of Best Practice for early intervention for children with autism spectrum disorder. How many Australian children with an autistic disorder are part of an early-childhood program that meets these guidelines?	Written
494	5	Autism and Early Intervention	Xenophon	What mechanisms are in place to ensure that families eligible for funding under the Helping Children with Autism package are using those funds effectively.	Written
495	5	Autism and Early Intervention	Xenophon	I have visited the Daphne Street Centre at Prospect in South Australia, which provides early intervention for children with autism, and one of the concerns raised was that a number of parents cannot enrol their children in the program as it is too far to travel. Does the Government fund any other early intervention centres for children with autism spectrum disorder in South Australia? Will there be any scope for the funding of other early intervention centres under the NDIS?	Written
496	5	Autism and Early Intervention	Xenophon	What early intervention services are available for children and families living in rural and remote areas?	Written
497	5	Autism and Early Intervention	Xenophon	Has the Government undertaken any cost-benefit analyses when it comes to early intervention in children with autism spectrum disorder?	Written
498	5	Autism and Early Intervention	Xenophon	I have figures that suggest that in the AEIOU centres, 75 per cent of children will be able to attend mainstream schools after completing the 2-year program. Further, estimates indicate that for every two years of early intervention a child with autism receives, there is a community cost saving of \$600,000. Has the Government considered implementing any minimum national standards for the support and inclusion of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in schools?	Written