

QoN No.	Agency/ Outcome	Senator	Party	Broad Topic	QUESTION	Hansard/ Ref	Date Answer received
1	1	Carol Brown	ALP	Number of Organ Donors	Can the Department/Authority please provide the number of organ donors for the years: 2008, 2009 and 2010 and also data for 2011 year to date? Please also provide this information in a state by state breakdown.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
2	1	Carol Brown	ALP	Number of Organ Transplant Recipients	Can the Department/Authority please provide the total number of organ transplant recipients for 2008, 2009 and 2010 and the same information for 2011 year to date? Please also provide this information in a state by state breakdown.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
3	1	Carol Brown	ALP	Organ Donation Rates	How does Australia's rates compare with other countries with comparable organ donation services?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
4	1	Carol Brown	ALP	Waiting Lists	Please provide the number of people on the Australian organ transplant waiting lists for 2010 and the number of people on the waiting lists to date.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
5	1	Carol Brown	ALP	Average Wait	Please provide the average wait for people on the Australian organ transplant waiting lists.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
6	1	Carol Brown	ALP	Organ Transplant Waiting Lists	How many people in 2008, 2009 and 2010 on the organ transplant waiting lists die waiting or become critically ill which makes them ineligible for transplant?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
7	1	Carol Brown	ALP	Rates of Live Donations	Please provide the rates of live donations for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
8	1	Carol Brown	ALP	Paired Kidney Exchange	Please provide information of the Paired Kidney Exchange, number of people, wait times etc.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
9	1	Carol Brown	ALP	Family Consent Rate	What is Australia's family consent 2010 rate?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
10	1	Carol Brown	ALP	Cornea Donation Rate	Please provide the latest available cornea donation rate? And the number patients assisted?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
11	3	Cash	LP	Reciprocal Medicare Benefits	Does the eligibility criteria for reciprocal Medicare benefits under terms of the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement between Australia and the UK differ for different classes of temporary visa?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
12	3	Cash	LP	Medicare Benefits	Do all other temporary visa holders from Reciprocal Health Care Agreement countries, except 410 and 405 visa holders, qualify for Medicare benefits under the same eligibility criteria as, for example, 457 visa holders?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
13	3	Cash	LP	457 Visa Holders	Notwithstanding "there is no deeming process undertaken by the Department", does DoHA consider 457 visa holders to be resident in their countries of origin?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
14	3	Cash	LP	Reciprocal Health Care Agreement	On what basis, under the Australia/UK reciprocal health care agreement, are 457 visa holders who come from RHCA countries eligible for reciprocal Medicare benefits?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
15	3	Cash	LP	Reciprocal Medicare Benefits	Apart from 410 and 405 visa holders (ie temporary retirement visas), are any other temporary visa holders from countries with a RHCA with Australia ineligible for reciprocal Medicare benefits? If so, on what grounds?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
16	3	Cash	LP	410 Visa Holders	Does DoHA acknowledge that "the usual circumstances of all 410 visa holders" as determined by the 1998 case of the visa holders who considered that they had retired to Australia and had ceased to be residents of the UK, do not apply (as the evidence from DIAC suggests) to significant proportion of 410 visa holders?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
17	3	Cash	LP	Reciprocal Health Care Agreement Cover	People on a subclass 410 visa are considered temporary for tax purposes, temporary for immigration purposes, yet "visitors" for private Medical Health insurance. Given that the Medicare website states "Periods of cover; if you are a resident of the United Kingdom, Sweden, Finland, Norway of The Netherlands you are covered for the duration of your approved visit to Australia", what is the rationale behind temporary retirees being ineligible from such RHCA cover?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
18	12	Di Natale	AG	Chief Allied Health Officer	a) Has the Department since had any discussions or correspondence with the government regarding the creation of an allied health advisory position? b) Has the Department or the Ministry had any further considerations regarding the establishment of such a position?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
19	1	Di Natale	AG	Chronic Diseases	Can the Department advise the break-down of funding allocated to improve the health outcomes of the following chronic diseases: a) cardiovascular disease, b) diabetes, c) cancer, for the 2011-12 and forward years?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
20	11	Di Natale	AG	Chronic Diseases	Can the Department advise the aggregated program funding spend for dementia and also for mental health for 2011-2012 and forward years?	Written QoN	17/01/2012
21	2	Di Natale	AG	Dental Amalgam	Is the Department aware that Australia has requested that dental amalgam be exempted from a global ban on mercury?	Written QoN	10/01/2012
22	2	Di Natale	AG	Mercury Treaty	It has been reported that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has reported receiving advice from DoHA about the toxicity of mercury and its environmental hazards. a) Has the department provided such advice to other departments? b) If so, what was that advice, and who was consulted in the formulation of that advice?	Written QoN	13/12/2011

23	1	Di Natale	AG	Funding for the Good Sports Program	Regarding the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports program, I understand that funding for this program is no longer available from the Department, but must be sought from the ANPHA in blocks of half a million dollars via the Community Level Initiatives of the National Binge Drinking Strategy. a) At what stage did the funding available as an allocation from the department end, to be replaced with funding from ANPHA? b) Did the department consider the Good Sports program in particular, or similar programs in general, when coming to the decision to reallocate departmental funding to ANPHA? c) If so, on what basis was the determination made to shift to the new funding arrangements? d) Does the Department have any plans to restore funding, or seek alternate sources of funding, for larger projects of this nature outside the ANPHA grants?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
24	0	McKenzie	NATS	Staffing	a) How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? b) What classification are these staff? c) How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD? d) This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
25	0	McKenzie	NATS	Staffing	a) How many permanent staff recruited for the year 2010-11? b) What classification are these staff? c) How many temporary positions exist or have been created for the year 2010-11? d) For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
26	0	McKenzie	NATS	Staffing	a) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. b) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
27	0	McKenzie	NATS	Efficiency Dividend	a) How has the efficiency dividend been implemented? b) Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
28	0	McKenzie	NATS	Government Advertising	a) What advertising - Campaign and Non-Campaign - did the Department/Agency undertake in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. b) Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. c) Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)? Provide the details for each advertising item. d) Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. e) What advertising - Campaign and Non-Campaign - and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
29	0	McKenzie	NATS	Hospitality and Entertainment	What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written QoN	6/12/2011
30	0	McKenzie	NATS	Hospitality and Entertainment	For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written QoN	
31	0	McKenzie	NATS	Hospitality and Entertainment	What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
32	0	McKenzie	NATS	Hospitality and Entertainment	For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
33	0	McKenzie	NATS	Hospitality and Entertainment	What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events	Written QoN	5/12/2011
34	0	McKenzie	NATS	Hospitality and Entertainment	For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
35	0	McKenzie	NATS	Hospitality and Entertainment	What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
36	0	McKenzie	NATS	Hospitality and Entertainment	For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
37	0	McKenzie	NATS	Board Appointments	a) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? b) Detail any board appointments for the year 2010-11. c) Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
38	0	McKenzie	NATS	Grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
39	0	McKenzie	NATS	Freedom of Information	a) Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? b) How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? How many have been granted or denied? c) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11? d) How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? How many have been granted or denied? e) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
40	0	McKenzie	NATS	Community Cabinets	a) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held for the year 2010-11? b) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel? c) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel? d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11?	Written QoN	24/01/2012

41	0	McKenzie	NATS	Community Cabinets	a) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? b) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel? c) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel? d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
42	0	McKenzie	NATS	Reviews	For the year 2010-11: a) How many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? b) When will each of these reviews be concluded? c) What reviews have been concluded? d) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? e) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
43	0	McKenzie	NATS	Reviews	For this financial year to date: a) How many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? b) When will each of these reviews be concluded? c) What reviews have been concluded? d) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? e) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
44	0	McKenzie	NATS	Consultancies	a) How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? b) Identify the name of the consultant c) The subject matter of the consultancy d) The duration and cost of the arrangement e) The method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc) f) Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
45	0	McKenzie	NATS	Consultancies	Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes	Written QoN	5/12/2011
46	0	McKenzie	NATS	Consultancies	a) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? b) Identify the name of the consultant c) The subject matter of the consultancy d) The duration, and e) Cost of the arrangement, and f) The method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc) g) Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
47	0	McKenzie	NATS	Consultancies	a) Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? b) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain c) Are up to date with reporting requirements?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
48	0	McKenzie	NATS	Consultancies	a) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? b) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? c) 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 QoN	5/12/2011
49	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Monitoring	a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services? c) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? d) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
50	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Monitoring	a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies for the year 2010-11? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services? c) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? d) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?	Written QoN	6/12/2011
51	0	McKenzie	NATS	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain.	Written QoN	13/12/2011
52	0	McKenzie	NATS	Contractors	Since May 2011: a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. b) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details. c) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details. d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details. e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details. g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details. h) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details. i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written QoN	5/12/2011

53	0	McKenzie	NATS	Discretionary Grants	a) Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. b) Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. c) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
54	0	McKenzie	NATS	Commissioned Reports	a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? b) Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. c) How much did each report cost? d) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? e) What is the current status of each report? f) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
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56	0	McKenzie	NATS	Government Payments of Accounts	a) For the year 2010-11, did 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, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
57	0	McKenzie	NATS	Government Payments of Accounts	a) For the FYTD, 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, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
58	0	McKenzie	NATS	Government stationery requirements	a) How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11? b) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written QoN	6/12/2011
59	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Subscriptions	a) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? b) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. c) What was the cost for 2010-11? d) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
60	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Subscriptions	a) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? b) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. c) What was the cost for 2010-11? d) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
61	0	McKenzie	NATS	Media Subscriptions	a) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? b) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. c) What was the cost for 2010-11? d) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
62	0	McKenzie	NATS	Travel Costs	a) For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type - i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. b) For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. c) For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
63	0	McKenzie	NATS	Travel Costs	For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type - i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written QoN	13/12/2011
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66	0	McKenzie	NATS	Legal Costs	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
67	0	McKenzie	NATS	Legal Costs	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
68	0	McKenzie	NATS	Legal Costs	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
69	0	McKenzie	NATS	Legal Costs	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
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71	0	McKenzie	NATS	Legal Costs	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
72	0	McKenzie	NATS	Legal Costs	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
73	0	McKenzie	NATS	Education Expenses	a) For the year 2010-11, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. b) For the FYTD, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.	Written QoN	24/01/2012
74	0	McKenzie	NATS	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training for the year 2010-11	a) In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information for the year 2010-11:-Total spending on these services-The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification-The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted-The names of all service providers engaged b) For each service purchased 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-The total number of hours involved for all employees-The total amount spent on the service-A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:-The location used-The number of employees who took part on each occasion- The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part-Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.	Written QoN	13/12/2011
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77	0	McKenzie	NATS	Paid Parental Leave	Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
78	0	McKenzie	NATS	Paid Parental Leave	For the year 2010-11 list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written QoN	13/12/2011
79	0	McKenzie	NATS	Paid Parental Leave	For the FYTD list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written QoN	13/12/2011
80	0	McKenzie	NATS	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	How much is spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.	Written QoN	5/12/2011

81	0	McKenzie	NATS	Corporate Cars	a) How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? b) Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for? d) What is the cost of each car for 2010-11? e) How far did each car travel in 2010-11?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
82	0	McKenzie	NATS	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
83	0	McKenzie	NATS	Credit Cards	a) How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? What is their classification? b) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? c) How is corporate credit card use monitored? d) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? e) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. f) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written QoN	
84	0	McKenzie	NATS	Carbon Price Legislation	a) How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package? b) Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
85	0	McKenzie	NATS	Communications	How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agency's. List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.	Written QoN	13/12/2011
86	2	Siewert	AG	Closing the Gap Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Co-payment Measure	a) How many Closing the Gap Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme scripts have been dispensed since the PBS co-pay relief measure (ICDP B1 measure) commenced in July 2011? b) How many of these were from scripts generated from prescribers: i. within Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services? ii. private GPs? iii. How many were from remote area private GPs? iv. If you cannot automatically report on numbers from different sectors -why not?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
87	2	Siewert	AG	Closing the Gap Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Co-payment Measure	The COAG ICDP evaluation framework sets out the evaluation plan for this B1 measure. In it, there is the intention to determine the volume of Closing the Gap prescriptions produced by service type. The potential data sources however are not quantitative-but qualitative (i.e. from consultation with Indigenous health services and general practices) and this is to be determined after four years. Why is this 'soft' measure of the volume of scripts generated from private general practices being by the Department?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
88	2	Siewert	AG	Closing the Gap Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Co-payment Measure	a) Are NACCHO and the Pharmacy Guild represented on the Departmental Committee that relates to monitoring and evaluation of the PBS co-pay relief measure? b) If not, why not? Please elaborate on why NACCHO is not represented given their expertise with the QUMAX program?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
89	2	Siewert	AG	Closing the Gap Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Co-payment Measure	How does Medicare Australia or the Department intend to measure how closely private GPs (those enrolled in the Indigenous PIP measure and generating CTG scripts) adhere to the patient eligibility criteria when writing CTG scripts under the B1 measure (PBS co-pay relief)?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
90	8	Siewert	AG	National Sorry Day	Will funding for commemorative events for the Anniversary of the Apology and National Sorry Day continue to be made available by DoHA?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
91	8	Siewert	AG	Stolen Generations Social and emotional wellbeing program	The 2011 Budget announced the creation of a consolidated Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program which included an additional \$35.3 million. In regards to the \$35.3 million: a) Can the department provide a breakdown of how the additional \$35.3 million over 2011-2015 announced in the 2011 Budget will be allocated? b) How much has been allocated to the following areas? i. Link up family reunification services ii. Social and Emotional Wellbeing Services iii. Workforce Support units iv. National coordination and support c) Will the \$35.3 million be used to cover any departmental expenses? If so, how much? d) Will the department consult with Indigenous stakeholders, and in particular Stolen Generations national bodies as part of the planning process for this expenditure (of the additional funding)? e) What does "National coordination and support" include (it is one of the four program areas in the new SEWB program)?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
92	8	Siewert	AG	Stolen Generations Social and emotional wellbeing program	In regards to the development of a new Social and Emotional Wellbeing Framework also announced in the 2011 Budget: a) Will this framework be developed by the Department or outsourced to a consultancy? b) What is the timeframe for developing this new Social and Emotional Wellbeing Framework? c) When does the Department expect this work to begin and end?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
93	8	Siewert	AG	Stolen Generations Social and emotional wellbeing program	Will the department seek additional Commonwealth funding to support the new Social and Emotional Wellbeing Framework and seek supporting commitments from State and Territory jurisdictions?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
94	8	Siewert	AG	Stolen Generations Social and emotional wellbeing program	In regards to changes to Bringing Them Home Counselors (now to be renamed as Social and Emotional Wellbeing Counsellors as a result of changes announced in the Budget 2011): Will Stolen Generations members continue to be the primary and priority client group for Social and Emotional wellbeing services? If so, how is this articulated in public policy and measured?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
95	8	Siewert	AG	Stolen Generations Social and emotional wellbeing program	In regards to changes to Bringing Them Home Counselors (now to be renamed as Social and Emotional Wellbeing Counsellors as a result of changes announced in the Budget 2011): What is the department doing to respond to Stolen Generations concerns that Bringing them Home counselling resources are being used by Aboriginal medical services for purposes other than supporting Stolen Generations members?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
96	8	Siewert	AG	Stolen Generations Social and emotional wellbeing program	In regards to changes to Bringing Them Home Counselors (now to be renamed as Social and Emotional Wellbeing Counsellors as a result of changes announced in the Budget 2011): Will the department require all service providers to report on the number of first removed Stolen Generations members who use the new Social and Emotional Wellbeing services?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
97	8	Siewert	AG	Stolen Generations Social and emotional wellbeing program	The Department recently revised the Bringing Them Home Manual which advises service providers how to prioritise their resources - this is the only policy document available in regards to the Bringing Them Home program. Did the department consult with national Stolen Generations bodies on the revisions made/ being considered? If not, will they consult?	Written QoN	8/12/2011

98	8	Siewert	AG	Stolen Generations Social and emotional wellbeing program	Did the department consult with Stolen Generations bodies before making the decision to change the name and designated role of Bringing them Home Counsellors?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
99	1	Siewert	AG	GM Wheat Crops	What monitoring or surveillance system is in place to determine if GM wheat has found its way off site or into the human or animal feed supply?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
100	1	Siewert	AG	GM Wheat Crops	During 2006-2007 a large portion of the American rice harvest (which is non-GM) was contaminated with several experimental GM rice varieties, including varieties not approved for human consumption. The cause of that contamination is still not known - Bayer are reported to have claimed that the cause was an 'Act of God'. US rice growers lost contracts, crops and livelihoods. Many markets were closed to them. Clean-up is estimated to have cost over US \$1 billion. In this context, what guarantees can you make that there will be no contamination of our non-GM wheat supplies?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
101	1	Siewert	AG	GM Crops	Are you aware of any examples from anywhere in the world of experimental GM crops finding their way into the human or animal food supply?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
102	5	Bushby	LP	GP Super Clinics	Could you please detail for each of Tasmania's GP Super Clinics (Clarence, Burnie and Devonport): a) The number of services provided at each clinic and a breakdown of how many were GP services and allied services? b) How many presentations at each clinic? c) How many Full Time GPs are practising at each clinic? d) Are these GPs new to the area, or have they transferred from existing clinics in the area? e) How many female GP's does each clinic have? f) How many male GP's does each clinic have? g) What are the operating hours of each clinic? h) Can you please detail the out of hours services provided by each clinic? i) What teaching opportunities exist for nursing, allied health and medical students at each clinic? j) How many placements has each clinic had? k) Are any patients bulk billed? If not, why not? If so, what proportion of patients are bulk billed? l) Can you please detail the locum use for each clinic? m) How much does the locum cost total for each clinic? n) Do the clinics offer home visits? o) Has any of the three Tasmanian clinics received additional funding than what was originally allocated?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
103	1	Boyce	LP	Thalidomide	a) Is the Minister aware of the current availability of thalidomide in Australia? b) Does the Minister know what the current indication is for thalidomide in Australia? c) Is the Minister aware of previous problems with the availability of thalidomide in Australia? d) What were those problems?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
104	1	Boyce	LP	Thalidomide	Does the Minister know what safety protocols are currently in place to ensure there are no adverse effects in patients who are administered thalidomide?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
105	1	Boyce	LP	Thalidomide	Does the Minister know if thalidomide is currently available in Australia off-patent?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
106	1	Boyce	LP	Thalidomide	Does the Minister know how many providers of thalidomide there are in Australia at present?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
107	1	Boyce	LP	Thalidomide	Is the Minister aware that the rigid protocols developed for the safe prescribing of thalidomide through the thalidomide risk management program (i-access®) could be diluted by the entry of alternate presentations of thalidomide by generic manufacturers?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
108	1	Boyce	LP	Thalidomide	Can the Minister guarantee that generic versions of thalidomide will follow the same risk management protocols as established by the manufacturer?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
109	1	Boyce	LP	Thalidomide	Is the Minister aware that people's lives may unnecessarily be put at risk if the distribution channels and safety mechanisms for generic medicines are less rigorous than those employed by the manufacturer?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
110	1	Boyce	LP	Thalidomide	Is the Minister aware of the work undertaken by the patient group Thalidomide Network?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
111	1	Boyce	LP	Thalidomide	Is the Minister aware of the legal action against Grünenthal - the original manufacturer of thalidomide?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
112	10	Madigan	DLP	NHMRC Grants Committee	Will you please confirm for me that Professor Chapman sits on one of the NHMRC grants committees? If he does not, did he at the time that the rapid review was written and/or released in 2010?	CA 10 - 20/10	8/12/2011
113	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Breakdown of funding schemes	How many applications were received by NHMRC for grants in 2010/11? NHMRC to provide an extensive table for 2010 and 2011 Calendar years.	CA 12 - 20/10	8/12/2011
114	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Breakdown of NHMRC Grant applications	How many of those applications were not successful? In other words, could you provide for me information about the application that were not successful and the total value of the applications that were rejected to get a picture of what has been put forward?	CA 12 - 20/10	8/12/2011
115	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	NHMRC Grants	I would like to know the growth in new funding available through NHMRC across the forward estimates compared with the growth in new funding since the Wills review back in 1999.	CA 13 - 20/10	8/12/2011
116	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Naltrexone Literature Review	Who provided the independent peer review?	CA 15 - 20/10	8/12/2011
117	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Naltrexone Literature Review	Professor Currie, I understand, specifically requested to be involved in any review of naltrexone implants. He was not involved. Did he raise this issue with you, Professor, or did the chair of research committee raise concerns with you about this document and its accuracy and request information on why it had bypassed the research committee?	CA 15 - 20/10	8/12/2011
118	10	Furner	ALP	Equipment Grants and Development Grants	Could you provide some feedback on the equipment grants and also the development grants? NHMRC to provide statistics on Equipment and Development grants.	CA 16 - 20/10	8/12/2011
119	0	Furner	ALP	Consulting with stakeholders about the National Health Reform Agreement	What has been the consultative process in communicating and in consulting with the stakeholders about the National Health Reform Agreement in 13 locals across the country?	CA 32 - 19/10	28/11/2011
120	10	McKenzie	NATS	eHealth	Can you provide the benchmarks for the PCEHR?	CA 120 - 19/10	6/02/2012
121	10	Adams	LP	eHealth	a) What funding has available to allied health and nursing professions organisations to ensure that standards and practice guidelines are available for their member's involvement in various facets of eHealth? b) Is any funding or are any grants available for them to apply for?	CA 123 - 19/10	24/01/2012
122	14	Scullion	CLP	TB in the Torres Strait	a) Has the government resolved the issue of the QLD government closing TB clinics and screening in the Torres Strait? b) What funding does the government provide to TB screening in the Torres Strait? c) What initiatives or programs does the government have or is proposing to address the threat of a potential TB outbreak in the Torres Strait or on Cape York?	Written QoN	13/12/2011

123	11	Wright	AG	Siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness	Several reports and position papers have highlighted the needs of siblings in relation to mental health including AIFS (Edwards et al, 2008) The Nature and Impact of Caring for Family Members with a Disability in Australia, in which siblings were identified as having higher rates of depression, regardless of whether they played a caring role or not. Previous governments have supported siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness. What is DoHA doing to support siblings of children and adults with disabilities and chronic illness?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
124	11	Wright	AG	Siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness	Several reports and position papers have highlighted the needs of siblings in relation to mental health including AIFS (Edwards et al, 2008) The Nature and Impact of Caring for Family Members with a Disability in Australia, in which siblings were identified as having higher rates of depression, regardless of whether they played a caring role or not. Previous governments have supported siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness. Is there any proposal being considered whereby the government will support the development of services to meet the needs of parents and providers of siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
125	11	Wright	AG	Siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness	Several reports and position papers have highlighted the needs of siblings in relation to mental health including AIFS (Edwards et al, 2008) The Nature and Impact of Caring for Family Members with a Disability in Australia, in which siblings were identified as having higher rates of depression, regardless of whether they played a caring role or not. Previous governments have supported siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness. Is there any proposal being considered whereby the government will support the development of a central resource centre to develop best practice in the area of sibling support, to ensure existing services have access to information, training etc?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
126	11	Wright	AG	Siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness	Several reports and position papers have highlighted the needs of siblings in relation to mental health including AIFS (Edwards et al, 2008) The Nature and Impact of Caring for Family Members with a Disability in Australia, in which siblings were identified as having higher rates of depression, regardless of whether they played a caring role or not. Previous governments have supported siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness. The DoHA program Early Intervention Services for Parents, Children and Young People was established for the period 2006-11. Siblings were previously included in a similar program under a previous government. Is there any proposal being considered to include siblings under this program?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
127	11	Wright	AG	Siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness	Several reports and position papers have highlighted the needs of siblings in relation to mental health including AIFS (Edwards et al, 2008) The Nature and Impact of Caring for Family Members with a Disability in Australia, in which siblings were identified as having higher rates of depression, regardless of whether they played a caring role or not. Previous governments have supported siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness. The Butterfly Foundation has been supported to develop a National Eating Disorders Collaboration (NEDC). Is DoHA considering a similar initiative for the development of awareness, knowledge, workforce development and best practice for sibling support programs?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
128	2	Di Natale	AG	Pharmacy Location Rules	In terms of the locations rules, which ones were not supported by the Guild? How Many?	CA 110 - 19/10	2/12/2011
129	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmacy Location Rules	How many registered pharmacists are there in Australia?	CA 112 - 19/10	24/01/2012
130	2	Brown	ALP	Nicotine Replacement Therapies	Can you just provide me with some information about the take up rate on the nicotine replacement therapies on the PBS?	CA 112 - 19/10	5/12/2011
131	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	When did the foundation [Redcliffe Hospital Foundation] submit its preliminary project plan and budget to the Commonwealth?	CA 66 - 19/10	14/12/2011
132	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	On what date did the Commonwealth, presumably under clause 3.1(d), notify the organisation that its plan and budget were acceptable?	CA 67 - 19/10	14/12/2011
133	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Could a copy of the Funding Agreement between foundation [Redcliffe Hospital Foundation] and the Department of Health and Ageing be made available?	CA 69 - 19/10	14/02/2012
134	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	When did you become aware that the foundation [Redcliffe Hospital Foundation] had signed this \$11 million contract and had only accessed \$6.7 million in secured funding?	CA 69 - 19/10	6/02/2012
135	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	When did the Minister become aware that the foundation [Redcliffe Hospital Foundation] had signed this \$11 million contract and had only accessed \$6.7 million in secured funding?	CA 70 - 19/10	6/02/2012
136	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Has any GP Super Clinic applied for and been denied additional GP Super Clinic funding?	CA 75 - 19/10	24/01/2012
137	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	When the Department realised that there were no applications for the Darwin Super Clinic what action did it take? Did you inform the minister?	CA 75 - 19/10	14/12/2011
138	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Why did the Minister not announce until 12 October that there had been no applicants for the Darwin Clinic despite there being information available in the Department since 20 July?	CA 75 - 19/10	14/12/2011
139	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Have any representations been made to the Minister by Mr Thomson, the Member for Dobell in relation to the Warnervale GP Super Clinic? What responses have either the Department or the Minister given Mr Thomson or his office in relation to the North Central Coast Super Clinic?	CA 76 - 19/10	
140	5	Adams	LP	Domestic Violence	Is the savings of \$12.2 million from the redesign of the domestic violence referral points project over four or five years and where will the savings be used?	CA 75 - 19/10	1/12/2011
141	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Cost and funding of Regional Health Australia Unit	Relating to the new rural health agency, what are the: a) administrative expenses that go to the services programs that the new agency administers and b) departmental staffing and supply costs.	CA 88 - 19/10	2/12/2011
142	3	Di Natale	AG	Chronic Disease Dental Scheme	Do you have any information to suggest how much the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme will cost the Commonwealth in 2010-11? Do you have any idea how the figure for 2011-12 to date compares with the same period for 2010-11?	CA 106 - 19/10	24/01/2012
143	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Dental Workforce	Regarding the profile of the public dental workforce, please provide some statistics in relation to the profile of the dental workforce. Refer E11000442	CA 106 - 19/10	See answer 442



144	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Health and Hospital Fund	My questions relate to HHF funding rounds 3 and 4. They are based on information taken out of the annual report. How much money is left in the fund? I am just going to refer to it as 'the fund', rather than HHF. Could you take that on notice and give it to me by year and project, and the projected expenditure by year and project until the end of completion of each project? - QoN no longer stands.	CA 123 - 19/10	NFA
145	13	Macdonald	LP	Mareeba Hospital	a)Can someone give me a three-line description of what the COAG s19(2) exemptions are and how they work? b)What is the Commonwealth Medicare arrangement? c)Does the money go to where the patient directs? And that would be to the doctor or to the hospital or to doctor's employer? d)What happens in Queensland? e)What happens in the case of Mareeba hospital? f)Is it a fact that money is owed by Queensland Health to Mareeba Hospital. g)How I can ensure that the people in the Northern Atherton Tableland get these additional services Mareeba Hospital wisely and credibly engaged.	CA 61 - 19/10	13/12/2011
146	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Aged Care Accreditation Standards	In response to Mr Scott talking about the feedback received during the consultations around the Accreditation Standards, Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked "Is a sanitised version of that feedback available anywhere? Would it be appropriate for a sanitised version of that feedback to be available?"	CA 95 - 19/10	8/12/2011
147	4	Brown	ALP	Conversations on Ageing	Are you able to provide feedback as to what issues people are raising and whether they are the same sorts of issues being raised around the country?	CA 92 - 19/10	10/01/2012
148	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Conversations on Ageing	For no reason other than to gauge the number, following on from the discussion we had earlier about a summary of those conversations, please provide me the rough numbers on notice.	CA 94 - 19/10	10/01/2012
149	4	Furner	ALP	Conversations on Ageing	Have conversations been held in any rural or remote areas, or in fact are being proposed, to consider those areas?	CA 95 - 19/10	24/01/2012
150	4	Adams	LP	Dementia - younger onset	There was a younger onset dementia summit held at Parliament House in 2009. Since that summit, what action has the government taken to ensure that there is age-appropriate services for young people with dementia?	CA 101 - 19/10	10/01/2012
151	4	Adams	LP	Dementia - Younger onset	Did the government take up a lot of the recommendations that came out of that summit? What was the outcome of the summit?	CA 102 - 19/10	10/01/2012
152	1	Ludlam	AG	Food Irradiation	What are the irradiation labelling requirements for imported food? For example, where a box containing individual packets of meat curry premix for wholesale sale is labelled as irradiated, but the individual packets are not labelled.	CA 50 - 19/10	24/01/2012
153	8	Scullion	CLP	Ear Disease	Social Marketing Strategy has been launched to increase awareness of risk factors and preventative behaviours for ear disease in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Key Campaign messages focus on causes, prevention and treatment pathways for ear disease, with the aim of reducing prevalence. Can you provide more detail about the campaign? Refer to E1100443	CA 32 - 21/10	See answer 443
154	1	Xenophon	IND	Peer Review Journal	Can you provide details of when the TGA first became aware of the peer-reviewed article? At what point was action taken? Did the TGA embark on other inquiries as a result of that peer-reviewed article? Do you agree with Peter Collignon's view? It is: "The TGA should be ensuring companies do update their data - it should be compulsory that the TGA should be informed of any new information, and the TGA should ensure the product information is updated to reflect that"	CA 44 - 19/10	13/12/2011
155	1	Adams	LP	Breast Screening Devices	Would you provide a list of non-mammography Breast Screening Devices removed from register?	CA 45 - 19/10	24/01/2012
156	1	Di Natale	AG	Blackmores	What was the nature and purpose of the communication with the Pharmacy Guild about the relationship with Blackmores?	CA 110 - 19/10	14/12/2011
157	12	Di Natale	AG	Midwives initiative	Given that midwives purchasing the government's preferred insurance product are required to sign a declaration indicating they would complete a prescribing course within 18 months, can the department advise of any eligible courses, or what steps have been taken to establish such a course?	Written QoN	23/11/2011
158	3	Di Natale	AG	Midwives Initiative	How many midwives have so far accessed the item numbers available to eligible midwives?	Written QoN	2/12/2011
159	3	Di Natale	AG	How many midwives have so far accessed the item numbers available to eligible midwives?	Is the department aware of how many of these midwives have been able to claim items 82120 and 82125, for intra-partum services?	Written QoN	2/12/2011
160	10	Di Natale	AG	Midwives initiative	Has the department taken any steps to establish a process via COAG or another mechanism to develop a nationally consistent scheme for granting hospital visiting access to privately practicing midwives?	Written QoN	1/12/2011
161	13	Di Natale	AG	Costs of Births	Has the Department conducted any study or modelling, or have data to enable a comparison of how costs differ between births conducted with an obstetrician versus those attended by a midwife, and in the public system versus a private hospital?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
162	7	Siewert	AG	Implementation of recommendations from the Senate Inquiry into Hearing Services in Australia	Can you provide the Committee with a table summarizing where things are up to in implementing the Government's response to the recommendations of the Senate Inquiry Report Hear Us: Inquiry into Hearing Services in Australia?	CA 127 - 19/10	8/12/2011
163	7	McKenzie	NATS	Hearing Services in Regional Australia	Could you please provide the following data on hearing services in regional Australia: a) The number of regional Australians accessing the Australian Government's Hearing Services Program. b) The number of sites registered to provide services under the Hearing Services Program. c) How many of these sites are located outside of capital cities. d) The number of people receiving hearing services. e) The number of people receiving hearing services who are located outside of capital cities.	CA 128 - 19/10	30/11/2011
164	7	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Hearing Services	In respect of Hearing Services: a) Of the 2,230 sites registered to provide services under the Hearing Services Program, what is the breakdown between private providers and Australian Hearing? b) Of the people receiving hearing services -599,581-how many received services at Australian Hearing or at a private provider? c) What percentage of the work is being done by private providers and how much of it is being done by Australian Hearing?	CA 128 - 19/10	30/11/2011
165	7	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Hearing Program Budget	How much of the total budget for 2009-10 and 2010-11 was paid over to Australian Hearing?	CA 129 - 19/10	30/11/2011
166	7	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Hearing Program Deliverables	In the portfolio budget statement at page 239 it says, 'Support Access to Quality Hearing Services' and it sets out the quantity of deliverables for the program. Could you give me, roughly, a breakdown of those figures to be provided by Australian Hearing as opposed to private providers?	CA 129 - 19/10	30/11/2011

167	7	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Promotion of hearing services amongst young people	Does the promotional material that the Hearing Services Program is putting out include areas where young people gather and those sorts of things?	CA 129 - 19/10	30/11/2011
168	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Joint injections	Under the item numbers for joint injections and aspirations, 50124 and 50125 - how many people were paid prior to the change?	CA 107 - 19/10	13/12/2011
169	9	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Private Health Insurance	Do you have the figures for the number of people with Private health insurance who fall within the thresholds affected by the rebate changes?	CA 126 - 19/10	13/12/2011
170	9	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Private Health Insurance	What was the average cost of single and family hospital cover policies for 2010-11?	CA 126 - 19/10	13/12/2011
171	0	Di Natale	AG	FOI Costs	Would you have a back-of-the-envelope calculation in terms of how much you think it has cost your department?	CA 33 - 19/10	14/02/2012
172	0	Williams	NATS	Legal Advice Costs	Ms Halton, officers of the Department of Health and Ageing told the House of Representatives health committee on 4 August that they had legal advice which made them confident that they would win proceedings in the High Court by anyone challenging the bills relating to tobacco plain packaging. How much has been spent obtaining this legal advice	CA 39 - 19/10	24/01/2012
173	9	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Levy Surcharge	How many Australians in 2010-11 had to pay the Medicare levy surcharge?	CA 126 - 19/10	13/12/2011
174	9	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Private Health Insurance	How many people who earn under the threshold for the Medicare Levy Surcharge have private health insurance? Do you have that statistic?	CA 126 - 19/10	13/12/2011
175	5	Boyce	LP	Better Access	a) Has the Department received a lot of complaint and criticism of the proposals to cut funding to the Better Access program as on November 1, 2011? b) What has been the Department's reaction to this feedback from those who know this program so well? c) Has there been any consideration given to amending, postponing or withdrawing the changes?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
176	5	Boyce	LP	Better Access	It has been argued that given the parliamentary inquiry into mental health reform is due to report within days of the November 1 introduction of changes to the Better Access program, that it would be wise, prudent and common sense to delay the changes till that inquiry report is fully digested by Government. Has that been a consideration and if not, why not?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
177	5	Boyce	LP	Better Access	At a time when there is bipartisan support for the need to provide more resources to, and better access to, mental health services why would one of the few programs to receive unanimous congratulations be cut?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
178	1	Adams	LP	Co-ordinated Care for Diabetes	What progress has there been with the pilot of the Coordinated Care for Diabetes reform, scheduled to start in July 2011?	Written QoN	29/11/2011
179	1	Adams	LP	Co-ordinated Care for Diabetes	Given the high rates of avoidable hospitalisations for people with diabetes in rural and remote communities, to what extent is this new model of care being piloted in rural general practices?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
180	14	Adams	LP	TB and the Torres Strait	a) How many times has the Torres Strait Cross-Border Health Issues Committee met in the past twelve months? b) What has been the committee's three main achievements? c) Are the progress reports which were provided to the Committee in September 2010 and March 2011 publicly available? Where?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
181	14	Adams	LP	TB and the Torres Strait	The 2010-11 Annual Report notes that DoHA has 'facilitated improved communication and surveillance systems' (p. 341). Please outline to the Committee the main activities DoHA has undertaken to achieve this.	Written QoN	13/12/2011
182	14	Adams	LP	TB and the Torres Strait	a) The 2010-11 Annual Report also notes that communication networks with key staff in villages and the general hospital have been strengthened. Please briefly outline the key activities the Department has undertaken to achieve this? b) How has the relationship improved? c) What have been the results of improved communication?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
183	14	Adams	LP	TB and the Torres Strait	a) What role does DoHA play in the administration of the western province TB program? b) Is DoHA involved in the governance of the program? c) Can the Department confirm that there are limited health facilities available in the western province of the Torres Strait to diagnose and manage TB	Written QoN	13/12/2011
184	14	Adams	LP	TB and the Torres Strait	What is DoHA's approach to managing the risk of TB when basic health infrastructure in the Torres Strait is insufficient?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
185	14	Adams	LP	TB and the Torres Strait	a) Is DoHA's report to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade about activities to address cross-border health concerns in the Torres Strait Treaty Zone publicly available? b) If not, what is the general nature of the concerns held by DoHA?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
186	14	Adams	LP	TB and the Torres Strait	a) Will the Government make a formal response to the Senate Inquiry into the Torres Strait that reported in November 2010? b) If so, has DoHA been involved in the development of this response?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
187	2	Adams	LP	PBS Savings	The Government's announcement on 30 September 2011 about the listing of previously deferred medicines on the PBS noted the following: Budget savings created by price reductions arising from more competitively priced medicines, as well as a number of recent Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) recommendations, mean that it is now possible to list these medicines. a) Please provide the total amount of PBS savings to date, including a breakdown of the savings of from more competitively priced medicines. b) Please provide a breakdown of the savings achieved under the 2007 PBS reforms and the savings achieved under the MOU	Written QoN	6/02/2012
188	2	Adams	LP	PBS Savings	The Report to Parliament on the Impact of PBS Reform, noted that the anticipated savings from PBS reform had been revised down from \$580 million to \$103 million (over four years). a) Have these savings been realised? b) Please provide the total savings generated by the 2007 PBS reforms to date and by year.	Written QoN	8/02/2012
189	2	Adams	LP	PBS Savings	The MOU between the Department of Health and Ageing and Medicines Australia is expected to generate savings of \$1.9 billion over five years. Please provide the Committee with an update of the savings generated to date, including: a) The savings generated from the 2% reduction applied on 1 February 2011 under clause 11 b) The savings generated from the 5% reduction applied on 1 February 2011 under clause 12 c) Details of any products that were exempt from the reductions, including an explanation of why they were exempt. d) Please provide the Committee with the details of any products that have received a price cut of 16% under clause 20 e) Please provide the price before the 16% cut was applied	Written QoN	6/02/2012
190	2	Adams	LP	PBS Savings	Since the commencement of the MOU, please provide details of any instances of sponsors offering a greater price cut than the 16%. If so, did the government accept the offer? If not, please provide an explanation.	Written QoN	2/12/2011
191	2	Adams	LP	Premium Free Brand	a) To date, what is the total government expenditure by year on the \$1.53 incentive (clause 21) for the dispensing of a premium free brand. b) Please provide a year by year breakdown from 2007.	Written QoN	2/12/2011
192	2	Adams	LP	Premium Free	How many products on the PBS are 'premium free' and attract the \$1.53 incentive? Of these products, how many are protected by patent and/or single brands?	Written QoN	5/12/2011

193	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	These questions concern HHF funding rounds 3 and 4. The questions are based on information provided in the 2010-11 Department of Health and Ageing Annual Report and the documentation released as part of round 4 (regional priority) for the HHF. How much money remains in the HHF?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
194	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	a) What is the expenditure to date for the HHF? b) Please provide a breakdown by year and project c) Please provide the projected expenditure for the HHF, by year and by project until completion of each project.	Written QoN	6/02/2012
195	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	After this funding round, will the \$5 billion allocated to the HHF be fully allocated?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
196	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	The 2010-11 Annual Report notes that 88% of progress reports from contracted projects met agreed requirements in 2010-11 (p. 277). a) Of the reports not accepted, what were the main reasons for reports not meeting agreed requirements? b) What is the time frame for these reports to be resubmitted according to the agreed requirements? c) Is compliance with reporting requirements linked to achievement of performance milestones? d) Have any projects not had payments withheld as a result of not complying with reporting requirements?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
197	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	Please outline the Departmental resources allocated to managing the contracts awarded under the HHF. a) How many staff and at what level? b) Do staff manage multiple contracts? If so, what is the average number of contracts managed by individual staff members? c) How many of these staff has had previous experience in managing contracts? d) How many of these staff have qualifications in contract management or have completed training by the Australian Public Service Commission in contract management?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
198	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	Has any project funded by the HHF not met agreed key performance milestones? If yes, has this resulted in payment being withheld?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
199	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	The 2010-11 Annual Report also notes the Department implemented recommendations by the HHF Advisory Board to 'establish a strengthened compliance and monitoring framework' for HHF funded projects (p. 277). a) What changes were required? b) Have they been fully implemented?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
200	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	a) Are you planning an evaluation of the Department's approach to contract management? b) What criteria does the Department use to determine whether milestones outlined in the agreement have been met (page 277 of the Annual Report)?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
201	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	Of the progress reports received in 2010-11, how many projects met all the agreed milestones?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
202	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	Please provide the Committee with the following details for each successful and funded project in Round 3: a) Number of milestones to be reported on during that period b) Number of milestones met c) Number of milestones not met	Written QoN	13/12/2011
203	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	Note: 2010-11 Annual Report contains a percentage variation for expenses. This is due to one project commencing sooner than expected (page 277). To date, have there been any variations to the funding agreements? If yes, please provide the Committee with details, including the dollar amount and by project.	Written QoN	5/12/2011
204	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	The Guidelines for the current HHF funding round contain a number of criteria: Criterion 2a requires applicants to demonstrate how the benefits of their project will be measured. a) How will the Department evaluate this? Will the Department monitor this throughout the contract (and in the future)? Will the Department collect any information in relation to criterion 2a? If so, will this be published? Criterion 3 requires that applicants submit a financial plan. During the contract period, will the Department monitor expenditure of the project against what was provided in the financial plan? If so, what actions will the Department take if proposed expenditure does not reflect what was in the financial plan? Criterion 5 (d) requires that applicants submit an implementation plan. b) To what extent will this form the basis for contract negotiations and the development of key milestones? Will it be used as part of the overall performance management of the contract? What data will the Department collect to measure performance against the implementation plan? Will this be made publicly available? Section 4.2.2 of the Guidelines note the funding agreement will require the funding recipient to use the project consistently with HHF investment objectives for a 20 year period. c) How will the Department monitor over 20 years? d) How is this being monitored currently? e) Will the same type and frequency of monitoring be applied to all successful applications, including the Port Macquarie Base Hospital Redevelopment (96m); the Royal Hobart Hospital Redevelopment (\$260m); and the Tamworth Redevelopment Stage 2 (\$120m)?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
205	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	The FAQs for the 2011 HHF round note that some applicants were notified that they satisfied the evaluation criteria (Q36). Others were notified that they satisfied the evaluation criteria and could provide supplementary information for the 2011 HHF round, if desired (Q37). a) How many applicants received feed-back on their applications? b) Why weren't all applicants that satisfied the criteria given this option? What criteria were used to determine which applicants were able to provide additional information?	Written QoN	5/12/2011

206	13	Adams	LP	Health and Hospitals Fund	<p>Question E10-381 from the Senate Estimates hearing on 20/10/2010 advised that the HHF Advisory board would determine which applications best meet the HHF criteria by drawing on "advice from the Department which employs a numerical scoring system and on the advice of experts". Despite not all applicants being funded, it appears that there were many applicants who satisfied the criteria. How were the successful 63 selected?</p> <p>a) Can you describe the actual process? E.g. the applications were received (where?), and registered/acknowledged (by whom?), then sent to DoHA (where in DoHA?), and they applied the scoring system (who did this work? timeframe?), when were 'experts' used (in all cases? How? what did they get to evaluate? E.g. the application and the score? Were these consultants? Cost?).</p> <p>b) What advice did DoHA give the Board at the end of this process? Did DoHA make a recommendation to the Board on each application? If so, on how many occasions did the Board's determination differ to that recommended by DoHA?</p> <p>c) At her closing address to the 11th national Rural health Alliance Conference on 16/3/2011 Minister Roxon said The independent board found about half of the applications met the eligibility criteria - which still leaves a lot of high-quality proposals for Government to consider. Port Macquarie Base Hospital was the first hospital to receive confirmation that its application, for \$96 million, was successful as provision was made for this in the Mid-year Fiscal and Economic Outlook following the election. Other applications will be considered and successful proposals announced in the Budget context."</p> <p><a href="http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/sp-yr11-nr-nrsp110316.htm">http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/sp-yr11-nr-nrsp110316.htm</a> What are the accountability frameworks of the HHF Board? What does DoHA do to ensure that the HHF Board upholds accountability and probity standards?</p>	Written QoN	5/12/2011
207	6	Adams	LP	Regional Health and Aged Care	The Government announced in 2010-11 Budget that it would establish a dedicated unit within the Department of Health and Ageing to provide advice to the public on regional health and aged care matters. It is part of the Government's 'Commitment to Regional Australia' agreement with the Member for Lyne, and the Member for New England. a) Is this the Regional Health Australia referred to on page 6 of DoHA 2010-11 Annual Report? b) If so, how many staff? Staffing structure? c) Estimated cost?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
208	6	Adams	LP	Regional Health and Aged Care	The annual report says that the unit provides a single entry point to information on regional health and aged care programs, policies and service delivery and that they have done so since 1 July 2011. a) Is this a physical or 'virtual' entry point? b) How do they operate? c) Please provide details of physical locations and/or website information. d) What advertising/promotion has been undertaken to promote this service to rural Australian?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
209	6	Adams	LP	Regional Health and Aged Care	a) How many enquiries has the Regional Health and Aged Care Unit handled since 1 July 2011? b) Please provide a breakdown of the type of inquiries (i.e. information, health services, aged care, and referral) and information about their advocacy work to date?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
210	6	Adams	LP	Regional Health and Aged Care	Does the Regional Health and Aged Care unit provide advocacy advice to Government?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
211	6	Adams	LP	Regional Health and Aged Care	Will the Regional Health and Aged Care unit undertake any research about the health and aged care needs of regional Australia? If so, will consultants be engaged?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
212	6	Adams	LP	Regional Health and Aged Care	Provides for cataract surgery in rural and remote areas under the MSOAP, and also funding to the Australian Society of Ophthalmologists to administer a database of eye specialists willing to be part of MSOAP, and to promote the availability of these services. a) Please provide details of cataract surgery facilitated by this funding. b) Has the data base of eye specialists willing to be part of MSOAP been provided to DoHA? c) Who is responsible for maintaining the database? d) Who will have access to the database?	Written QoN	1/12/2011
213	11	Adams	LP	Mental Health Service in Rural and Remote Areas	Concerning the PricewaterhouseCoopers contract to evaluate the Mental Health Service in Rural and Remote Areas Program (4/02/2010 31/03/2011 Open \$ 178,581.90) a) Please describe and scope the evaluation? (e.g. size, participants - number and how they were selected, methodology etc) b) What were the main findings of this evaluation? c) How will the findings be used? d) Will it be publicly released?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
214	12	Adams	LP	Regional Workforce Shortages	In a Media release dated 5 September 2011 Minister Roxon announced Labor was delivering record numbers of doctors and nurses to regional Australia according to new Medicare data released that day. The release is at: <a href="http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr11-nr-nr170.htm">http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr11-nr-nr170.htm</a> a) What is the source data for the media release dated 5 September which claimed that Labor was delivering record numbers of doctors and nurses to regional Australia? b) Will this data be made publicly available? c) If the data is not publicly available please explain why?	Written QoN	1/12/2011
215	6	Adams	LP	Rural Locum Support	P. 6 DoHA 2010-11 Annual Report states that from 1 July 2012 the bulk of MSOAP will form part of the new Rural Health Outreach Fund. Also, says that the implementation of maternity services program has been slow. What services won't form part of the new Rural Health Outreach Fund? Will these services continue to be funded? If so, through what program?	Written QoN	1/12/2011
216	6	Adams	LP	Rural Locum Support	P. 6 DoHA 2010-11 Annual Report states that from 1 July 2012 the bulk of MSOAP will form part of the new Rural Health Outreach Fund. Also, says that the implementation of maternity services program has been slow. Please provide an update on the Maternity Services Program which appears to be behind the implementation plan. What are the reasons for this? What impact has the delay had on the implementation of services?	Written QoN	1/12/2011
217	6	Adams	LP	Rural Locum Support	P. 6 DoHA 2010-11 Annual Report states that from 1 July 2012 the bulk of MSOAP will form part of the new Rural Health Outreach Fund. Also, says that the implementation of maternity services program has been slow. What did the review of barriers to locum placement under the Specialist Obstetricians Locum Scheme and GP Anaesthetic Locum Scheme Programs conducted by Communio P/L (open contract \$34,287) reveal? Is the report publicly available? (See P.394 DoHA 2010-11 Annual Report, Table 4.2.12: Health Workforce Capacity)	Written QoN	14/12/2011
218	8	Adams	LP	Australian National Health Survey	a) When did the issue of whether or not to exclude indigenous children first arise? Who raised it? b) Did ABS propose the exclusion to indigenous expert committees, or vice versa? c) Specifically, whose advice was relied upon to justify the exclusion? d) Who was consulted on the exclusion? How many of these people are associated with the Lowitja Institute? e) Please provide documentation associated with the decision to exclude Aboriginal children from those relevant consultations with the above mentioned?	Written QoN	Transfer to ABS 09/11

219	8	Adams	LP	Appointment and Contract for Thomas Calma	Concerning the direct contract to Calma, Thomas Edwin T/A Tom Calma To provide a National Coordinator Tackling Indigenous Smoking (26/03/2010 31/07/2013 Direct \$ 694,000.00) Details of his appointment here: <a href="http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr10-ws-ws012.htm">http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr10-ws-ws012.htm</a> a) Please outline the selection process for appointing the National Coordinator Tackling Indigenous Smoking. b) How many people applied? c) How many applicants were considered? d) Did the Department engage a recruitment agency to conduct the recruitment process? e) If so, how much did that cost?	Written QoN	7/12/2011
220	8	Adams	LP	Allegations of financial mismanagement and bullying at the Yura Yungi Medical Service	With regard to the letter the ex-CEO of the Yura Yungi Medical Service (Mr Robert Berwick) wrote to Minister Snowden, (cc OATSIH and ORIC) on 8 August 2011 "to express a number of the gravest concerns relating to the governance, operations and patient care provided by Yura Yungi Aboriginal Medical Service, in Halls Creek, Western Australia." a) What type of complaints does the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) investigate? Numbers? b) What is the process (procedure) for making a complaint about an AMS? c) What is the process for investigating a complaint? d) Has ORIC ever investigated the Yura Yungi Medical Service at Halls Creek?	Written QoN	Transfer to FaHCSIA 03/11
221	8	Adams	LP	Allegations of financial mismanagement and bullying at the Yura Yungi Medical Service	a) Is ORIC aware of the above mentioned letter from Mr Robert Berwick, ex CEO of the Yura Yungi Medical Service dated 8 August 2011 which outlined "a number of the gravest concerns relating to the governance, operations and patient care provided by Yura Yungi Aboriginal Medical Service as well as the unmanageable relationship held with Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service Council and seek expedient action for Indigenous health reform in Halls Creek, Western Australia"? b) Were the allegations in Mr Berwick's letter treated as a complaint? If not, why didn't anyone from ORIC contact him to explain how the complaints process worked?-Has DoHA or ORIC received other complaints of this nature (i.e. where ORIC knew of the complaint) that have been made to the Minister but there no subsequent formal complaint to ORIC?	Written QoN	Transfer to FaHCSIA 03/11
222	8	Adams	LP	Allegations of financial mismanagement and bullying at the Yura Yungi Medical Service	a) How many complaints has the ORIC investigated since its inception? Please provide a breakdown by year and type of complaint (on notice) b) As of 26 October 2011, how many complaints have been received this year? How many are currently being investigated? c) Who investigates these complaints? Are investigations conducted by ORIC staff or consultants? d) How many of these complaints have been resolved? Please provide information by year and type of complaint (as above). e) How many investigations are still ongoing? Please provide information by year and type of complaint (as above).	Written QoN	Transfer to FaHCSIA 03/11
223	8	Adams	LP	Allegations of financial mismanagement and bullying at the Yura Yungi Medical Service	a) How many investigations of complaints concerning AMS' have been contracted out as of 26 October 2011? (breakdown by year; AMS; value of contract; contractor) b) Of the complaints that have been resolved, how many were found to be substantiated? Please provide a breakdown of type of complaint (i.e. fraud, mismanagement etc)	Written QoN	10/02/2012
224	8	Adams	LP	Allegations of financial mismanagement and bullying at the Yura Yungi Medical Service	a) How many organisations have had multiple complaints made against them? How many complaints has the Yura Yungi Aboriginal Medical Service had made against it? b) For each organisation, please provide the dates when the complaints were made. If the information is required to be de-identified, please provide the dates for each organisation (de-identified)	Written QoN	10/02/2012
225	8	Adams	LP	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) a) What are the broad governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)? b) How much funding does the program receive? Please provide a breakdown by organisation. c) What are the reporting obligations under these arrangements? How frequent is the reporting? d) What is the compliance rate with these reporting obligations? e) What action does the Commonwealth take if reporting obligations are not met? f) How does the Commonwealth determine if the reporting is accurate and a true reflection of the administration of the ACCHS? g) How does the Commonwealth determine if there have been breaches of Commonwealth funding agreements? h) What action does the Commonwealth take if there have been breaches of Commonwealth funding agreements?	Written QoN	9/02/2012
226	8	Adams	LP	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) How much detail is provided in the financial reporting to the Commonwealth? For example, the office of Mr Andrew Laming has received advice that Yura Yungi Aboriginal Medical Service has spent \$280 per night for accommodation for a Locum Remote Area Nurse. Is this considered value for money?	Written QoN	9/02/2012
227	8	Adams	LP	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) What are the KPIs for funding allocated to specific positions (i.e. primary health, STWB, core - refer to p. 6 of letter to Snowden)?	Written QoN	9/02/2012
228	8	Adams	LP	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) What oversight does the Commonwealth have over the staffing allocations for ACCHSs? Are there any reporting obligations? For example, the Yura Yungi AMS has recently appointed a special projects coordinator. Is this consistent with the funding guidelines and overall objectives for the ACCHS?	Written QoN	9/02/2012
229	8	Adams	LP	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) a) How does the Commonwealth determine if there have been breaches of specific Commonwealth laws such as the Corporations Act? b) What action does the Commonwealth take if there have been breaches of specific Commonwealth laws such as the Corporations Act?	Written QoN	7/12/2011

230		Adams	LP	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) a) Who determines the membership of the governing corporations of the ACCHSs? b) What expertise is required for membership of the governing corporation? c) How does the Commonwealth determine that each governing corporation has the appropriate mix of skills and expertise? d) Does any vetting occur? Are members required to meet the 'fit and proper' person test?	Written QoN	7/12/2011
231	8	Adams	LP	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) The Chairperson of the Yura Yungi Corporation has previously been the director of two Hall Creek Aboriginal Corporations that have become insolvent. Was this taken into account when the appointment was made?	Written QoN	Transfer to FaHCSIA 09/11
232	8	Adams	LP	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)	Governance arrangements for Commonwealth funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) What are the arrangements for clinical governance? What safety and quality standards must be met by ACCHSs? Are they required to report adverse events or medical errors (e.g., such as dispensing medication incorrectly)?	Written QoN	7/12/2011
233	8	Adams	LP	Financial investigation into the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service	Concerning the direct contract to Australian Indigenous Business Services Pty Ltd to conduct a Financial Investigation of Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Health Services Ltd (30/05/2011 30/07/2011 Direct \$ 74,983.48) a) What prompted this investigation? b) What was the finding? c) What action will be taken as a result of this investigation?	Written QoN	7/12/2011
234	8	Adams	LP	Financial and clinical review of the Aboriginal Corporation in Far West NSW	Financial and clinical review of the Aboriginal Corporation in Far West NSW - refers to answer to Question E11-390 Attachment A Concerning the direct contract to Australian Indigenous Business Services Pty Ltd to conduct a financial and clinical review of the Aboriginal Corporation in Far West NSW (22/02/2010 31/08/2010 Open \$ 126,563.00) a) What prompted this investigation? b) What was the finding? c) What action will be taken as a result of this investigation?	Written QoN	7/12/2011
235	8	Adams	LP	Financial review of the Malabam Health Board by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Financial review of the Malabam Health Board by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu - refers to answer to Question E11-390 Attachment A Concerning the open contract to conduct a financial review of the Malabam Health Board (10/05/2010 31/07/2010 Open \$ 65,356.00) a) What prompted this investigation? b) What was the finding? c) What action will be taken as a result of this investigation?	Written QoN	7/12/2011
236	8	Adams	LP	Financial Review of the Sunrise Health Aboriginal Corporation Merit Partners	Financial Review of the Sunrise Health Aboriginal Corporation Merit Partners Pty Ltd - refers to answer to Question E11-390 Attachment A Concerning the open contract to conduct a financial review of the Sunrise Health Service Aboriginal Corporation (15/06/2010 5/08/2010 Open \$ 42,400.00) a) What prompted this investigation? b) What was the finding? c) What action will be taken as a result of this investigation?	Written QoN	7/12/2011
237	8	Adams	LP	Independent Management Advisory Services at Umoona Tjutagku Health Service	Independent Management Advisory Services at Umoona Tjutagku Health Service - refers to answer to Question E11-390 Attachment A Concerning the select contract for Australian Indigenous Business Services Pty Ltd to provide Independent Management Advisory Services at Umoona Tjutagku Health Service (15/07/2010 15/10/2010 Select \$ 84,926.00) a) What prompted this investigation? b) What was the finding? c) What action will be taken as a result of this investigation?	Written QoN	9/02/2012
238	0	Adams	LP	Develop a Stakeholder Engagement Activity Report	Develop a Stakeholder Engagement Activity Report - refers to answer to Question E11-390 Attachment A Concerning open contract for Nous Group Pty Ltd to develop a Stakeholder Engagement Activity Report & Strategy (25/05/2011 29/07/2011 Open \$ 148,753.00) a) Was this contract for Indigenous engagement? If so, where? b) What was delivered? c) What prompted the contract? d) What specific action will be taken as a result of this investigation?	Written QoN	1/12/2011
239	1	Adams	LP	Australian Red Cross Society	Australian Red Cross Society - additional funding - extension The 2010-11 Budget allocated \$5.1m to the Australian Red Cross Society in 2011-12. The funds were to "assist the Australian Red Cross Society to perform its health related work in humanitarian relief and community support in Australia and the region". a) Did DoHA place any requirements on the Red Cross for the \$5.1m additional funding? b) If so, what are they? c) What are the reporting obligations for the Red Cross in terms of this funding? d) Please advise the Committee whether the money is being spent in accordance with C'wealth guidelines and if the reporting obligations have been met. e) What has this money been spent on? Please provide the Committee with a breakdown of expenditure, by year, to date. f) Has any of this additional funding been spent on Indigenous communities? g) If so, how much and what programs? Please provide a summary of the program, the amount of expenditure and when the money was spent. If \$\$ aren't available, what programs have been provided by the Red Cross in Indigenous communities as a result of this funding? h) Has the Red Cross used this money to fund programs that facilitate the provision of fresh food in Indigenous communities? i) How many Indigenous communities has the Red Cross assisted in the past year?	Written QoN	12/12/2011

240	8	Adams	LP	Indigenous Suicide	<p>The \$276.9m Taking Action to Tackle Suicide package is for all Australians not specifically Indigenous communities. It included \$74.3m to invest more in direct suicide prevention and crisis intervention - of that only \$22.4 million was to improve community-led suicide prevention services targeted at groups and communities which are at high risk of suicide, including Indigenous people, men, gay, lesbian and bisexual people - due to commence 1/7/2011. Funding was fully offset over forward estimates (refer Gillard/Roxon media release dated 27/7/2010). On 14/4/2011 in response to the Kimberley suicide spike the government announced that \$6m from the \$22.4m would be fast tracked, i.e. fast-tracked from a 1/7/2011 commencement date to a date between 14/4/2011 and 1/7/2011.</p> <p>a) Is the \$6m originally earmarked for the Kimberly (announced 14/4/2011) now part of a broader suicide spike response? If yes, why has the funding been re-directed?  b) How many suicides has there been in Kimberley in past year?  c) Has the Expert Advisory Group been established?  d) What is their budget?  e) Who is on the Expert Advisory Group?  f) How were members selected?  g) How many times has the expert advisory group met?  h) Are the members on contract to DoHA? Details? (on notice)  i) What are the objectives and expected outcomes of the Advisory group?  j) We now know of another spike in Mt Isa - what is DoHA's response to that?</p>	Written QoN	8/12/2011
241	8	Adams	LP	Indigenous Suicide	<p>The latest CTG NT Monitoring report released last week shows that the number of attempted suicides and self-harm in remote territory communities has risen from 109 in 2007-2008, to 229 in 2010-2011. <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-10-14/20111014-intervention-report-suicides-up/3571436">http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-10-14/20111014-intervention-report-suicides-up/3571436</a> a) Is DoHA aware of other areas where suicide attempts by Indigenous Australians are increasing? b) Does DoHA actively monitor the reporting of suicide attempts by Indigenous Australian and/or suicides by Indigenous Australians. c) What action does DoHA take in communities and areas where attempted suicides are increasing?</p>	Written QoN	8/12/2011
242	1	Xenophon	IND	Blewett Review	<p>In response to questions I placed on notice last estimates, the department stated that they are currently working with other agencies on developing a whole of Government response to the Blewett review. a) What is the current progress of this response? b) Is there a specific timeframe the department is working to? c) When can we expect the response to be complete, given that the review was released in January this year?</p>	Written QoN	6/02/2012
243	1	Xenophon	IND	Blewett Review	<p>a) Can the department provide any information on what form the response is likely to take - will it agree/disagree with specific recommendations, or provide a strategic overview rather than responding to specific recommendations? b) What will the process be once the response has been released?</p>	Written QoN	6/02/2012
244	1	Xenophon	IND	National Alcohol Strategy	<p>a) Can the department provide figures on how much has been spent on the National Alcohol Strategy 2006-2011? b) Have there been any studies into the effectiveness of this strategy? c) How effective has it been in reducing binge drinking? What data has been obtained in this regard? d) Are figures available in relation to how much spending has been diverted from alcohol purchases due to this strategy?</p>	Written QoN	11/01/2012
245	1	Xenophon	IND	Anti-alcohol Advertising	<p>a) How much money does the Commonwealth Government contribute to state-based anti-alcohol advertising each year? b) Have any studies been done on the effectiveness of these campaigns? c) Is the Department familiar with the 'Hello Sunday Morning' campaign? d) Is the department aware of the campaign's success? e) Is the department intending to engage in some way with the campaign, given their results in reducing binge drinking and the harmful activities associated with it?</p>	Written QoN	2/12/2011
246	3	Xenophon	IND	Implantable Cardiac Devices	<p>a) What is the department's position on rebates for doctors' fees in relation to implantable cardiac devices with the capacity to remotely provide information to doctors electronically? b) There are an increasing number of devices with this capability. When will the department be reassessing its policy?</p>	Written QoN	12/12/2011
247	1	Xenophon	IND	Blewett Review	<p>a) Can FSANZ provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations from the Blewett review? b) What is the next stage of the process and when will this occur? c) What will happen once the Government has prepared its response? d) Will FSANZ be consulting with other organisations (such as ACCC, Choice) through this process? e) What is a rough timeframe for implementation of the recommendations? f) Is FSANZ satisfied with the process so far? What about in terms of timeliness?</p>	Written QoN	6/02/2012
248	3	Xenophon	IND	MSAC Applications	<p>a) How many applications has MSAC received in relation to implantable devices with remote monitoring capabilities (eg pacemakers)? b) How many have been rejected?</p>	Written QoN	12/12/2011
249	3	Xenophon	IND	MSAC Rebates	<p>a) Has MSAC approached the department in relation to these rebates? b) How many times? c) When? d) What did MSAC recommend? e) What was the department's response?</p>	Written QoN	12/12/2011
250	3	Xenophon	IND	MSAC Rebates	<p>Will either MSAC or the Department be holding further investigations into this?</p>	Written QoN	12/12/2011
251	3	Xenophon	IND	MSAC Process	<p>How long does the MSAC process usually take, from first application until the final assessment (HTA review estimated 75 weeks)?</p>	Written QoN	12/12/2011
252	3	Xenophon	IND	MSAC Processes	<p>a) The HTA review made several recommendations in relation to streamlining MSAC procedures and processes. Which of these points has MSAC decided to implement? b) What is the implementation process? c) How long until this is complete?</p>	Written QoN	12/12/2011
253	1	Xenophon	IND	CSL Fluvax Vaccine	<p>a) When did the TGA first become aware of problems with the CSL Fluvax vaccine? b) When were these first reported to the public? c) When was the first alert issued? d) The TGA has since raised the minimum recommended usage age from 5 to 9 years old. Was a new bulletin or alert issued for this? When? It does not appear to be on the TGA website. e) How did the TGA become aware of these problems? f) Was the TGA involved with CSL's investigation into the cause of the problems? g) How was the TGA involved? h) If not, why not?</p>	Written QoN	13/12/2011
254	1	Xenophon	IND	FDA Audit	<p>Media reports in August and September this year stated that the FDA had expressed serious concerns about the faults in this audit. a) Was the TGA aware of these faults? b) What action did the TGA take? c) Why did it take reports from the FDA to bring attention to this issue?</p>	Written QoN	13/12/2011

255	1	Xenophon	IND	CSL Manufacturing	In June this year, the Herald Sun also reported that the FDA had raised concerns regarding the CSL manufacturing plant in Melbourne: In the letter to CSL chief executive Brian McNamee the FDA said there are a "number of significant objectionable conditions relating to your facility's compliance with [current good manufacturing practice]" and criticised CSL's response to the convulsion scandal in children last year. And problems still persist at CSL's Australian manufacturing facilities, according to the FDA, which identified a number of ongoing issues during its March inspection including a failure of the company's quality control unit to fulfil its responsibility to "assure the identity, strength, quality, and purity of your monovalent influenza bulks and final drug products". A statement on the TGA's website says that the TGA was aware of these issues before the FDA investigation. a) How long had the TGA been aware of these issues? b) Had the TGA raised these concerns with any other regulatory bodies, either overseas or in Australia? c) If so, when did this happen? d) What steps had the TGA taken to work with CSL on improving these issues before the FDA raised concerns? e) Why had no improvement occurred? f) What is the TGA doing to improve these issues now? g) What consequences will this incident have on Australian drug approvals in the US? h) What impact will this have on the process of global regulatory harmonisation - will the FDA still trust Australian regulators?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
256	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Consultancies	In 2010?11, there was \$500,000 provided for Banskott Health Consulting for "high level strategic advice" a) What was this for? b) How long did it take? c) Who authorised it? d) What has been achieved as a result?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
257	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Consultancies	There was a \$51,273 study on the seed digestion by birds: a) What did this study entail? b) Why was the study necessary for the health department? c) What information did it provide that wasn't already available through academic literature? d) Who authorised it?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
258	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding	What is the projected expenditure for the Health and Ageing portfolio (including agencies) for each year over the forward estimates: a) In total? b) Departmental expenses? c) Administered expenses?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
259	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding	How many programs are there in total across the entire Health and Ageing portfolio? Which programs are due to lapse or end over the Forward Estimates?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
260	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding	How many regulations are enacted under the Health and Ageing portfolio? How many regulations are associated with each program?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
261	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding	What was the value of hospitality and entertainment expenses for 2010?11 in total and according to Division?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
262	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding	What is the budgeted value of grants to be provided under the health and ageing portfolio over the forward estimates?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
263	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding	Are you able to provide detailed information on each grant provided in 2010?11 including: a) who was the recipient, b) what was the purpose of the grant, c) what was achieved by the grant?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
264	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding	How many act of grace payments were made in 2010?11 and what were the reasons for the payments?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
265	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding	How will the 10 percent reduction in staff for the core department be achieved for 2012?13; through redundancies or attrition?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
266	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Funding	If there are to be redundancies: a) what will be the conditions? b) will they be voluntary or compulsory? c) what Divisions will be affected, including the staff locations? d) what are the anticipated upfront costs of providing the redundancies? e) What plans are in place for staffing levels for the entire portfolio (including agencies) over the forward estimates?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
267	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Health Performance Authority	Health Performance Authority a) What indicators will the private sector be required to report on - especially administrative and financial data? b) Will the private sector be compulsorily required to report? Is so under what authority will that be imposed? c) What consultation has there been with the private sector about the process for reporting? d) How will the private sector be compensated for the increased burden of reporting?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
268	0	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Questions on Notice	I am asking for when you sent question numbers 464 and 465 to the minister's office. I really want to know how long they have been sitting in the minister's office.	CA 26 - 19/10	14/12/2011
269	0	Moore	ALP	Questions on Notice	It would be useful for the committee if you would table the list of statistics you have about questions on notice?	CA 27 - 19/10	14/12/2011
270	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	CSL	Can I ask you to take on notice how much money has been paid to CSL. It is an enormous amount of money that you pay them.	CA 27 - 19/10	6/02/2012
271	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	CSL	Earlier we talked about the CSL and FDA warning letter. Can you tell me what CSL products are currently in the national stockpile, how many units there are, what their value is and when they were purchased?	CA 125 - 19/10	12/12/2011
272	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	CSL	Whether there are any other products in the NMS or the NIP that are the subject of any investigation by the TGA, FDA or any other regulator, and, if so, what the details are?	CA 125 - 19/10	13/12/2011
273	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventive Health Agency	What were the roles of people involved in the National Preventative Taskforce who are now involved with the ANPHA.	Written QoN	11/01/2012
274	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventive Health Agency	a) What is the background of each of the appointees to Board of the ANPHA? b) What is the background of each of the appointees of the Advisory Board of the ANPHA? c) Does the Government consider that ANPHA is a balanced body which represents both non?government organisations working in the preventive health area and industry?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
275	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventive Health Agency	How many of the staff appointed to ANPHA with experience working in the food industry? What is the proportion of the staff that has had experience working in the food industry compared with the total staff?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
276	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventive Health Agency	a) What is the research budget of the ANPHA for each of the next five years? b) How is this research funding to be allocated? c) Who recommended and appointed the advisors who recommend how the research funding is to be allocated?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
277	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventive Health Agency	The Australian National Preventative Health Agency released its 5 year Strategic plan, but in the section titled "Outcomes for ANPHA by 2015" not a single quantitative goal is listed? Is the ANPHA worried about listing quantitative goals, and putting definitive targets in the expectation they may not be reached?	Written QoN	11/01/2012



278	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian National Preventive Health Agency	a) The Strategic plan, in "Outcomes for ANPHA by 2015" refers to "significant growth", can the ANPHA quantify what "significant" means? Is this 10%, 50% etc? b) For example, in the section titled "Outcomes for ANPHA by 2015" one of the goals is "the prevalence of daily smoking has continued to decline annually". Considering this target will be met based on current trends over previous years, can this really be considered a target?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
279	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Advisory Statement Research Report	FSANZ commissioned the National Drug Research Institute from Curtin University for a piece of work described in the 2008?09 Annual Report (Appendix 9) as "A review of the effectiveness of advisory statements on packaged alcohol" a) Could you please make available a copy of this review? b) Did the review cover both matters referred to in the 2008?09 FZANZ annual report quote that follows "we commissioned the National Drug Research Institute at Curtin University to conduct two reviews on the effectiveness of labelling, the first with a focus on high? risk drinking and the second on pregnancy." c) Was there any difference in the conclusions of the two reviews, between messages on high risk drinking and on pregnancy? d) Were the conclusions of this review made available to the FSANZ Ministerial Committee on May 2009? e) What were the conclusions of this review?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
280	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Advisory Statement Research Report	The 2008-09 FSANZ annual report also detailed that "The Ministerial Council intends to forward this report to the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy for consolidated consideration by the Council of Australian Governments of broader measures aimed at reducing alcohol?related harm." a) Did that reference occur? b) What did the MCDS do with the report, if anything? c) Given that this is supposed to be a review of publicly available evidence on the effectiveness of labelling, why is this report secret?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
281	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Literature Review of Naltrexone Implants	a) Why was Professor Hulse not asked to review the document at any stage in its preparation or prior to publication? b) Why were overseas experts who are heavily quoted in the literature review not asked to review the document at any stage in its preparation or prior to publication? c) Why did this literature review not proceed via the NHMRC Research Committee? d) Why was Professor Jon Curry, a senior member of the NHMRC Research Committee, who specifically requested to be involved in any review of Naltrexone Implant not involved? e) Is it true that the Chair of Research Committee, raised concern with Prof Anderson about this document (i.e. its accuracy) and requested information on why it had bypassed this Research Committee, and information on its authors and reviewers but Prof Anderson did not divulge this information? f) If so Why? g) Is it true that Dr Nikolajs Zeps who is involved with NHMRC Ethics and Integrity also raised concern about this document (i.e. its accuracy) and requested information of its authors, reviewers this information has not been divulged? If so Why? h) Is it true that these persons had their concerns dismissed by Professor Anderson? Why?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
282	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Tobacco	a) Is the Department of Health and Ageing aware that the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control suggests a neutral track and trace scheme as an appropriate measure which Governments can introduce to address counterfeit tobacco? b) What progress has been made in examining a neutral track and trace system for tobacco which is used as an anti-counterfeit measure against illicit tobacco? c) Has the Department of Health and Ageing examined the track and trace systems which are used in Canada, California and Massachusetts? d) Has the feasibility of such a system been investigated for Australia? e) What would be the estimated cost to introduce a track and trace system for tobacco be?	Written QoN	8/02/2012
283	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	CSL Products	What CSL products are currently on the National Immunisation Program?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
284	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	CSL	a) Can the TGA explain the situation behind the recent potential shortage of Penicillin in Australia due to a shortage from CSL? b) Was the TGA aware of the impending shortage? c) What did the TGA do to avert this shortage? d) How did the TGA let it get to such a critical point where a basic medicine like Penicillin may need to be rationed?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
285	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation	a) Who are the Members of the Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation? b) What are the roles of the Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation? c) On what date was each Member appointed and what are the terms of their appointment? d) How does the Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation deal with conflicts of interest?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
286	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation	a) Are Members of the Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation required to disclose any relevant competing interests which Members of the Technical Advisory Group may have? b) If so, where are these relevant competing interests published; and c) who is made aware of them?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
287	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	CSL	On what date did CSL advise the TGA of two serious adverse events arising from the 2005 CSL Clinical Trial for paediatric flu vaccine?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
288	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	CSL	a) Did the CSL notify the TGA in 2005 and September 2006 of the two serious adverse events involving febrile convulsions and hospital admissions in the 2005 CSL Clinical Trial for paediatric flu vaccine? b) What action did the TGA take when they were made aware of these serious adverse events?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
289	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Flu Vaccine	When did the TGA receive from the FDA the 2009 US Food and Drug Administration assessment of CSL's clinical trials for its paediatric flu vaccine?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
290	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical Devices	a) Can the Department give an update as to the response paper to the "Reforms to the Medical Devices Regulatory Framework" which included the proposal to allow Australian Medical Device Manufacturers to use third party conformity assessment bodies? b) At the Budget Estimates on 31 May, you stated that this response paper was "currently being developed". Why has it taken so long?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
291	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	TGA Discussion Paper	The original discussion paper ("Reforms to the Medical Devices Regulatory Framework") was released in October 2010, and a basic 1 page response was released 23 September 2011 on the TGA Website at <a href="http://www.tga.gov.au/newsroom/consult-devices-reforms-110923.htm">http://www.tga.gov.au/newsroom/consult-devices-reforms-110923.htm</a> a) Do you consider 12 months to be an unreasonably long period of time for the TGA to release such a basic response to the discussion paper? This one page response claims that with regard to third party conformity assessors "These proposals remain under consideration and further consultation will occur on amended versions of these proposals" b) can you elaborate on this "further consultation"? c) When will this consultation occur d) When will the "amended versions of these proposals be released?"	Written QoN	13/12/2011

292	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Third Party Conformity Assessors	Considering the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) review (recommendation 8b) stated that the TGA should respond to the issues raised regarding third party conformity assessment by July 2010, with a view to implementing changes agreed by government by 2011 can the department now give us an estimate of when the use of third party conformity assessors may be implemented?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
293	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Third Party Conformity Assessors	Is the Department aware that the inability for Australian manufacturers to use third party conformity assessors is crippling the Australian Medical Devices industry, and ensuring they remain uncompetitive internationally?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
294	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Third Party Conformity Assessors	This issue of the use of third party conformity assessors was first raised by the TGA in 2008. Does the TGA consider a 3 year delay in dealing with this issue reasonable?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
295	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Third Party Conformity Assessment Bodies in Australia	On the 19th December 2008 the TGA commenced consultation on third party conformity assessment bodies in Australia. The TGA then implemented the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) review which dealt with this issue. The TGA then released the "Reforms to the Medical Devices Regulatory Framework" which also dealt with this issue, the response to which says "more consultation is needed". How much more consultation do you need to take on this before you allow Third Party Conformity Assessment bodies in Australia?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
296	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Nembutal	a) Can the Department advise of how often and it what volumes it has approved under the Customs(Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956 the importation of Nembutal in the last year? b) Can the Department advise on what grounds permission was given to authorise the importation? c) If no importation has been approved, are there any grounds on which the Department would authorise importation for use as a medicine?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
297	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	TGA Regulation	What is the purpose of exempting certain individuals from TGA regulation under Schedule 8, part 3.3 of the TGA Act?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
298	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	TGA Act	Is the TGA aware that the exemption located in Schedule 8 , Part 3.3 of the Act is being used by State Public Hospitals for the purposes of commercial scale diagnostic pharmaceutical manufacturing? For example, diagnostic injectables manufactured in Nuclear Medicine Department for the use in Positron Emission Tomography (PET) are exempt under the Act.	Written QoN	14/12/2011
299	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Unregulated Manufactured Sterile Agents for Injection	a) Does the TGA recognise that the use of unregulated manufactured sterile agents for injection present a risk to the public - people who already have compromised immune systems? b) Given that these products are injected into cancer patients, isn't it imperative that the products be manufactured to the highest standards for purity and sterility? c) If the TGA is not regulating these centres, can you tell us who is?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
300	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	TGA Compliance	If a Public Hospital claims TGA compliance when they are not licensed by the TGA , what is the TGA's position?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
301	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	TGA Compliance	With these exemptions in place, is there anything that would stop a public hospital from manufacturing everything that is off patent within their pharmacy?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
302	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Commercial Level Manufacturing	What is the TGA going to do to address commercial level manufacturing in State based public Hospitals?	Written QoN	13/12/2011
303	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Torres Strait Cross-Border Health Issues Committee	Are the progress reports which were provided to the Committee in September 2010 and March 2011 publicly available? Where?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
304	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Facilitated Improved Communication and Surveillance Systems	The 2010/11 Annual Report notes that DoHA has 'facilitated improved communication and surveillance systems' (p. 341). Please outline to the Committee the main activities DoHA has undertaken to achieve this.	Written QoN	12/12/2011
305	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Communication Networks with Key Staff	The 2010/11 Annual Report also notes that communication networks with key staff in villages and the general hospital have been strengthened. Please briefly outline the key activities the Department has undertaken to achieve this? How has the relationship improved? What have been the results of improved communication?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
306	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Western Province TB Program	What role does DoHA play in the administration of the western province TB program? Is DoHA involved in the governance of the program?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
307	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Western Province TB Program	Can the Department confirm that there are limited health facilities available in the western province of the Torres Strait to diagnose and manage TB?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
308	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	TB in the Torres Strait	What is DoHA's approach to managing the risk of TB when basic health infrastructure in the Torres Strait is insufficient?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
309	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Torres Strait Treaty Zone	a) Is DoHA's report to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade about activities to address cross?border health concerns in the Torres Strait Treaty Zone publicly available? b) If not, what is the general nature of the concerns held by DoHA?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
310	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Senate Inquiry into the Torres Strait	a) Will the Government make a formal response to the Senate Inquiry into the Torres Strait that reported in November 2010? b) If so, has DoHA been involved in the development of this response?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
311	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	a)Has this been established yet? b)If so when was it established? c)If not when will it be established? d)What is the membership of the committee? e)How was the membership of the committee decided? f)When was the membership of the committee announced publicly? g)Has the committee met yet? h)How often will the committee meet in the future? i)What constitutes a quorum for the committee? j)How long do the appointments to the committee last for? k)What are the remuneration arrangements for the committee members?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
312	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	a)Will the Committee be served by a secretariat? b)Is that being provided by DoHA? c)Which branch will be undertaking this function? d)Who is the contact officer for external people?	Written QoN	2/12/2011
313	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	Is there intended to be a website for this committee so that interested parties can follow the activities of the Committee?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
314	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	Will the full agenda and minutes of every meeting be placed on the website so that interested parties can follow the activities of the Committee?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
315	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	Will all the presentations provided to the committee be made public so that interested parties can follow the advice being provided to the Committee?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
316	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	Does the Committee intend to formally involve stakeholders who are not members of the committee in its deliberations? If so, how? If not, why not?	Written QoN	11/01/2012

317	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	a)Will the advice of the Committee be made public? b)If the intention is to not make the advice of the Committee public, will you please explain why such advice should be secret?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
318	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Drug Research Working Group	a) Has the time limited working group which has responsibility for the national drug research and data strategy been formed yet? b) If so, when was it formed? Was a public announcement made when it was formed? c) If not, when will it be formed? d) Will the working group be served by a secretariat? Is that being provided by DHA? e) What is the estimated cost by year? f) Which branch will be undertaking this function? Who is the contact officer for external people? g) Who are the members of the working group? Or if it has not yet been formed who are intended to be the members of the working group? h) For how long is the working group intended to exist? i) What are the remuneration arrangements for the members of the group? j) How are the members of working group to be chosen? Are members to be proposed by the Commonwealth to other jurisdictions? Or is some other method to be used? Please detail. k) Where will the working group be based, if anywhere? l) Will a specific website be established for the working group so that interested parties can track the activities of the group? m) Will all of the dates of the meetings of the working group, the agendas and the minutes be made public? If not, why not? n) If not, how are interested parties able to follow the activities of the working group? o) Are interested parties able to provide input to the working group? For example can interested parties attend meetings of the working group? p) Will the working group release draft suggested research priorities to seek input from the community on the proposed topics? If not, why not?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
319	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	The IGCD will invite relevant representatives of intergovernmental councils, government agencies, non government organisations, the research sector, peak organisations, consumers, carers and industry to participate in these committees and groups. a)Will you please detail which of each of these "relevant representatives" has been invited onto the working group? That is please provide separate information for which representative of intergovernmental councils, government agencies, non-government organisations etc have been invited onto the working group? b)What was the date on which each invitation was made? c)How was this invitation made? By letter, by email, by telephone call etc? Please detail the method for each invitee?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
320	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	a)Which industry representatives have been invited to join the working group? When b)did this invitation occur? c)Who decided who would be invited to join the working group as an industry representative? d)Who was consulted about who would be invited to join the working group as an industry representative? e)Which members of the working group were consulted about the industry representative?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
321	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	Do any members of the working group have any other roles with the Commonwealth? Eg being a member of any other advisory committees, or working for, or advising, other agencies such as the NHMRC or the ANPHA?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
322	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy	a)PWC conducted an efficiency review of the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy and its supporting structures for the Dept of Health and Aging. It was dated 24 January 2011. Why has this report not been publicly released? Is there something contained within the report that the Government thinks should be hidden from the public? b)Would you please provide a full copy of this report? c)What was the cost of the report? d)Who decided to commission the PWC report? e)When was the decision taken to commission the report? f)Which other consultants were considered to undertake the work?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
323	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Review of the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy	a)Please detail who the stakeholders were who were consulted by PWC in the compilation of this report. b)Did the Department provide suggestions to PWC about which stakeholders should be consulted in the compilation of the report? c)Please provide the suggested stakeholders that were provided to PWC. d)What contact did the Department have with the stakeholders that were consulted by PWC on the issue of the reform of the MCDS and its supporting structures? Please detail all meetings and communications concerning this issue. e)The PWC report posed 37 questions to the selected stakeholders who were interviewed. However, the report states on page 5 that "the report focused on a smaller number of key research questions - which form the basis of the key findings of the evaluation." f)Which are the key questions that are referred to?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
324	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Does the government consider that experience of employment in private industry may be desirable in those areas of the Department of Health and Aging regulates or provides policy on? For example, does the department consider that having officers in the alcohol policy area who have been employed in the alcohol industry may be of some benefit to the area that makes policy on alcohol?	Written QoN	10/01/2012
325	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Does the Department employ anyone in the Drug Policy Branch or the Chronic Disease Branch - that is the branches of the department dealing with alcohol policy? who has ever been employed in the alcohol industry?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
326	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Does the Department employ consultants or other advisers to provide policy advice who work, or have worked in the alcohol industry? If so please provide details.	Written QoN	11/01/2012
327	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Industry	Does the Department have a deliberate policy of not employing, or engaging, anyone with industry experience in the area of alcohol policy?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
328	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Industry	Since 2008 has the Department appointed anyone with alcohol industry experience onto any of the advisory bodies run by the Department that provide advice on alcohol policy? If so, please provide details of the body, the person or persons appointed and their relevant industry experience.	Written QoN	11/01/2012

329	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Industry	Does the Department have a deliberate policy of not appointing anyone with industry experience in the area of alcohol policy onto any advisory body?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
330	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	a)Does the Department intend to honour the Government's policy as expressed in the National Drugs Strategy 2010?2015 to appoint an industry representative onto the Standing Committee on Alcohol and the working group on national drug research and data strategy? b)Why is the Department not implementing this policy when it has appointed people from other areas specified in the Strategy?	Written QoN	2/12/2011
331	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Alcohol Policy	Does the Department allow a veto from anti?alcohol activists in terms of industry participation in policy making and other advisory forums of the Department?	Written QoN	11/01/2012
332	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Alliance for Action on Alcohol	a)Is the Department aware of the National Alliance for Action on Alcohol (NAAA)? b)Could the Department please detail all grants made to members of the NAAA, or their individual office holders, over the past five years. The relevant members are those listed below: i. Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA), ii. Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation (AERF), iii. Alcohol Policy Coalition (Vic), iv. Australian Drug Foundation (ADF), v. Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM), vi. Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA),vii. Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD),viii Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY), ix. Cancer Council Australia,x. Cancer Council Victoria, xi. Diabetes Australia,xii. Kidney Health Australia,xiii. National Drug Research Institute (NDRI, Curtin University), xiv. National Heart Foundation,xv. National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC),xvi. Public Health Advocacy Institute (WA), xvii. Public Health Association of Australia, xviii. Royal Australasian College of Physicians, xix. Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, xx. Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre xxi. VicHealth	Written QoN	11/01/2012
333	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Alliance for Action on Alcohol	a)Can the Department confirm that the inaugural chair of the NAAA, Professor Mike Daube, has been appointed to many Commonwealth bodies, committees, advisory bodies, research advisory bodies, taskforces etc? b)Please detail every position held by Mr Daube within the Health portfolio since 2007. c)Please also identify the positions currently held by Mr Daube. d)Please detail the remuneration provided to Mr Daube in each of these roles on a financial year basis.	Written QoN	11/01/2012
334	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Alliance for Action on Alcohol	a)Does the Department consider Mr Daube as its principal external adviser on alcohol policy? b)If the answer is no, who is the Department's principal external adviser on alcohol policy? Please detail the other adviser or advisers, what bodies they been appointed to and what remuneration they have earned from the Commonwealth since 2008.	Written QoN	11/01/2012
335	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Alliance for Action on Alcohol	Is there any other external adviser who has been appointed to as many Commonwealth bodies, committees, advisory bodies, taskforces etc in the area of alcohol policy? If so please detail the person or persons and the appointments.	Written QoN	11/01/2012
336	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Alliance for Action on Alcohol	Could the Department also explain Mr Daube's role in the allocation of research funding in the area of alcohol policy?	Written QoN	10/01/2012
337	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Blewett Review	Can the Department say where we are up to on the Blewett Labelling Review, and when the Government will release a detailed response?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
338	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PBS Deferrals	The Prime Minister and Health Minister announced on 30 September that the government will not defer new medicines costing under \$10 million a year for the next twelve months. a)What is the rationale for allowing new medicine listings to proceed for only twelve months? What happens after that? b)Does this twelve month time limit mean the government doesn't have confidence that the budget will return to surplus? c)Will the government defer medicines costing over \$10 million a year? d)What does the government say to patients who may be waiting for access to medicines costing more than \$10 million a year? e)Do you guarantee the government will maintain its commitment in the Memorandum of Understanding that Cabinet will consider all medicines within 6 months? f)What processes or criteria will Cabinet be applying to medicines over \$10 million a year?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
339	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PBS Deferrals	The Consumer Health Forum says Cabinet should not be deferring drugs Given the government says it will only not defer drugs for twelve months, what is your response to them and how it will impact Australian patients if medicines continue to be deferred?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
340	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PBS Deferrals	The Prime Minister says the government is looking for more savings from the PBS, but when the Health Minister (Sept 30) was asked on ABC radio if there are substantial savings or big hollow logs around, the Minister said there are no big hollow logs. a)If the Health Minister doesn't think there are "big hollow logs", where are these further PBS savings supposed to come from? b)Please outline what further PBS savings the Prime Minister anticipates, where they come from and how much they are expected to deliver? c)Can you guarantee that Australian patients won't be affected by delays and deferrals in access to new medicines?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
341	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PBS Deferrals	The Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the medicines industry less than 18 months ago that was about providing predictability for the medicines industry and Australian patients. a)How is there any predictability if the Government defers medicines without consultation and then tries to force industry back to the table to provide even more PBS savings? b)How much confidence can industry and patients have that the government will honour any agreement it makes, given their track record of breaking their word and continuing to pressure industry and delay patients access to new treatments?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
342	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PBS Deferrals	Is it the case that every new medicine, regardless of cost, or potential saving, now has to be reviewed by Cabinet? a)Do medicines that actually lead to savings in the health system by preventing other costs such as hospitalisation or surgery require review by Cabinet? b)How long will this new process apply?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
343	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PBS Deferrals	a)How do decisions that only have a 12 month timeframe enhance the attractiveness of a global industry to invest in Australia? b)How does this decision fit with the Government's mantra of evidence based policy making? c)What impact will it have on research and development in Australia at a time when Australian manufacturing is under pressure?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
344	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services	a)How much will the PBS cost according to the Forward Estimates. b)Do those figures take into account the full impact of the price cuts and price disclosure arrangements agreed in the 2010 Memorandum of Understanding with Medicines Australia?	Written QoN	24/01/2012

345	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Services	Can the Department provide a list of all the individual medicines that have come off patent in the last two years and those anticipated to come off patent in the next two years; and can the Department provide details of the current and projected savings over the next two years as a result of the so called "patent cliff". (Dept should have this info, given it's the basis for a substantial component of anticipated savings from PBS price disclosure) a)Does the Department provide this savings information to Cabinet when they are considering new medicines listings? b)Are these savings considered "offsets" or headroom for the listing of new medicines or are they disappearing into the Government's budget black hole?	Written QoN	14/02/2012
346	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services	The Prime Minister said in her press release of 30 September ? "Budget savings created by price reductions arising from more competitively priced medicines, as well as number of recent PBAC recommendations, mean that it is now possible to list these medicines". a)Please provide individual details of those price reductions on medicines and PBAC recommendations to provide clarity on how those savings are achieved?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
347	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services	a)Is it true that the Government is asking the Department to provide offsets for all new medicines listings? b)If so, what offsets have been found in the Health Department or the PBS and what new medicines have those offsets been used to fund?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
348	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services	a)Given the Minister says the billions of dollars of savings from PBS reform creates "headroom" for new medicines, why are further offsets required?b) Where are the savings from PBS reform going? Do those savings go to the PBS, to the Health Department or into the Government's budget black hole?c)Doesn't requiring offsets for each new medicine on the PBS mean that the PBS has been capped?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
349	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services	Outside savings from PBS price disclosure and the price cuts to F2 medicines agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding with industry, please detail what other pricing policy measures are being applied, what medicines are impacted and what PBS savings are being achieved?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
350	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services	a)Is the Department aware of any new medicines costing over \$50 million that are anticipated to seek PBS listing in the next year? b)Will the government require further review of these medicines or any other major new medicines recommended for listing on the PBS by the PBAC over the next year?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
351	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceutical and pharmaceutical services	If medicines are recommended for listing on the PBS by the expert PBAC because they are safe and cost?effective, what are the implications for patients if the government further delays access to these treatments?	Written QoN	14/02/2012
352	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services	a)How many medicines have been considered for funding by federal cabinet in the last five years? b)Have any medicines been rejected for funding by the government? If so, please name them. Can you please advise/update on the current length of time from PBAC recommendation to medicines being listed on the PBS?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
353	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services	Can you please advise/update on the current length of time from PBAC recommendation to medicines being listed on the PBS?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
354	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services	a)What is the average currently, what was the average in 2009/10 and 2008/9? b)In the last three years, what is the longest time a medicine has had to wait for PBS listing post?PBAC recommendation? c)What was the reason for the delay?	Written QoN	14/02/2012
355	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services	The 2010 Memorandum of Understanding between Government and Medicines Australia provides for government to use best endeavours to make decisions on medicines listings within six months of pricing agreements being finalised. a)Has that provision been met? b)Are there any medicines recommended by the PBAC that have finalised pricing agreements more than six months ago and are still waiting for PBS listing? c)Please name those medicines, what are they for, how many patients are being impacted by the delay in PBS listing?	Written QoN	8/02/2012
356	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services	It has been stated that "the Government, industry and consumer groups agreed to work together to discuss ways to manage deferrals into the future." (PM & Health Minister, Press Release, 30 September 2011). a)What is the timeline on the new arrangement - when will the new deferral process be announced? b)How much was saved by deferring the listing announcement of the affected medicines from February to September?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
357	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmacy Location Rules	a)The fifth community pharmacy agreement provided "\$227 million for additional programs to support and deliver patient services"? What has been achieved for each of these additional programs in terms of the number of pharmacies participating, the number of services provided or other deliverables? How much of the funding has been spent or allocated? b)The fifth community pharmacy agreement also stated that "current compliance arrangements will be improved to ensure ongoing accountability and the quality of services". How have compliance arrangements been improved? What have been the outcomes of compliance programs?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
358	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Services	To stem the drain of specialists, would the Department consider a move, as an example, to offer a 50% to the MBS for rural and regional obstetric MBS item numbers to provide an incentive for specialists to relocate from cities?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
359	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Services Midwives and nurse practitioners	Can you provide an update on the number of 'eligible midwives' and 'eligible nurse practitioners' for MBS and PBS purposes?	Written QoN	2/12/2011
360	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Services Midwives and nurse practitioners	Are any aspects of the scheme being reviewed, or are there any changes being proposed or considered, in relation to the definition of an eligible midwife or nurse practitioner, collaborative care requirements or any other aspect?	Written QoN	2/12/2011
361	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Joint Injections	In relation to items 50124 and 50125, joint injections: a)Are new item numbers covering these procedures to be included in the November Schedule? If so what are the details (amount of the rebates, MBS descriptors, eligible patients etc)?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
362	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Joint injections	In February 2010, the Committee was advised that rheumatologist provided a submission for new item numbers and advice would be provided to Government "within three to four months.a)What has happened to the proposal for new item numbers? b)Is a new listing still likely and if so when?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
363	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Safety Net	a)In 2010/11, how many people met the concession threshold for the Extended Medicare Safety Net and how many met the general threshold? b)How does this compare to previous years?	Written QoN	12/12/2011

364	3	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Safety Net	The Minister stated in a report on 28 September this year regarding the Safety Net that "there are still some doctors who are charging excessive fees to take advantage of a program meant to help patients". a)What proportion of doctors are charging excessive fees? b)Which speciality of doctors is charging excessive fees? c)What are they charging and what should they be charging? d)What "further steps", as stated by the Minister in the article, are being considered? e)What additional areas may be capped? f)Will the Safety Net be retained for taxpayers who are not concession card holders? g)How much additionally needs to be saved to make the Safety Net "sustainable"?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
365	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Jallarah Homes - SA	a)Is the Department of Health and Ageing aware of the claim by United Voice on behalf of its members? b)Is the Department aware of other claims of this nature in other aged care facilities? c)Is there any federal funding available to help small not-for-profit homes to make payments of any successful claims for back pay? d)Is there any other assistance? with advice or negotiation? available through the department to help not-for-profit facilities? e)If the claims were successful and the home was not able to pay and forced to close, what other arrangements would be made to house the 30 residents as the nearest aged care facility is 75km away in Murray Bridge?	Written QoN	17/01/2012
366	4	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Productivity Commission Report for Older Australians	a)Are the community conversations published on the Aged Care Conversations website publicised in any other way? b)How many more conversations are planned and where will they be held? c)On average, how many people are in attendance?	Written QoN	10/01/2012
367	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Locals	a)For each of the first 19 Medicare Locals: b)On what date was their transitional funding agreement signed? c)On what date was their contract signed? d)When did the Medicare Local start operating under that final contract? e)What was the purpose of the "transitional funding agreement"? f)How does the "transitional funding agreement" differ from their final funding agreement?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
368	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Locals	a)For each of the first 19 Medicare Locals: b)what services are being provided? c)who is on the board and in what role?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
369	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Locals	Can the Department provide us with a standard copy of the Medicare Locals contract, in the same way they provided us with the Template Funding Agreement for the GP Super Clinics?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
370	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medicare Locals	Are there any Medicare Locals that have not had their contracts signed?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
371	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical Locals	In Question E11-122 from Budget Estimates, you answered that Medicare Locals are not "Primarily service delivery organisations". To what extent does "primarily" mean?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
372	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Medical Locals	a)Is there anything in the Medicare Local's contract that stops them from delivering services directly? b)Is there anything in the Medicare Local's contract to stop them using all of their allocated funding themselves to provide services themselves?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
373	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	In Senate Estimates on 19 October 2011 Mr Booth stated "We had specific undertakings from the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation around the loan that they would need to take - What were these "specific undertakings"?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
374	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	a)Is the Commonwealth required to give written confirmation that a GP Super Clinic provider may commence construction, or can construction commence as soon as the Funding Agreement is signed? b)If so, in the case of Redcliffe, what date did the Commonwealth give written confirmation that the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation may commence construction of the Redcliffe GP Super Clinic?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
375	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	On what date did the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation: a) Sign the construction contract? b) Commence construction? c) First apply for a commercial loan to fund the construction? d) On what date did the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation sign the construction contract for the Redcliffe GP Super Clinic and on what date did they notify the Department of Health and Ageing that they had signed the construction contract? e) When did the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation first notify the Department of Health and Ageing that they did not have access to adequate finance? f) Was the Department of Health and Ageing aware when they gave approval for the commencement of construction of the Redcliffe GP Super Clinic that the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation had not secured adequate finance? g) Can you explain why the construction contract for the Redcliffe GP Super Clinic was signed in January 2010 and finance was not applied for until August 2010 h) On what date did the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation first approach the Department of Health and Ageing for an additional contribution of \$5m? i) Can you provide information on what the additional \$5m announced in August 2010 will provide? j) What specialist services will be available at the Redcliffe GP Super Clinic? k) Were any of these specialist services previously delivered in outpatients at the Redcliffe Hospital?	Written QoN	14/02/2012
376	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Sorrell GP Super Clinic	Under what clause of the funding agreement with Sorell Integrated Health will the Commonwealth be seeking to terminate the Funding Agreement?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
377	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Wallan GP Super Clinic	a)What is the total Commonwealth expenditure to date at the Wallan GP Super Clinic and Wallan Integrated Primary Health Care Centre site? b)From which programs has this expenditure been drawn? c)What was the original commitment for the Wallan GP Super Clinic? d)When were the additional funds to Wallan GP Super Clinic approved? e)What are the differences between the Wallan GP Super Clinic and the Wallan Integrated Primary Health Care Centre? f)What services does the Wallan GP Super Clinic offer which are not offered at the Wallan Integrated Primary Healthcare Centre? g)What services does the Wallan Integrated Primary Healthcare Centre offer which are not offered at the Wallan GP Super Clinic? h)Is it anticipated that staff at the Wallan GP Super Clinic will also work at the Wallan Integrated Primary Healthcare Centre? i)Is it anticipated that the Wallan GP Super Clinic will operate out of the same rooms as the Wallan Integrated Primary Healthcare Centre?	Written QoN	8/02/2012
378	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	South Morang GP Super Clinic	a)When will development approval be sought for the South Morang GP Super Clinic? b)When will Construction Commence? c)Were Dental services included in the original Operational Plan?	Written QoN	6/02/2012

379	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Cobram GP Super Clinic	a)When was Development Approval for the GP Super Clinic granted by the Local Government Authority? b)When did construction of the GP Super Clinic commence? c)What did the one million dollars fund?	Written QoN	1/02/2012
380	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Darwin GP Super Clinic	a)Now that the Darwin GP Super Clinic is not proceeding, will the \$5 million that was promised for residents of the northern suburbs of Darwin be spent on primary care infrastructure in Darwin? b)Regarding the Darwin GP Super Clinic, can you take on notice the steps after 20 July, including when you advised the minister ?	Written QoN	1/02/2012
381	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Emerald GP Super Clinic	The Consultation period for the Emerald GP Super Clinic occurred on 31 July 2011. There are no summary of outcomes on the DoHA website. Can these be provided?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
382	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Can you explain the delay at the GP Super Clinics at: a) Cockburn in Western Australia b) Wanneroo in Western Australia c) Wallan in Victoria d) South Morang in Victoria e) Logan hub in South Brisbane f) Mount Isa in Queensland	Written QoN	8/02/2012
383	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	a)Can you provide the total Commonwealth commitment for each of the 64 GP Super Clinics? b)Can you provide the total Commonwealth expenditure for each of the 64 GP Super Clinics?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
384	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	a)In Budget Estimates - Question E11-310 Reference was made to the "current presentation data collection framework" being implemented on 1 February 2011. b)What framework for collecting "self-reported" data was in place before this date? c)Was there no framework in place, despite GP Super Clinics being operational, or providing early services before this date? d)Can the Current presentation data collection framework be provided? e)Can the previous data collection framework (if it exists) be provided?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
385	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Why is the Government not collecting data on the number of "after hours" services being performed by GP Super Clinics, when one of the functions of the GP Super Clinics program was to provide after hours services?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
386	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Of the 28 GP Super Clinics under the 2010 commitments: a)How many Funding Agreements have been signed, and which ones are they? b)How many have commenced construction?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
387	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	In 2009 the Government announced 5 GP Super Clinics at South Morang, Wodonga, Portland, Cockburn and Gunnedah: a)Can the Department explain how these locations were chosen? b)What criteria were used to choose these locations? c)What input did the Department have to the choice of these locations? d)What criteria were used by the Minister to determine these locations? e)Why did the Department not invite applications for these 5 Clinics?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
388	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	In 2010 the Government announced that it had found proposed operators for the GP Super Clinics at Jindabyne, Cobram, Northam and Rockingham: a)How were these operators found? b)Were any other operators considered?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
389	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Can you please provide an update on all 64 clinics in the table form which has been used previously?	Written QoN	14/02/2012
390	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Can the Department please provide the Services and Implementation Assessment Reports for all GP Super Clinics for which such Services and Implementation Assessment Reports exists?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
391	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	a)Have any GP Super Clinics applied, and been denied extra funding? b)If so, which ones? c)How many GP Super Clinics have applied for funding under the National Health & Hospitals Fund? d)Which ones?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
392	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Regionally Tailored Primary Health Care Initiatives through Medicare Locals Fund	For each Medicare Local and Division of General Practice: a)How much money has been allocated from the Regionally Tailored Primary Health Care Initiatives through Medicare Locals Fund? b)How is the money allocated to each Medicare Local and Division of General Practice?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
393	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinic Program	How many Funding Agreements have been signed?	Written QoN	14/02/2012
394	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinic Program	For each Super Clinic Funding Agreement what was the cap on the Commonwealth contribution as specified in Section 8.3 of the template Funding Agreement and Item 6 of Schedule 1?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
395	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinic Program	Which Super Clinics required funding in addition to the capped amount in their original Funding Agreement?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
396	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinic Program	a)When did the Western Australian Government advise the Department of Health and Ageing that it would be making a contribution to GP Super Clinics in Western Australia? b)Which clinics are receiving a contribution from the Western Australian Government? c)For each clinic receiving a contribution what is the level of this contribution?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
397	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinic Program	a)How many staff sit within the GP Super Clinics branch in the Department of Health and Ageing? In total and by full time equivalent b)How many staff within the Department of Health and Ageing are working on the GP Super Clinics Program? in total and by full time equivalent	Written QoN	14/12/2011
398	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinic Program	How many staff within the Medicare Locals Implementation and Transition section in the Department of Health and Ageing ? in total and by full time equivalent	Written QoN	14/12/2011
399	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinic Program	How many staff within the Department of health and Ageing are working on the Medicare Locals Implementation and Transition section? in total and by full time equivalent	Written QoN	14/12/2011
400	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinic Program	a)When did the Department notify the Minister for Health and Ageing that the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation had signed a construction contract which was almost 5 million dollars greater than the funds available to the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation? b)When did the Commonwealth provide written confirmation that the Redcliffe GP Super Clinic could commence construction	Written QoN	14/02/2012
401	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	For each of the 64 GP Super Clinics: a)When was the full financial analysis and probity assessment conducted of the Organisation receiving the GP Super Clinic grant? b)When was the assessment that the clinic would be financially viable conducted c)Who conducted this assessment?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
402	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Will any of the 2010 Election Commitments for GP Super Clinics, including Darwin, be receiving less funding as a result of the \$3.2 million bailout for Redcliffe GP Super Clinic	Written QoN	14/12/2011
403	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	Can the Department explain where in the existing 2010 GP Super Clinic program the \$3.2 million was found to bailout the Redcliffe GP Super Clinic	Written QoN	14/12/2011
404	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Primary Care Infrastructure Grants	Will the amount of money available for the Primary Care Infrastructure Grants be reduced as a result of the \$3.2 m bailout for Redcliffe	Written QoN	14/12/2011
405	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	GP Super Clinics	a)How many GP Super Clinics have requested additional funding above the original Commonwealth commitment b)How many GP Super Clinics have sought additional funding over the original commitment	Written QoN	14/12/2011

406	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Narrandera GP Super Clinic	a)Did the \$10,000 paid to Dr Douglas to relocate after his dental surgery be bulldozed to make way for the GP Super Clinic car park come from part of the Federal GP Super Clinic funding provided to Narrandera GP Management? b)If not, from which program did this funding come from?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
407	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Riverina GP Super Clinic	Can the Department advise when they were first informed that Dental services were no longer part of the operational plan for the Riverina GP Super Clinic?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
408	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Riverina GP Super Clinic	a)Can the Department advise when they were first informed of the Riverina GP Super Clinic being split into two stages? b)On what date was a variation to the works to split the Riverina GP Super Clinic into two stages lodged with the Department? c)On what date was this variation approved by the Commonwealth?	Written QoN	14/12/2011
409	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Riverina GP Super Clinic	Minister Butler has made comments that dental services will now be included in Stage 2 of the Riverina GP Super Clinic: <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-07-26/federal-govt-says-dental-clinic-still-in/2810620">http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-07-26/federal-govt-says-dental-clinic-still-in/2810620</a> a)How is Stage 2 progressing at Narrandera? b)What is the Commonwealth commitment and contribution to stage 2? (we suspect zero) c)Why have you listed Riverina (Narrandera) as operational when Stage 2 has not been completed? d)Isn't it a requirement of the GP Super Clinic program that multi-stage clinics are only classed as operational when all stages are complete? e)When can we expect Stage 2 to be completed? f)When can we expect dental services to be co-located at the Riverina GP Super Clinic?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
410	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Wodonga GP Super Clinic	a)Is it true that there is an existing Pharmacy located within 1km of the Wodonga GP Super Clinic? b)Did the Operational plan for the Wodonga GP Super Clinic include a proposal for pharmacy? c)Was the Wodonga GP Super Clinic announcement consistent with the Pharmacy Agreement at the time the Wodonga GP Super Clinic announcement was made on the 14 August 2009? (The pharmacy agreement states that a new pharmacy is not allowed within 1km of an already existing pharmacy) d)Was this proposal consistent with the Pharmacy Agreement at the time the Operational Plan was submitted? (The pharmacy agreement states that a new pharmacy is not allowed within 1km of an already existing pharmacy) e)Did the Department ever advise the Wodonga GP Super Clinic that their proposal was not consistent with the Pharmacy Agreement? f)If so on what dates? g)Doesn't that mean the Wodonga GP Super Clinic was not able to have a Pharmacy in contradiction to the Minister's announcement because it would have breached the location rules under the Pharmacy Agreement at the time?	Written QoN	1/02/2012
411	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmacy Location Rules/GP Super Clinics	Changes to the Pharmacy Location Rules were conveniently announced by the minister on 27th September 2011. <a href="http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/46F15B9EB4743276CA257918000637B5/\$File/NR192.pdf">http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/46F15B9EB4743276CA257918000637B5/\$File/NR192.pdf</a> These rules now allow new pharmacies to "be established in facilities such as large medical centres" without existing pharmacy approval. a)Would the Wodonga GP Super Clinic be classed as a "large medical centre"? b)Do the changes to the Pharmacy Agreement announced on 27 September 2011 impact on the Wodonga GP Super Clinic?	Written QoN	1/02/2012
412	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Regional Health Australia Unit	What is the staffing structure of Regional Health Australia and how many staff are there?	Written QoN	5/12/2011
413	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mental Health Commissioners	a)What advice has the Department provided to Minister Roxon and Minister Snowdon in regards to a "shortlist" for the nine Mental Health Commissioners? b)Why has this advice not been given to Minister Butler? c)How will the nine commissioners be chosen? d)When is the announcement expected to be made?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
414	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Hospital Beds	a)How many of the 1316 hospital beds promised by Kevin Rudd in April last year and budgeted for in the last Budget have been delivered in the last financial year? b)Can you provide the detail the states and hospitals in which these beds have been installed and opened? c)Are all these beds - actually beds?	Written QoN	14/02/2012
415	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Mersey Hospital	a)The agreement for the Commonwealth to fund the Mersey Hospital in North-west Tasmania was renegotiated which resulted in a \$17.5 million dollar increase in federal funding - did the Tasmanian Government make a submission for increased funding? b)What funding increase did the Tasmanian Government seek? c)Given that at the same time it was preparing for harsh funding cuts for all other health services in Tasmania - did it indicate its intention for funding cuts in other Tasmanian hospitals?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
416	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian Organ Donor Register	Is the Australian Organ Donor Register often accessed after the conversation has already taken place with the family/next of kin being asked about donation?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
417	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Australian Organ Donor Register	Based on the response to Question E-11-347 from May Estimates, where the funding agreement between the Authority and the jurisdictions are only required to "confirm the Australian Organ Donor Register has been accessed to establish if a potential donor has registered consent or objection to donating organs and/or tissues for transplantation a)Why does the Agreement not require the Organ Donor Register to be checked BEFORE the conversation with next of kin takes place? b)Surely this would be more helpful in informing the next of kin as to the wishes of the potential donor? c)What is the benefit in accessing the donor register AFTER the discussion with the next of kin takes place? d)What is the percentage of instances where the donor register is accessed before the conversation with the next of kin takes place? e)What is the percentage of instances where the donor register is accessed after the conversation with the next of kin?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
418	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Organ Donors	a)Is it true that some jurisdictions are claiming for very marginal potential donors? b)Would it not be better to provide funding to states for successful donations? c)Does the current funding arrangement not have the potential for abuse by claiming for very marginal potential donors?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
419	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Hospital Funding	What conditions must the States meet to receive the \$16.4 billion in top-up-payments?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
420	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Hospital Funding	What consequences are there in terms of Commonwealth funding for a State that provides less than its share of the efficient price for hospital services (i.e. initially less than 55% of growth funding)?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
421	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Hospital Funding	a)The Prime Minister has said that the Agreement is "a commitment of \$175 billion extra by 2030". Are the States guaranteed to receive \$175 billion in extra top-up? payments by 2030? Could it be less than \$175 billion? b)How much additionally will be provided to the States each year to reach the \$175 billion by 2030? c)What assumptions have been used to arrive at \$175 billion by 2030?	Written QoN	1/02/2012



422	13	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Hospital Funding	a)Page 10 of the Agreement says that "the Commonwealth commits to put in place legislation requiring a process to be followed, should the Commonwealth seek to vary this Agreement". What is the process? b)What period will the legislation cover - will it guarantee \$175 billion by 2030? c)Has the legislation been drafted? d)When will the legislation be introduced?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
423	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Midwife Professional Indemnity Schemes	a)How many eligible midwives are currently participating in the scheme? b)How many were budgeted to be participating.c)Is there any data on the types of collaborative arrangements (e.g. are they predominantly with obstetricians, GPs or hospitals?) d)Have there been any claims made and if so what has e)been the Commonwealth's liability? f)What are the implications for a midwife's insurance and registration if their patient is treated in a public hospital? Are they able to continue to provide care once the patient is discharged? Has any midwife's eligibility for insurance under the scheme been affected by their patient being treated in the public system?	Written QoN	2/12/2011
424	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Medical Stockpile	What is the current status of the National Medical Stockpile in terms of type of product, unit of product, value of product and expiry time?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
425	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Medical Stockpile	In 2010?11, what was the amount and value of product that was: a)Used or distributed domestically; b)Donated internationally (including reasons); c)Destroyed; d)Returned to a manufacturer?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
426	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Medical Stockpile	What changes are to be made as a result of the Strategic Review of the National Medical Stockpile?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
427	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Medical Stockpile	What is to be spent on the National Stockpile over the Forward Estimates?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
428	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Medical Stockpile	Are there any particular threats that are being targeted as part of health emergency planning and the National Stockpile?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
429	14	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Medical Stockpile	What CSL products are currently in the National Stockpile, how many units are there, what is there value and when were they purchased?	Written QoN	12/12/2011
430	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	National Mental Health Commission	There seems to be this repeated comment in the press about Monsignor Cappo being the obvious choice; was there any consideration given at any stage to any other person?	CA 79 - 19/10	8/12/2011
431	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	beyondblue	Could you provide me on notice with a breakdown of where that is? [money received from the Commonwealth by beyondblue].	CA 82 - 19/10	8/12/2011
432	11	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Multicultural Mental Health	a) Is it possible to get a copy of the independent review of the project? b) [Then there was another review that was done into financial management issues which is not public.] Would you take advice on that, even if a redacted version of it could be provided to me.	CA 83 - 19/10	9/02/2012
433	11	Wright	AG	Day to Day Living	We fund the program on a place basis. It is a capped program in the sense that we have a funding allocation and we understand from several years of the program now how that funding is used and how much a place costs. If you are going to ask me how much a place costs, I do not have that figure with me, but I am happy to take that on notice.	CA 85 - 19/10	8/12/2011
434	11	Furner	ALP	Men's Mental Health	[beyondblue funding targeting men in the workplace] Do they only do it in Victoria, though?	CA 87 - 19/10	8/12/2011
435	8	Siewert	AG	Petrol Sniffing	Jigalong Community in relation to Opal fuel a) What feedback have you had? b) Do you know why? c) How long have you been engaging with them? If you could take those other questions on notice, that would be great.	CA 43 - 21/10	7/12/2011
436	11	Siewert	AG	Petrol Sniffing	Sites in the East Kimberleys I will not make you go through the list if it is not any different from what you have already told us. Senator Adams does want it. We have had this discussion before. It is okay-give us the list; it is quicker.	CA 44 - 21/10	7/12/2011
437	8	Adams	LP	Petrol Sniffing	Opal fuel in Queensland a) I do have an interest in Cherbourg because I have travelled up there on several occasions and I have been advised that there have been some issues with petrol sniffing in that region. [Ms Powell: Cherbourg, I understand, has not been specifically identified as a priority site. I will look into that, but it is not listed as one of the sites for immediate rollout ] Cape York Region b) [A list of] The two current sites and the eight which are coming up for review, please? If you do not have them handy, we will put them on notice.	CA 45 - 21/10	7/12/2011
438	8	Scullion	CLP	FASD - Lillivan Project	In the AHRC social justice report from 14 January this year it said this [\$1.8million] would cover approximately half of the project. The report just said 'this would cover' and I was not sure if money was being leveraged from elsewhere.	CA 50 - 21/10	7/12/2011
439	12	McKenzie	NATS	Regional Workforce Shortage	a) Can the department provide information on the number of geriatricians there were practising in Australia yearly from 2007 to 2010? b) Would the department provide those figures for the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 as a percentage or ratio of geriatricians to Australians aged 65 years and older?	CA 115 - 19/10	23/11/2011
440	12	McKenzie	NATS	Regional Workforce Shortage	Would the department provide those figures for the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 as a percentage or ratio of geriatricians to Australians aged 65 years and older?	CA 115 - 19/10	See answer 439
441	12	Adams	LP	General Practice Rural Incentive Program	Under the Rural Relocation Grant, incentives are available to GPs to encourage them to move from major cities to rural areas or to move from rural to remote areas. Where did they move to?	CA 116 - 19/10	23/11/2011
442	12	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Public Dental Workforce	With dentists being only part of the dental workforce what are the statistics/profile in relation to the overall public system dental workforce?	CA 106 - 19/10	23/11/2011
443	8	Scullion	LP	Indigenous Ear Disease Campaign	Please provide more information about the Care for Kids Ears Campaign	CA 32 - 21/10	7/12/2011
444	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	HealthOne Clinic	When was the Department of Health and Ageing first aware that the NSW Government were planning to build a HealthOne clinic in Raymond Terrace with similar objectives to the GP Super Clinic Program	Written QoN	14/12/2011
445	5	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Redcliffe GP Super Clinic	On 10th October 2011, the Minister announced a \$3.2 million dollar bailout for the Redcliffe GP Super Clinic. From what program was this funding drawn?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
446	1	Rhiannon	LP	Family Planning Grants	Provide the names of the 12 organisations funded under the family planning grants program, and what they are being funded for.	CA 35 - 19/10	2/12/2011
447	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Review of the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy (MCDS)	a) PricewaterhouseCoopers conducted an efficiency review of the MCDS and its reporting structures for the department in a report dated 24 January 2011. Why hasn't this report been released publicly? b) Could you tell me why appendix A, the list of stakeholders has been redacted? c) Could you tell me who the consulted stakeholders were and whether they were consulted on the basis of suggestions made by PricewaterhouseCoopers or by the department directing Pricewaterhouse Coopers as to who should be consulted? d) Could you also tell me whether those stakeholders, the various industries, were consulted and again whether that was at the suggestion of PricewaterhouseCoopers or of the department?	CA 37 - 19/10	11/01/2012

448	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Review of the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy (MCDS)	Could you also take on notice whether in the past three years the department has appointed anyone with alcohol industry experience to any of its advisory bodies to provide advice on alcohol policy?	CA 38 - 19/10	11/01/2012
449	1	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Implementation frameworks of plain packaging legislation	Can you take on notice the issue about the action that the department has taken in relation to track and trace since the Minister made those comments on 24 August?	CA 41 - 19/10	24/01/2012
450	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Services	a) Did the Government consult with the company or the industry or consumer representatives before sending this medicine for review? b) How many patients would benefit from this medicine if it was listed?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
451	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Services	a) How does this new, ad hoc, opaque review process mirror the rigour and integrity of the world renowned PBAC process? b) What is the new review intended to look at, and how does this differ from what the PBAC has already examined in determining that Pradaxa is safe and cost?effective for at risk stroke patients? c) What are the guidelines or criteria for this new review? d) What is the timing of the review? When will it report and how soon will Australian patients get access to a medicine recommended by the PBAC?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
452	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Services	a) The review is being conducted by the former Chair of the PBAC. Can you please outline his role and brief? To whom will he report? b) Is it not strange that the person, who has been asked by the government to conduct this review, is the immediate former Chair of the independent expert committee which advised that Pradaxa is safe and cost?effective and should be listed on the PBS for at?risk stroke patients?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
453	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Services	Pradaxa is a replacement for another anticoagulant that is over 50 years old. a) Will the review also be looking at these older medicines? b) If the Government is so concerned about optimising current anticoagulant treatments, why has it taken this long to commission a review? c) Isn't it strange that the Government has only now ordered a review of old treatments, when there is a new high?cost treatment available?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
454	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Services	Isn't it true that this is all about the government avoiding listing a new medicine and trying to save money?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
455	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Services	a) Did the Government consult with the former Chair of the PBAC about the PBAC's recommendation being subject to further review? b) Did the Government consult with the new Chair of the PBAC about the PBAC's recommendations now being subject to being second guessed by the government?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
456	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Review of Pradaxa	As part of the review of Pradaxa, will Professor Sansom be consulting with state governments about the additional potential savings that could be achieved through reduced hospitalisations, by replacing outdated anticoagulation therapies with new safe, efficacious and cost?effectiveness therapies?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
457	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Review of Pradaxa	Will this review also consult with Medicare about the potential savings of reduced doctor visits and pathology costs through access to newer, safer medicines - that have been recommended as efficacious and cost effective by the PBAC?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
458	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Review of Pradaxa	a) Given the Prime Minister and Health Minister acknowledge that the PBAC advised that Pradaxa is safe, efficacious and cost?effective for at risk stroke patients, why is the government denying those patients access to this treatment? b) How many patients will be impacted?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
459	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Strokes in Australia	a) What is the cost burden of strokes in Australia? How many people suffer a stroke each year? b) How many strokes is it anticipated that these medicines would prevent each year?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
460	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pradaxa	How many additional hospital, doctor visits and blood tests will be required for each year that Pradaxa is not available for patients?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
461	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pradaxa	The Prime Minister and Health Minister say the PBAC advised that Pradaxa may be overprescribed by doctors and suggest an education campaign is needed. Given the Government has used this as an excuse to defer and delay listing of Pradaxa, does this mean that the Government no longer has faith in the services of the National Prescribing Services, its Quality Use of Medicines agency, even though the government has increased its budget?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
462	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PBS Listing of Pradaxa	Given the Government is also claiming uncertainty about global clinical trials to justify its delaying of PBS listing of Pradaxa, what will the government be doing to support additional clinical trial activity in Australia?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
463	2	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Pradaxa	Given the Government spent last week (and most of the last year) calling on people to respect the science of climate change, why is government ignoring the science that says Pradaxa is a safe, efficacious and cost?effective medicine and should be made available on the PBS for at?risk stroke patients?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
464	10	Boyce	LP	PCEHR	Nicola Roxon has recently been attacking privacy advocates and their concerns about the security of the proposed PCEHR. But its Draft Legislation has just been released before the standards and technical specifications that form the basis of its function have been finalised. How can you know the validity or effectiveness of the legislation if it does not include all those things in their final detail?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
465	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	Nicola Roxon has recently been attacking privacy advocates and their concerns about the security of the proposed PCEHR. But its Draft Legislation has just been released before the standards and technical specifications that form the basis of its function have been finalised. In the PCEHR, which is the core reason for NEHTA's existence, there are 60 key technical standards and NEHTA has not completed them as yet and we're told is miles from doing so. a) Would you agree that if NEHTA doesn't get this right, patient safety will be placed at great risk? b) What detailed clinical testing has been conducted? c) What were the results of those tests? d) How many of the 60 key technical standards have been fully completed and fully tested?	Written QoN	7/02/2012
466	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	Nicola Roxon has recently been attacking privacy advocates and their concerns about the security of the proposed PCEHR. But its Draft Legislation has just been released before the standards and technical specifications that form the basis of its function have been finalised. It's argued by experts that the standards for health software should be the same as those for the aviation industry are NEHTA's standards comparable?	Written QoN	24/01/2012

467	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	Nicola Roxon has recently been attacking privacy advocates and their concerns about the security of the proposed PCEHR. But its Draft Legislation has just been released before the standards and technical specifications that form the basis of its function have been finalised. The Infrastructure program announced in August that has a deadline for completion of July 2012 is huge. Singapore by comparison, servicing just 4 million people took four years to do a similar job. How can we possibly believe the deadlines the government has set and their claims that they will meet them?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
468	10	Boyce	LP	PCEHR	a) Can the PCEHR be a success without the fulsome support of the AMA and the RDAA? b) What major misgivings do groups like the AMA, the RACGP and RDAA have about the PCEHR and the ConOps plan? c) Wouldn't it be fair to say that, given the state and standard of the present ConOps it's not surprising that key health groups would be failing in their duties to their constituencies and the Australian health consumer if they didn't raise concerns?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
469	10	Boyce	LP	PCEHR	Take recent comments by the RACGP; "We are... concerned that the current plan doesn't offer any incentives for GPs and urges the Government to consider how this additional effort will be acknowledged. "We would like to see amendments to the Medicare Benefits Schedule to recognise the additional workload GPs will undertake in consultations initiating and maintaining the patient's shared health summary and other elements of the PCEHR," Dr Bennett said." And this from the rural doctors, "Many rural doctors are already working long hours and struggle to keep their practices economically viable. Given this, they may be reluctant to participate in the PCEHR system without appropriate incentives for the time they will have to spend creating and updating the electronic records," Given that Health Minister has explicitly ruled out any financial incentives how then do you get the co-operation of enough doctors to make this work?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
470	10	Boyce	LP	PCEHR	a) Dr Hambleton of the AMA has also said the PCEHR proposals could 'de-medicalise' electronic patient health information, saying "Little has changed from the draft plan despite the sound advice provided by many medical groups, including the AMA, about what should be included on a patient's health record. Why has there been so little change from the draft proposals? b) Does this mean the suggestions experts have made weren't correct or worth inclusion in the final scheme architecture?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
471	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	According to the AMA "Under the proposed arrangements, people will be able to alter their health record without consultation with their doctor. "Patients could entirely remove from their record clinical documents that they had previously considered worth sharing with healthcare providers. "This is a very dangerous precedent that could undermine all the potential benefits of an electronic health record." How does NEHTA respond to these particular concerns?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
472	10	Boyce	LP	PCEHR	The AMA says "The opt-in system has resulted in incredibly complex rules for patients to give their doctor's access to their PCEHR. We will have a system that doctors and other health practitioners are keen to embrace but won't be able to because their patients haven't yet given them access to their records." a) Isn't this true and if so doesn't it suggest the system NEHTA has designed simply won't work? b) Why would a consumer opt in anyway, if they can't even make appointments under this approach?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
473	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	Has NEHTA resolved the serious and complex medico-legal liability issues associated with the electronic health record?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
474	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	a) The AMA has made it very clear they cannot support the proposed system as it does not, in their view, improve on what we have now and that, as presently designed, could create serious risks to patient health. Surely this must be of great concern to NEHTA when a body such as the AMA believes this to be the case, so how does NEHTA respond to such concerns? b) How can NEHTA possible answers such concerns when so many of the key technical standards of the PCEHR have not been completed or adequately tested?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
475	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	For some time computer experts have expressed alarm over the planned architecture of NEHTA's PCEHR. The draft laws recently made public have only heightened those concerns with many experts claiming that the technology to guarantee security does not exist? Does it? And if so where would we find it completed, tested and working in the real world?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
476	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	Even though you cannot guarantee the security of the system healthcare organisations will face stiff penalties for privacy breaches. How is that fair and reasonable? How is that even therefore enforceable when the system you have designed could be robustly argued to be inherently faulty?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
477	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	The draft legislation, released for public comment by Federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon, states hospitals, GP surgeries and other organisations will be responsible for ensuring the system can identify which individual staff members are accessing records at any given time. How can they be responsible be the security of a system they haven't devised or even seen?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
478	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	The government has promised that the PCEHR will have the capability, known as an audit trail, saying it will help deter unauthorised snooping by ensuring anyone who accesses medical files without a patient's permission can be quickly and easily identified. Has NEHTA developed that system? Has it been completed? Has it been tested?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
479	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	Doesn't the draft PCEHR legislation reflect (1) An acknowledgment that security of the PCEHR is a primary issue, that (2) the Government knows it can't guarantee its security because NEHTA's architecture thus far has not come up with a secure method and (3) So the only alternative is make health organisations responsible and legally and financially liable for security breaches?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
480	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	Documents released by the National e-Health Transition Authority show it wants to bypass the usual standards-setting process via "tiger teams" that have one month to come up with 149 "specifications" for the \$500 million personally controlled record rollout. a) Why this sudden rush or what some have described as 'panic'? b) How can you possibly do all that in the time frame? c) NEHTA has been supposedly working on this for more than a year and spent over \$200 million what does it have to show for it?	Written QoN	7/02/2012

481	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA	a) Is NEHTA intending to bypass the normal processes set by Standards Australia? b) What could potentially be the consequences of doing that? c) One industry source has described the possible consequences this way, " If you depart from the standards framework, you introduce a cascading series of costs and barriers," the source said."If the specs are changed for one project, the vendor has to do a specialty implementation, but then you need a special conformance process and adjust the interoperability framework as well." Is this not correct? d) If you proceed down this path doesn't everyone have to change their software, and the costs spread like a ripple on a pond."	Written QoN	7/02/2012
482	10	Boyce	LP	PCEHR	Juanita Fernando of Monash University's Mobile Health Research Group agrees local software makers will be unable to bear the cost of developing one standard for Australia and another for the world, while multinationals would not be interested. "If you look at the off-the-shelf PCEHR system Health bought from a multinational recently, along with the 'island Australia' standards issue, one might be forgiven for believing local health authorities are explicitly working against the interests of the domestic software industry." What is your reply to that claim?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
483	10	Boyce	LP	PCEHR	Juanita Fernando, as chairwoman of the Australian Privacy Foundation's health sub-committee, said the privacy guarantees in the new system were inadequate, and the system would be unusable." And she went onto say I think the way this PCEHR system has been implemented has set Australia back 10-15 years." What is NEHTA's response to such comments and concerns?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
484	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA Software	I assume you are aware of the steady roar of criticism directed at NEHTA and its parent DOHA by local industry of their handling of IT and software tendering and contracting? Have there been problems and what have they been?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
485	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA Software	Many people in the Australian software industry are extremely angry at how difficult NEHTA has made it for them to participate competitively in the building of the nations E-Health systems?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
486	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA Software	They say many of them haven't got a look-in, that unless you're one of the big ones you don't have a chance? What contract details can you provide to respond to that complaint?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
487	10	Boyce	LP	NEHTA Software	Consultant Ian Colclough, of Integrated Marketing & e-Health Strategies, said software developers could not be expected to adopt new standards until it was proven they worked and, importantly, "that they can be successfully implemented". Isn't that reasonable? Who wears the cost if standards created overnight are faulty?	Written QoN	7/02/2012
488	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	What was the rationale behind giving Federal, State and Territory Governments crown immunity from penalties for breaches of privacy under the PCEHR?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
489	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Healthcare Identifiers	For each of the three Wave 1 eHealth lead sites: a)What has been the uptake of Healthcare Identifiers (HI's)? b)What has been the uptake of Individual Healthcare Identifiers (IHI's)? c)How many Healthcare Providers have registered? d)How many Healthcare Organisations have registered?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
490	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	What will have been achieved by 30 June 2012 with regards to e?health and the PCEHR in Australia?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
491	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	Can you provide the PCEHR Benchmarks?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
492	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	a)Can you explain the situation around the need to bypass the usual standard setting process via "Standards Australia" and the decision to use "tiger teams" instead? b)When was the decision made to bypass the usual standard setting process by using "tiger teams"? c)Who was this decision made by? d)When was the Minister first notified that the usual standard setting process would have to be bypassed to meet the 1 July 2012 deadline imposed by the Minister? e)What was the Minister's response to this notification? f)Is this a sign that it will be a struggle to meet the 1 July 2012 deadline for the PCEHR project?	Written QoN	7/02/2012
493	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	a)When was the decision made to bypass the usual standard setting process by using "tiger teams"? b)Who was this decision made by?	Written QoN	See answer 492
494	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	a)When was the Minister first notified that the usual standard setting process would have to be bypassed to meet the 1 July 2012 deadline imposed by the Minister? b)What was the Minister's response to this notification? c)Is this a sign that it will be a struggle to meet the 1 July 2012 deadline for the PCEHR project?	Written QoN	See answer 492
495	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	Are there any other aspects of the project that will have to be compromised like this to meet the 1 July 2012 deadline?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
496	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	Is there an expectation that further costs will now be incurred by vendors having to comply with changing standards?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
497	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	a)Can a patient may have registered for a PCEHR on 1 July 2012, but that their Doctor/Pharmacist/Specialist/Medical professional may not yet be capable of entering data on to that patients electronic record? b)What provisions are in place to encourage medical professionals to upgrade their software to allow this?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
498	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	a)Is it true that the PCEHR audit trail will only be able to identify which organisation accessed PCEHR, and not the individual that accessed it? b)Why is this so? c)Does this not defeat the purpose of being able to track which people inappropriately view a patient's record?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
499	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	What was the rationale behind giving Federal State and Territory governments crown immunity from penalties for breaches of privacy under the PCEHR?	Written QoN	See answer 488
500	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	a)A nominated healthcare provider will be responsible for creating and managing a consumer's shared health summary - this is surely going to increase the time burden on that healthcare provider? b)Is there an estimate of how much extra time the "nominated healthcare" provider will spend maintaining a consumers shared health summary? c)Will they be compensated financially for this extra time? d)Is this not time that medical professionals will spend entering data and managing electronic records rather than seeing patients? e)What incentive do doctors have to spend this extra time managing the shared health summary?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
501	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	Can you provide the total amount spent on e-health by financial year for each of the last 10 years?	Written QoN	24/01/2012
502	10	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	PCEHR	Can you provide the total amount spent on the PCEHR project by financial year for the last 10 years?	Written QoN	6/02/2012
503	10	Madigan	DLP	Wind Turbines	Are you aware of the reports of symptoms consistent with exposure to operating wind turbines being reported at distances up to 10km away from turbines?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
504	10	Madigan	DLP	Wind Turbines	Who are the authors of the Rapid Review of the Evidence released by the NHMRC?	Written QoN	8/12/2011

505	10	Madigan	DLP	Wind Turbines	In the interests of transparency which was so sadly lacking the first time around with the NHMRC's Rapid Review with respect to both identities of authors and peer-reviewers, who are the people involved in the writing of the revised literature review?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
506	10	Madigan	DLP	Wind Turbines	a)Will the identities of the peer-reviewers of the updated literature review and the text of their comments be made publicly available? b)When is it estimated that this will be completed? c)Is the NHMRC planning to amend the public statement in the interim? And when?	Written QoN	8/12/2011
507	8	Scullion	CLP	National Coordinator for Indigenous Smoking	a)How many people applied for the position of National Coordinator for Indigenous Smoking? b)How many applicants were considered? c)Did the Department engage a recruitment agency to conduct the recruitment process? Who were they? d)If so, how much di [the recruitment agency] cost?	CA 48 21/10	7/12/2011
508	1	Boswell	NATS	Food Labelling	Do you know anywhere else in the world that this traffic light system has been tried or implemented? When was that?	CA 50 - 19/10	6/02/2012
509	1	Adams	LP	Bowel Screening Program	Does the department have any contact with the Rotary bowel cancer screening program? It is confusing people quite a lot.	CA 119 - 19/10	24/01/2012
510	13	Di Natale	AG	CDDS - Proportion of expenditure to restorative treatments	Is there any evidence that this is changing? I suppose that gets back to my earlier question. Has that been a fairly static figure	CA 103 - 19/10	24/01/2012
511	13	Brown	ALP	CDDS	What is the breakdown of [patients] seen under the Scheme in States and Territories?	CA 103 - 19/10	24/01/2012
512	8	Siewert	AG	Kununurra - Health and Hospital Fund	Maybe you could take on notice giving us a bit of an update on where each of those initiatives is at.	CA 48 - 21/10	13/12/2011
513	8	Scullion	CLP	Dental Referrals	Outstanding dental referrals from NTER child health checks	CA 36 - 21/10	
514	8	Fierravanti-Wells	LP	Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage Key Indicators	Has the Government responded to the report? If so, can you provide details of the response and most particularly in responses to sections 7.7 and 7.9	CA 39 - 21/10	14/12/2011