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1	Cross	Fifield	Lib	Contract Management	How many officers (FTE equivalent estimate) are there in the Department at the moment who manage contracts? Provide data broken up into meaningful categories, including officers working on funding grants. Please also provided numbers at SES level.	CA23 - 20 October 2011	5/12/2011
2	Cross	Fifield	Lib	"Investing in You" Workshop	Please provide the materials handed out at the "Investing in You" Workshop.	CA24 - 20 October 2011	14/12/2011
3	Cross	Furner	Lib	Career Progression for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employees	Can you give some examples of what has occurred with regards to career progression for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees.	CA27 - 20 October 2011	22/11/2011
4	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Communications	How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies? List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.	Written	14/12/2011
5	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Staffing	How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? What classification are these staff? How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD? This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	29/11/2011
6	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Staffing	How many permanent staff recruited for the year 2010-11? What classification are these staff? How many temporary positions exist or have been created for the year 2010-11? For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	22/11/2011
7	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Staffing	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. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	Written	22/11/2011

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8	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Efficiency Dividend	How has the efficiency dividend been implemented? Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.	Written	22/11/2011
9	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Government Advertising	<p>What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken 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.</p> <p>Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>	Written	29/11/2011
10	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for the year 2010-Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p>	Written	22/11/2011
11	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	22/11/2011

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12	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Hospitality and Entertainment	What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	22/11/2011
13	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Hospitality and Entertainment	What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	22/11/2011
14	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Freedom of Information	Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	14/12/2011
15	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Freedom of Information	How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? How many have been granted or denied? How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?	Written	14/12/2011
16	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Freedom of Information	How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? How many have been granted or denied? How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?	Written	14/12/2011

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17	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Community Cabinets	<p>What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held for the year 2010-11?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11?</p>	Written	22/11/2011
18	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Community Cabinets	<p>What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD?</p> <p>How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD?</p>	Written	14/12/2011
19	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Reviews	<p>For the year 2010-11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? • What reviews have been concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 	Written	14/12/2011

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20	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Reviews	For this financial year to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? • What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 	Written	14/12/2011
21	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Consultancies	How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written	22/11/2011
22	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Consultancies	Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes.	Written	22/11/2011
23	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written	22/11/2011
24	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Consultancies	Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austender website? 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. Are up to date with reporting requirements?	Written	22/11/2011
25	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Consultancies	How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	Written	22/11/2011
26	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Media Monitoring	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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? • What has been spent providing these services FYTD? 	Written	9/12/2011

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27	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Media Monitoring	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? • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? • What has been spent providing these services FYTD?	Written	9/12/2011
28	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain.	Written	28/11/2011
29	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Contractors	Since May 2011: Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	22/11/2011
30	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Contractors	Since May 2011: Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	22/11/2011
31	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Contractors	Since May 2011: 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.	Written	22/11/2011
32	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Contractors	Since May 2011: Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.	Written	22/11/2011
33	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Contractors	Since May 2011: Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Written	22/11/2011
34	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Contractors	Since May 2011: Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	22/11/2011
35	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Contractors	Since May 2011: Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	22/11/2011

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36	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Contractors	Since May 2011: Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	22/11/2011
37	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Contractors	Since May 2011: Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written	22/11/2011
38	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Discretionary Grants	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.	Written	21/11/2011
39	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Discretionary Grants	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.	Written	21/11/2011
40	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Commissioned Reports	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. • How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	29/11/2011
41	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Commissioned Reports	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	29/11/2011

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42	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Government Payment of Accounts	<p>For the year 2010-11, did the department/agency pay 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.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written	21/11/2011
43	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Government Payment of Accounts	<p>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.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written	21/11/2011
44	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Government Stationary Requirements	<p>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? What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?</p>	Written	29/11/2011
45	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Media Subscriptions	<p>Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. • What was the cost for 2010-11? • What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? 	Written	22/11/2011

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46	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Media Subscriptions	Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. • What was the cost for 2010-11? • What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written	22/11/2011
47	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Media Subscriptions	Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. • What was the cost for 2010-11? • What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written	22/11/2011
48	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Travel Costs	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.	Written	29/11/2011
49	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Travel Costs	For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.	Written	22/11/2011
50	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Travel Costs	For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (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	23/11/2011
51	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	23/11/2011
52	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Travel Costs	For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written	29/11/2011
53	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Travel Costs	For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.	Written	22/11/2011

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55	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Travel Costs	For the year FYTD, 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	23/11/2011
56	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	14/12/2011
57	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	6/12/2011
58	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	6/12/2011
59	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	6/12/2011
60	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Legal Costs	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	6/12/2011
61	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	6/12/2011
62	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	6/12/2011
63	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Legal Costs	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	6/12/2011
64	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Education Expenses	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.	Written	23/11/2011

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65	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Education Expenses	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	23/11/2011
66	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training for the Year 2010-11	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	14/12/2011

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67	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training for the FYTD	<p>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 FYTD:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	14/12/2011
68	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	22/11/2011
69	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	22/11/2011
70	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	22/11/2011

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71	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	23/11/2011
72	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Corporate Cars	How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? Where is the car/s located? What is the car/s used for? What is the cost of each car for 2010-11? How far did each car travel in 2010-11?	Written	23/11/2011
73	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	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	29/11/2011
74	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Credit Cards	How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? What is their classification? What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? How is corporate credit card use monitored? What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	25/11/2011
75	Cross	McKenzie	Nat	Carbon Price Legislation	How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package? Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?	Written	5/12/2011
76	1	Bernardi	Lib	Family Support Program	How many feedbacks has the Department received from service providers through its feedback mechanism in relation to the Family Support Program? Please break this down into positive and negative and highlight the issues - both good and bad.	CA30 - 20 October 2011	21/12/2011
77	1	Bernardi	Lib	Family Support Program	What is the sign-up rate for the remaining Family Support Program contracts, including when was the last one, how many came in a week later and things of that nature.	CA32 - 20 October 2011	29/11/2011
78	1	Brown	Lab	Paid Parental Leave	Please provide a state-by-state breakdown of Paid Parental Leave applicants.	CA37 - 20 October 2011	22/11/2011
79	1	Bernardi	Lib	Family Support Program	How many contract officers or managers (FTE equivalent) are there under the Family Support Program? Include a state-by-state breakdown.	CA37 - 20 October 2011	14/02/2012

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80	1	Bernardi	Lib	Family Support Program	How many organisations were required to have a plan such as the Family Support Program transition plan? Please also provide the reasons that were identified as the need to have a transition plan.	CA37 - 20 October 2011	23/11/2011
81	1	Bernardi	Lib	Family Relationship Services Online	What was the capital cost of implementing FRS Online? What are the current operational costs of maintaining that? What are the staff allocations for maintaining that system (FTE equivalent)? Please provide a breakdown of staff classifications for those who are allocated to it.	CA37 - 20 October 2011	2/02/2012
82	2	Payne	Lib	Social Housing Initiative	What is the status of the Casula and Bombaderry Social Housing Initiative Projects? Please provide advice on the ones with question marks over them, including the last four in Western Australia.	CA43 - 20 October 2011	9/01/2012
83	2	Payne	Lib	Social Housing Initiative	When did you become aware that the NSW Social Housing Initiative Projects were to be retendered and were not to make their completion dates? Please provide a comprehensive response on the status of these projects. Please provide advice about what is happening with respect to the proper payment of those contractors or their further engagement, if that is the decision that has been undertaken.	CA43 - 20 October 2011	3/02/2012
84	2	Payne	Lib	Social Housing Initiative	Please provide an update on the progress of the transfer to date from both stimulus stock and from general state public housing stock to community housing providers.	CA44 - 20 October 2011	9/01/2012
85	2	Ludlam	Greens	Social Housing Supply Gap	What proportion of the total demand for social housing will be met by Government Programs by 2014? (provide the fraction of demand for social housing that will be taken up by Government schemes to 2014).	CA48 - 20 October 2011	9/01/2012
86	2	Ludlam	Greens	2008 Senate Inquiry into Housing Affordability	How many of the recommendations in the 2008 Senate Inquiry into Housing Affordability Report have been acted on?	CA49 - 20 October 2011	15/02/2012
87	2	Payne	Lib	Homelessness Statistics Reference Group	Please provide a list of members of the Homelessness Statistics Reference Group.	CA49 - 20 October 2011	9/01/2012
88	2	Furner	Lib	A Place to Call Home	Please provide a state-by-state breakdown of the locations of dwellings that have been completed under A Place to Call Home.	CA51 - 20 October 2011	9/01/2012
89	3	McKenzie	Lib	Discretionary Grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	9/12/2011

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90	3	Rhiannon	Greens	Income Management Trial in Bankstown	I would like to address the issue of income management and plans to extend it beyond the Northern Territory. I understand that the Bankstown local area in South-Western Sydney is amongst a small number of areas chosen to be part of this trial. Why was Bankstown chosen? What research has the department relied upon to determine that Bankstown would be an appropriate location to trial this program?	Written	22/11/2011
91	3	Rhiannon	Greens	Income Management Trial in Bankstown	What process of consultation did the department conduct in the Bankstown area before choosing it to be a trial area for income management? Did you consult with any local community groups and representatives of communities in the area who would be affected by the trial?	Written	25/11/2011
92	3	Rhiannon	Greens	Income Management Trial in Bankstown	What is the timeframe for rolling this program out in Bankstown, testing its effect and possibly extending the program elsewhere?	Written	22/11/2011
93	3	Rhiannon	Greens	Income Management Trial in Bankstown	Are there any other locations beyond those currently being planned where the department is considering extending income management? Are there any in New South Wales?	Written	23/11/2011
94	3	Rhiannon	Greens	Income Management Trial in Bankstown	What is the budget for rolling out this program in Bankstown, including costs for the production of the cards, information for clients on the program, and organising the program with local shops to take the card as payment?	Written	23/11/2011
95	3	Bernardi	Lib	Problem Gambling	How many states have publicly said that they support voluntary pre-commitment technology?	CA55 - 20 October 2011	14/12/2011
96	3	Bernardi	Lib	Problem Gambling	What other overseas jurisdictions have you examined (in addition to Norway) with regards to their experiences in implementing mandatory pre-commitment for poker machines?	CA57 - 20 October 2011	14/12/2011
97	3	Bernardi	Lib	Problem Gambling	Will the modelling undertaken by Deloitte Access Economics be made public?	CA58 - 20 October 2011	14/12/2011
98	3	Bernardi	Lib	Problem Gambling	Has the Department received any correspondence from Mr Wilkie and/or the Greens with regards to the impacts of mandatory pre-commitment?	CA58 - 20 October 2011	14/12/2011
99	3	Siewert	Greens	Community Development Financial Institutions Pilot	Will each Financial Management Program client be surveyed when they first receive a loan and followed-up afterwards?	CA59 - 20 October 2011	9/12/2011
100	3	Siewert	Greens	Income Management	How long do people stay on income management after they have been through the Family Responsibilities Commission process? Provide an average time.	CA60 - 20 October 2011	3/02/2012
101	3	Fifield	Lib	Volunteer Grants	How many applications were made for volunteer grants from 2007 to 2011?	CA64 - 20 October 2011	9/12/2011

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102	3	Fifield	Lib	Volunteer Grants	How many individuals from 2007 – 2011 have benefited through the program?	CA64 - 20 October 2011	9/01/2012
103	3	Furner	Lib	Volunteer Grants	How many years were the grants capped at \$3,000.00 and what year did the amount change?	CA66 - 20 October 2011	9/12/2011
104	3	Siewert	Greens	Income Management	What is the estimated unit cost (per individual assisted) of extending income management to the five regions in each of the forward estimates years, including and excluding the matched savings scheme, incentive payment, and financial management support services components?	Written	22/11/2011
106	4	Fierravanti-Wells	Lib	Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card	Has any work been done in FaHCSIA in relation to changing the eligibility for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card?	CA68 - 20 October 2011	18/01/2012
107	5	Fifield	Lib	Disability Long-Term Care and Support	Please provide to the Committee a diagrammatic representation of the various Committees.	CA5 - 19 October 2011	13/01/2012
108	5	Siewert	Greens	DSP	For the last two financial years, could the Department provide the numbers and outcomes of DSP medical appeals at the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT) that were client initiated and policy-department initiated.	CA15 - 19 October 2011	14/12/2011
109	5	Siewert	Greens	DSP	For the last two financial years, could the Department provide the numbers and outcomes of ALL DSP appeals at the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT) that were client initiated and policy-department initiated.	CA15 - 19 October 2011	14/12/2011
110	5	Siewert	Greens	Carer Eligibility and 25-Hour Rule	Please provide any reports or evaluations into the current 25-hour rule and what alternative policies have been considered in respect to the 25-hour rule.	CA15 - 19 October 2011	14/12/2011
111	5	Siewert	Greens	Carer Eligibility and 25-Hour Rule	Eligibility for Carer Payment imposes strict 25 hour limits. This can be difficult, especially for young people of schooling age, who assist with the care of parents. For 2009-10 and 2010-11 provide data on the numbers of people denied eligibility for Carer Payment (adult and child) under this restriction. Is the Department aware of cases of young people juggling school hours, regularly missing school, to meet these requirements?	Written	9/01/2012
112	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	Please provide the document which provides a break-down of DSP recipients by gender, age and disability.	CA13 - 19 October 2011	14/12/2011
113	5	Siewert	Greens	DSP Data	Please provide information on what data is available quarterly, six-monthly and annually.	CA15 - 19 October 2011	16/12/2011

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114	5	Siewert	Greens	Income Support for Carers	Over the last two financial years how many people have lost eligibility for Carer Payment because they have ceased caring? (provide a breakdown by age, gender, state and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status). How many of these people who were former carers found employment during the 2 year period?	Written	9/12/2011
115	5	Siewert	Greens	Income Support for Carers	Could you provide a list that highlights the financial impacts upon a carer being moved onto Newstart, in terms of payment rates, assets test, income test, Rent Assistance, concessions and supplements etc? Can you provide the Committee with any evaluations that the Department has undertaken into this problem?	Written	16/12/2011
116	5	Siewert	Greens	Workforce Participation and Carer Payment Recipients	Please provide a breakdown of Carer Payment (adult and child) recipients earnings by gender, state and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status.	Written	9/12/2011
117	5	Siewert	Greens	Workforce Participation and Carer Payment Recipients	Please provide the links to any research and outline policies and programs that are aimed at supporting carers in the workforce.	Written	9/01/2012
118	5	Fierravanti-Wells	Lib	COAG Mental Health Spending	Please provide the actual amount spent against COAG Mental Health Programs between 2006 and 2011 (refer to document provided by Health and Ageing).	CA24 - 20 October 2011	19/01/2012
119	5	Siewert	Greens	Personal Helpers and Mentors Program on the APY Lands	How many people have registered as clients of the APY Lands' Personal Helpers and Mentors program and in which communities do these clients reside? Have individual recovery plans been developed for each of these clients?	Written	13/02/2012
120	5	Siewert	Greens	Personal Helpers and Mentors Program on the APY Lands	Has the PHaMs program been established in the APY community of Mimili and, if not, when is this expected to happen? In which other APY communities does the PHaMs program operate and how often do program staff engage with clients in those communities? (Daily? Weekly? Monthly?)	Written	13/02/2012

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121	5	Boyce	Lib	Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program	<p>The government has provided \$21.5m for the years 2010 – 2013 for the Outside Schools Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability program.</p> <p>Would you please advise how many funding rounds there have been for the Outside Schools Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability program since the \$21.5m was announced in 2010?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the names of organisations who have received funding since 2010, the number of places, the amount of funding that has been provided to each of those organisations, the location of the organisations and region that the funding covers.</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the locations across Australia that provide before and after school care, those that provide vacation care and those that provide both and how many teenagers with disability access each service?</p> <p>In the past, this information, (names of successful organisations, locations, places etc) was available on the website, why is it no longer available?</p>	Written	5/12/2011
122	5	Boyce	Lib	Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program	<p>Has the department identified a greater need for 'before & after school' care, or for vacation care? What have you identified as the need for before and after school care? What have you identified as the need for vacation care?</p> <p>Given that organisations don't necessarily provide both services, was funding proportionately awarded to organisations according to that need?</p> <p>Given that this is a recognised area of "very high unmet need", how often is this program reviewed and considered for additional funding?</p> <p>What is the unmet need?</p>	Written	24/01/2012
123	5	Boyce	Lib	Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program	<p>How many teenagers (aged between 12 and 18) with disability are in the Brisbane region?</p> <p>How much funding has been made available for this program in the Brisbane region from the 2010 – 2013 allocation?</p>	Written	1/12/2011

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124	5	Boyce	Lib	Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program	<p>From my investigations, only TWO organisations have received funding in the Brisbane region. Lifeline is one recipient and they direct the funds to FOUR special schools to provide vacation care only - Mt Gravatt, Mt Ommaney and Beenleigh on the south side and Mitchelton on the north side. Darling Point Special School is the other recipient of funding and they are the ONLY provider of 'before & after school' care for the ENTIRE Brisbane region. Even your website acknowledges that there is a "very high unmet need" in the provision of before, after and vacation care of people with disabilities - why then is there ONLY ONE provider of before and after school care for the entire Brisbane region?</p> <p>What steps is the department taking to address the unmet need?</p>	Written	6/02/2012
125	5	Boyce	Lib	Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program	An aim of the program is to enable parents and carers to work or participate in the community. How can parents and carers undertake work when only vacation care is available in the Brisbane region except for one service that provides before and after school care?	Written	1/12/2011
126	5	Boyce	Lib	Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program	Some government agencies have said that the north side of Brisbane is woefully under-served, why is that?	Written	1/12/2011
127	5	Boyce	Lib	Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program	Given that this issue was brought to our attention by a parent who is faced with giving away an excellent full time job because there is no-one to provide care for their teenager after school, does the department have any explanation as to why this program is still woefully under funded?	Written	6/02/2012
128	6	McKenzie	Nat	Board Appointments	What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?	Written	8/12/2011
129	6	McKenzie	Nat	Board Appointments	Detail any board appointments for the year 2010-11.	Written	8/12/2011
130	6	McKenzie	Nat	Board Appointments	Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.	Written	8/12/2011

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131	6	Cash	Lib	Domestic Violence Workplace Rights and Entitlement Project	<p>The Domestic Violence Workplace Rights and Entitlements Project, which commenced on 1 July 2010, provides \$440 000 to the Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse for a project on domestic violence and workplace rights and entitlements. The principal aim of the project is to improve the knowledge and capacity of unions and employer organisations to support employees who are experiencing domestic violence.</p> <p>1. How much interaction has the Office for Women had with staff at DEEWR who are administering the Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse Project?</p> <p>2. Why is the program administered through DEEWR rather than the Office for Women?</p> <p>3. How much interaction has the Office for Women had with staff at DEEWR in relation to the Project?</p> <p>4. How does the Office of Women monitor the Program to ensure it is meeting its stated aims and is assisting women?</p>	Written	8/12/2011
133	6	Cash	Lib	Boards	Gail Kelly, CEO of Westpac, where 36 per cent of leadership positions are filled by women, says that 'recruitment models, discussion forums, training programs, measures and rewards needed to be focused around gender equality.' What support is the Government providing for women to progress through corporate ranks and leadership positions?	Written	8/12/2011
134	6	Cash	Lib	Boards	With reference to answer to QON 121 in relation to the Appoint Women Register, what steps has the Office for Women taken to actively address the declining number of Candidate Registration? What measures is the department undertaking to increase the number of those women registered in the program?	Written	8/12/2011
135	6	Cash	Lib	Boards	How many women have now been appointed to government boards as a result of registering on the Appoint Women site?	Written	8/12/2011
136	6	Cash	Lib	Staffing	What is the total staffing level at the Office for Women?	Written	12/12/2011
137	6	Cash	Lib	Staffing	Provide a breakdown of all portfolio programs, expenditure, and program staffing and numbers in each of the programs?	Written	12/12/2011
138	6	Cash	Lib	Staffing	What cross-portfolio programs are handled by the Office for Women?	Written	12/12/2011
139	6	Cash	Lib	Staffing	What expenditure do they incur and what are the staff numbers and expenditure in each program?	Written	12/12/2011
140	6	Cash	Lib	Staffing	Which boards fall within the Office for Women?	Written	12/12/2011

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141	6	Cash	Lib	Staffing	What is the Office of Women's expenditure in each of the following areas: a. Advertising b. Travel (including breakdown of business and economy travel and domestic and international) c. Hospitality and entertainment d. ICT e. Consultancy f. Education and training to staff g. External accounting h. External auditing i. External legal costs j. Memberships and/or grants paid to affiliate organisations	Written	12/12/2011
143	6	Cash	Lib	National Women's Health Policy	In the Women's Budget statement for 2011-2012, it is stated the National Women's Health Policy 2010, released on 29 December 2010, provides a comprehensive framework for addressing the health needs of women and acknowledges that health needs vary across the population. How does the Office for Women interact with the Department of Health to ensure that the needs of women are actually being addressed?	Written	12/12/2011
144	6	Cash	Lib	National Women's Alliances	In March 2010, the Australian Government committed \$3.6 million in core funding for six National Women's Alliances over three years from 2010-11 to 2012-13. In addition to core funding, the Government also provides the Alliances with access to a total of \$300,000 in additional funding to support them to respond to emerging issues relating to women and gender equality. How much of the \$300,000 has been allocated to each Alliance. What emerging issues have they been responding to?	Written	12/12/2011

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145	6	Cash	Lib	The National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children	<p>In the Women's Budget statement for 2011-2012, it refers to The National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children and cites the initiatives the Australian Government is funding to reduce violence against women and their children under the National Plan include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$17 million over four years for The Line social marketing campaign. • \$12.5 million over four year in the 1800 RESPECT Helpline. • \$3.75 million over three years for Community Action Grants. • \$8.8 million over three years to provide support for frontline workers, such as allied health, child care and paramedics, to better assist clients who have experienced violence. • \$4.8 million over three years for projects to improve services for women with children who are experiencing domestic and family violence. • \$6.9 million over four years to establish a National Centre of Excellence for the Prevention of Violence against Women. • \$14.5 million over four years to conduct the Personal Safety Survey and a National Community Attitudes Survey to ensure we have the most accurate and up to date information about the prevalence of violence against women in our community and track the impact of the National Plan on a four-year cycle. • \$7.6 million for research to improve perpetrator interventions, develop national standards and provide a once-off reward payment for states and territories. <p>Please provide an update as to how much has been expended in each of these areas</p>	Written	12/12/2011
146	6	Cash	Lib	1800 Respect	<p>At Senate Budget estimates in May Senator Cash asked: 'What State and Territories have been spoken to in relation to the expansion of the 1800RESPECT?'</p> <p>Answer: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory.'</p> <p>Please outline the detail of meetings with representatives from each of the States and Territories (with whom and about what).</p>	Written	12/12/2011
147	6	Cash	Lib	Select Council on Women's Issues	<p>In the Women's Budget statement for 2011-2012 it is stated that the Select Council on Women's Issues commenced on 30 June 2011. Please provide an update as to the status of the Council.</p>	Written	12/12/2011

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148	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - Australian Standard on Gender Inclusive Job Evaluation	1. On what grounds has EOWA put in a proposal for a new Australian standard on gender inclusive job evaluation? 2. How much did it cost to employ a consultant from New Zealand to work on the draft proposal? 3. Considering the Office for Women is a specialized unit with employees commanding higher salaries than ordinary departmental employees, why was it necessary to employ a consultant to do the work? 4. Have any fees been paid to Standards Australia to consider the proposal? 5. How will the standard be enforced if it is non-binding?	Written	12/12/2011
149	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - Staffing	What is the total staffing level at EOWA?	Written	12/12/2011
150	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - Staffing	Provide a breakdown of all portfolio programs, expenditure, and program staffing and numbers in each of the programs?	Written	12/12/2011
151	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - Staffing	What cross-portfolio programs are handled by EOWA? What expenditure do they incur and what are the staff numbers and expenditure in each program?	Written	12/12/2011
152	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - Staffing	Which boards fall within EOWA?	Written	12/12/2011
153	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - Staffing	What is EOWA's expenditure in each of the following areas: -Advertising -Travel (including breakdown of business and economy travel and domestic and international) -Hospitality and entertainment -ICT -Consultancy -Education and training to staff -External accounting -External auditing -External legal costs - Memberships and/or grants paid to affiliate organisations	Written	12/12/2011

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154	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - Director	<p>What policy changes have been instituted since Ms Conway was appointed director of EOWA in March 2011?</p> <p>What is the underlying public policy reason and/or the rationale behind these changes?</p> <p>Are there any budgetary implications in the policy changes?</p>	Written	12/12/2011
155	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - Staffing	Please provide a list of speeches Ms Conway has made since her appointment?	Written	12/12/2011
156	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - Staffing	What conferences has Ms Conway attended since her appointment?	Written	12/12/2011
157	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - Staffing	What changes in personnel have taken place at EOWA since Ms Conway became director?	Written	12/12/2011

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158	6	Cash	Lib	Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency	<p>EOWA's primary role is to Administer the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act 1999 (the Act).</p> <p>In respect of its functions, please advise on what EOWA is doing to:</p> <p>a) Advise and assists relevant employers in the development and implementation of workplace programs;</p> <p>b) Issue guidelines to assist relevant employers to achieve the purposes of the Act;</p> <p>c) Monitor the lodging of reports by relevant employers as required by the Act and to review those reports and deal with them in accordance with the Act;</p> <p>d) Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of workplace programs in achieving the purposes of the Act;</p> <p>e) Undertake research, educational programs and other programs for the purpose of promoting equal opportunity for women in the workplace;</p> <p>f) Promote understanding and acceptance, and public discussion, of equal opportunity for women in the workplace;</p> <p>g) Review the effectiveness of the Act in achieving its purposes;</p> <p>h) Report to the Minister on matters in relation to equal opportunity for women in the workplace?</p>	Written	12/12/2011

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159	6	Cash	Lib	Changes to EOWA	<p>On 9 March at the National Press Club, Minister Ellis announced 'a suite of significant reforms to the Act and to the Agency that will give EOWA the powers it needs to really drive gender equality in Australian workplaces.'</p> <p>What consultative processes have been pursued with business and industry to make sure their voices are being heard and their concerns addressed?</p> <p>What are the anticipated transition costs of these changes: a) To the Department? b) To industry and business?</p> <p>The Minister has outlined that 'mobile support teams of Agency staff' will help businesses in the transition phase. What are the anticipated costs of staffing these teams?</p>	Written	12/12/2011
160	6	Cash	Lib	Changes to EOWA	What is the current gender composition of staff at EOWA?	Written	12/12/2011
161	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - New IT System	Minister Ellis has advised that there will be 'substantial investment in a new IT system' underpinning the new reporting framework for EOWA, whereby businesses who have more than 100 employees are required to report against pay equity and gender equality targets. What is the status of the IT system?	Written	12/12/2011
162	6	Cash	Lib	EOWA - New IT System	What will be the cost to business of the regulatory burden imposed by mandatory reporting requirements to be introduced whereby businesses with more than 100 employees must report to EOWA on?	Written	12/12/2011
163	6	Cash	Lib	Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency	<p>Please advise individually on progress of the implementation advisory group for the reforms to EOWA on each of the following scheduled meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 May 2011 - 7 June 2011 - 8 July 2011 - 2 August 2011 - 5 September 2011. 	Written	12/12/2011
164	6	Cash	Lib	Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency	What will be the costs associated with re-branding EOWA to reflect the change in name to the Workplace Gender Equality Agency?	Written	12/12/2011
166	6	Fifield	Lib	Delegation to the APEC Women and the Economy Summit	Did the issues covered in the gender training for the overseas delegation relate to issues in Australia or issues in APEC member economies?	CA69 - 20 October 2011	12/12/2011

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167	6	Fifield	Lib	Delegation to the APEC Women and the Economy Summit	Please provide the gender training materials.	CA69 - 20 October 2011	8/12/2011
168	6	Fifield	Lib	Delegation to the APEC Women and the Economy Summit	Who was the female entrepreneur who was on the overseas delegation?	CA69 - 20 October 2011	
169	6	Cash	Lib	Global Ambassador for Women and Girls	How many meetings has the Office for Women had with Ms Williams?	CA71 - 20 October 2011	8/12/2011
170	6	Cash	Lib	Global Ambassador for Women and Girls	Please provide the schedule of meetings that Ms Williams has attended with the Office for Women.	CA71 - 20 October 2011	8/12/2011
171	6	Cash	Lib	Global Ambassador for Women and Girls	Please provide details of the Ambassador's role.	CA71 - 20 October 2011	8/12/2011
172	6	Cash	Lib	Global Ambassador for Women and Girls	Please provide a list of all the advice that the Office for Women have provided to Ms Williams to date.	CA72 - 20 October 2011	8/12/2011
173	6	Cash	Lib	B-Safe	Did Minister Ellis raise the Bsafe Program with the Department when it was raised with her last year?	CA74 - 20 October 2011	8/12/2011
174	6	Cash	Lib	Women in the SES	With regard to Women in the SES, please share the specifics of how the Department looks at the kinds of things that are learnt in Government and the private sector, and at initiatives that might work.	CA76 - 20 October 2011	12/12/2011
175	7	Fifield	Lib	APY Lands	How many FaHCSIA staff or contractors for FaHCSIA visited the APY lands last financial year? Please also provide the total costs associated with the travel, including accommodation.	CA64 - 20 October 2011	14/02/2012
176	7	Fifield	Lib	APY Lands	How many FaHCSIA staff are permanently based, or are resident, in the APY lands or within a reasonable proximity to APY lands.	CA64 - 20 October 2011	14/02/2012
177	7	Fifield	Lib	APY Lands	Roughly how much is spent by the portfolio each year in the APY lands?	CA64 - 20 October 2011	14/02/2012
178	7	Siewert	Greens	Stronger Futures Consultations	How were communities chosen for Stronger Futures consultations? How were stakeholders chosen for the stakeholder consultations? Which advertising materials were in language? What communication materials- such as the discussion paper, consultation documents or presentations were in language?	Written	5/12/2011

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179	7	Siewert	Greens	Stronger Futures Consultations	The report says (p. 15) "It is not possible to be certain of the total number of participants who attended Tier 1 and Tier 2 meetings as some people participated in more than one meeting and people moved in and out of meetings." How can you do a quantitative analysis of opinions at the consultations, if you do not know the population size?	Written	30/11/2011
180	7	Siewert	Greens	Stronger Futures Consultations	There is a very diverse range of opinions presented in relation to problems and solutions to school attendance: a. Was it referred to more often as a potential solution? b. Or was it just one of many options offered by communities?	Written	17/11/2011
181	7	Siewert	Greens	Family and Wellbeing Centres in the APY Lands	What is the estimated capital cost of building the new Family and Wellbeing Centre in Mimili?	Written	8/02/2012
182	7	Siewert	Greens	Family and Wellbeing Centres in the APY Lands	Can you confirm that the centre in Amata will be located in the underused \$4 million substance misuse facility and, if so, how much funding has been allocated for the necessary building works?	Written	8/02/2012
183	7	Siewert	Greens	Family and Wellbeing Centres in the APY Lands	When do you expect the proposed Pukatja Family and Wellbeing Centre to be operational?	Written	8/02/2012
184	7	Siewert	Greens	Family and Wellbeing Centres in the APY Lands	How many full-time equivalent staff will be based at each of the three centres and what are the proposed opening hours?	Written	8/02/2012
185	7	Siewert	Greens	Family and Wellbeing Centres in the APY Lands	Has the South Australian Government agreed to meet the ongoing operating costs of the three family and wellbeing centres and, if so, what are these expected to be for each centre per annum?	Written	8/02/2012
186	7	Siewert	Greens	Family and Wellbeing Centres in the APY Lands	Do the Australian and South Australian Governments have any plans to upgrade or replace any of the other family centres on the APY Lands and, if so, when is this work expected to commence?	Written	8/02/2012
187	7	Siewert	Greens	Stolen Generations Working Partnership	Given the Scorecard released by the National Sorry Day Committee on 26 May 2011 was very critical of the lack of progress under the Stolen Generations Working Partnership, what steps are now being taken to increase transparency and accountability under the Partnership?	Written	14/02/2012
188	7	Siewert	Greens	Stolen Generations Working Partnership	Has the department allocated any administered funding to support measures under the Stolen Generations Working Partnership? If not, why not?	Written	14/02/2012

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189	7	Siewert	Greens	Stolen Generations Working Partnership	Stolen Generations projects have been historically funded from the Reconciliation or Indigenous leadership program areas. Since the restructure, responsibility for the Stolen Generations Working Partnership now sits in the Indigenous policy and engagement branch. What has happened to the reconciliation activities funding source and the Indigenous leadership program funding source since the restructure – do they still exist? Are they still available for Stolen Generations activities or proposals?	Written	14/02/2012
190	7	Siewert	Greens	Stolen Generations Working Partnership	Will funding for commemorative events for the Anniversary of the Apology and National Sorry Day continue, given that the Department of Health and Ageing have indicated to stakeholders that responsibility for this area will move to FAHCSIA?	Written	14/02/2012
191	7	Scullion	Lib	Indigenous Programs	Please provide the complete list of Indigenous Programs by portfolio, including funding.	CA6 - 21 October 2011	15/02/2012
192	7	Scullion	Lib	Community Development Employment Project	How many CDEP programs are currently operating and in what states and territories.	CA7 - 21 October 2011	14/02/2012
193	7	Scullion	Lib	Community Development Employment Project	Please provide a copy of the guidelines from the 2009 CDEP reforms.	CA7 - 21 October 2011	14/02/2012
194	7	Scullion	Lib	Community Development Employment Project	In Maningrida, CDEP participants have been placed in the SIHP Housing contract - fencing and housecleaning. How are you monitoring those arrangements to ensure that these people earn full wages, and if they are on CDEP, they can move seamlessly back to CDEP when the contract ends?	CA8 - 21 October 2011	14/02/2012
195	7	Siewert	Lib	Community Development Employment Project	How is the planning going for the phasing out of CDEP?	CA8 - 21 October 2011	13/02/2012
196	7	Siewert	Greens	Stronger Futures Report	Ref Page 18 - 'Limitations on Interpretation of the Consultation data' - it reads: " <i>to assist in the synthesis of consultation feedback a quantitative analysis of the qualitative information in the Tier 1 and 2 consultation reports was undertaken....</i> " Is it possible to get the quantitative analysis of the qualitative information?	CA22 - 21 October 2011	6/12/2011
197	7	Siewert	Greens	Stronger Futures Report	Was there an independent review of the sorts of questions that were asked as part of the Stronger Futures consultation process? Did it go through FaHCSIA's ethics process?	CA23 - 21 October 2011	30/11/2011
198	7	Adams	Lib	Domestic Violence Programs	Is the Domestic Violence program going to be cut at all in ongoing years, or is the budget adequate to deal with bringing extra people on?	CA25 - 21 October 2011	12/12/2011

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199	7	Siewert	Greens	Domestic Violence Orders	Does the ABS Publication <i>Recorded Crime - Victims, Australia, 2009</i> - go into why the breaches of Domestic Violence Orders would be occurring? Is anybody looking at what is driving the increase in actual breaches? Is the Department suggesting that the increase could be attribute to the fact that there are more instances and more orders?	CA26 - 21 October 2011	23/11/2011
201	7	Scullion	Lib	National Indigenous Social Survey Findings	With regards to statistics in the National Indigenous Social Survey findings - we note there has been a significant increase in drug related incidents. Given these statistics, are we making any changes as to how we go about our trafficking compliance regime?	CA29 - 21 October 2011	30/11/2011
202	7	Scullion	Lib	Safe Houses	Please explain the anomaly in the three safe places statistics of 5,155, 327 and 54,000.	CA29 - 21 October 2011	23/11/2011
203	7	Scullion	Lib	Indigenous Business Australia	Out of the \$23 million, what percentage would IBA use to administer their program?	CA51 - 21 October 2011	
204	7	Scullion	Lib	Indigenous Business Australia	Would you be able to provide a copy of the Strategic Sustainable Financial Futures Review?	CA51 - 21 October 2011	
205	7	Scullion	Lib	Indigenous Business Australia	How many business loans were approved per year from 2007?	CA52 - 21 October 2011	
206	7	Scullion	Lib	Indigenous Business Australia	What is the current return on Investment for Wildman Lodge?	CA53 - 21 October 2011	
207	7	Scullion	Lib	Indigenous Business Australia	Please provide a breakdown of who travelled and, as you do these reviews and you have done a report on those things, the purpose of the travel for last year (across the enterprise program of investments).	CA53 - 21 October 2011	
208	7	Scullion	Lib	Indigenous Business Australia	Please provide a breakdown of staff and where they are located.	CA54 - 21 October 2011	
209	7	Scullion	Lib	NT Housing	With regard to CASA requirements: Please provide contractual details with regards to re-working the power - who was responsible for that. Did the Government pay for the re-working - or was it the Alliance partners? How did you come to that arrangement? Please provide advice on whether there are any issues with the airstrip in relation to housing works in Maningrida.	CA59 - 21 October 2011	24/11/2011
210	Cross	Payne	Lib	Staffing	Can you please outline the number of staff, indicating the APS level and location, your department has engaged directly on matters falling under the housing outcomes (including, separately, Indigenous housing) and, if possible, the number of full time equivalent positions engaged indirectly on housing outcomes.	Written	2/02/2012

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211	Cross	Payne	Lib	Administrative Expenditure	Can you please outline the overall expenditure, departmental and administered, and broken down by activity (for example engagement of staff, travel, accommodation, legal etc) by your department and any portfolio agencies on housing outcomes (including, separately, Indigenous housing).	Written	14/12/2011
212	Cross	Payne	Lib	Staffing	Can you please outline the number of staff, indicating the APS level and location, your department has engaged directly on matters falling under the indigenous employment and development outcomes and, if possible, the number of full time equivalent positions engaged indirectly on indigenous employment and development outcomes.	Written	14/02/2012
213	Cross	Payne	Lib	Staffing	Can you please outline the overall expenditure, departmental and administered, and broken down by activity (for example engagement of staff, travel, accommodation, legal etc) by your department and any portfolio agencies on indigenous employment and development outcomes.	Written	14/12/2011
214	7	Payne	Lib	National Indigenous Reform Agreement	I understand that the COAG review on the National Indigenous Reform Agreement was due to be completed by July 2011. Was this completed? What were the outcomes? How has this informed the further work of your department, Commonwealth agencies and COAG on this agreement and other indigenous matters? Are you aware of any recommendations from the COAG Reform Council, either from its 2008-09 or 2009-10 reports, which have not been adopted as a result of the review or otherwise?	Written	22/11/2011
215	7	Payne	Lib	Indigenous Business Australia	The answer to QoN 242 (from Budget estimates) indicated that Indigenous Business Australia will consider loans for existing home owners, under its Home Ownership Program, for necessary home improvements, replacement homes, necessary refinancing of loans and property settlement loans after relationship breakdown. The table of total expenditure on these loans indicates the amount has fallen by almost half each of the last four financial years. Is this due to a change in priorities for the Home Ownership Program? If not, do you have any views about why this reduction is occurring? I assume that the circumstances of individuals have not generally changed.	Written	
219	7	Payne	Lib	Community Development Employment Projects and Indigenous Employment Programs	Can you please provide figures around the success rates for negotiated targets for employment and training outcomes under CDEP?	Written	14/02/2012

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222	7	Payne	Lib	Homelessness	You said in your answer to QoN54 that performance under the NPARIH cannot be tracked until Census 2011 data is released next financial year. You also said that this is a snapshot, and other initiatives will be used to inform your understanding of homelessness. Can you not therefore make estimates on progress outside of Census data releases? Tracking progress every 5 years seriously limits the ability to enable the program to evolve.	Written	30/11/2011
223	5	Wright	Greens	Engaging with People with a Mental Illness	<p>I refer to the recommendations of the Commonwealth Ombudsman report 'Falling Through the Cracks. Centreline, DEEWR and FAHCSIA: Engaging with Customers with a Mental Illness in the Social Security System' and note in particular, Part 5.3 that the Ombudsman asks each agency provide a status report on the implementation of relevant recommendations six months after publication of the report.</p> <p>1. Given the report was published in September 2010, please advise which recommendations have been implemented, or will be implemented and whether FaHCSIA have provided status reports.</p> <p>2. If status reports have yet to be provided, please advise when we would likely expect these status reports.</p>	Written	23/11/2011
224	5	Wright	Greens	Siblings of Children and Adults with Disability and Chronic Illness.	What is FaHCSIA doing to support siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness?	Written	2/02/2012
225	5	Wright	Greens	Siblings of Children and Adults with Disability and Chronic Illness.	Is there any proposal for the government to support the development of services to meet the needs of these parents and providers of siblings of children and adults with disability and chronic illness?	Written	9/12/2011
226	5	Wright	Greens	Siblings of Children and Adults with Disability and Chronic Illness.	Is there any proposal for the government to support the development of a central resource centre to develop best practice in this area to ensure existing services have access to information and training about the needs of siblings?	Written	9/12/2011

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227	5	Wright	Greens	Siblings of Children and Adults with Disability and Chronic Illness.	The National Strategy for Young Australians aims to improve the health and wellbeing of young people. Young carers, siblings and those who are the children of carers are given priority in the Strategy. How will siblings specifically be catered for within the National Strategy for Young Australians?	Written	1/12/2011
228	5	Wright	Greens	Siblings of Children and Adults with Disability and Chronic Illness.	One outcome of the National Disability Strategy is that 'Families and Carers are well supported'. However, there is no measure of family support needs or support programs, and no performance indicators related to families. Siblings of children and adults with disability continue to be overlooked in spite of their lifelong relationship with the person with disability and in spite of them being shown to have higher rates of depression. When will performance indicators be included in the National Disability Strategy that truly reflect whole family support, especially for siblings?	Written	1/12/2011
229	5	Wright	Greens	Siblings of Children and Adults with Disability and Chronic Illness.	Given the families/carers distinction mentioned in the NDS, it is encouraging to see that nearly \$20 million has been provided for the MyTime peer support program for parents. However, even though they are dealing with the stresses as children, and so may be more vulnerable, siblings are not provided any targeted programs such as this for parents. Does FAHCSIA have any plans to develop programs for siblings that are similar to MyTime for parents?	Written	9/12/2011
230	3	Birmingham	Lib	Home Energy Saver Scheme	How many loans will be available under the Home Energy Saver Scheme? Please provide a breakdown by year of the number of energy and financial literacy educators anticipated to be appointed or assisting each year together with the number of loans expected to be available each year.	Written	6/12/2011

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231	3	Fifield	Lib	Trial Sites	<p>With reference Minister Macklin's press release of 10 May 2011, "New Approaches to address disadvantage in targeted communities":</p> <p>a) Did the department consider Socio-economic Indexes for Area (SEIFA) data when recommending the ten (including the five income management areas) trial sites to the Government?</p> <p>b) If so, was SEIFA data a primary consideration in the recommendation process? If not, why not?</p> <p>c) What other considerations formed part of the recommendation process?</p> <p>d) Did the Department receive any communications from the Minister about trial site locations prior to the selection of the ten sites that were chosen?</p> <p>e) If so, did the Minister provide any guidance as to the processes or criteria for selecting trial sites? Can the Department provide details of that guidance?</p>	Written	5/12/2011
232	3	Fifield	Lib	Volunteer Grants	What details has FaHCSIA sent regarding particular grant recipients to Members of Parliament?	Written	13/01/2012
233	3	Fifield	Lib	Volunteer Grants	If any, which Members of Parliament received specific details regarding successful volunteer grant recipients, including organisation names and addresses?	Written	21/12/2011
234	3	Fifield	Lib	Volunteer Grants	Does FaHCSIA have a list of successful recipients under the Volunteer Grants Program broken down by electorate? If so, can the Department provide a copy of that list?	Written	3/01/2012
235	5	Fifield	Lib	National Disability Insurance Scheme	How much of the \$10 million allocated towards the development of an NDIS will be directed towards the states or territories? Which states, if any, will receive money out of this \$10 million and how much will they receive?	Written	24/11/2011
236	5	Fifield	Lib	National Disability Insurance Scheme	Can the Department provide a list of the members of the interdepartmental committee on disability care and support, including names, and the departments and/or agencies they represent?	Written	25/11/2011
237	5	Fifield	Lib	National Disability Insurance Scheme	What are the specific roles and responsibilities of the interdepartmental committee on disability care and support?	Written	6/12/2011
238	5	Fifield	Lib	National Disability Insurance Scheme	Can the Department provide a list of the members of the senior officials working group, including names, and the departments they represent?	Written	25/11/2011
239	5	Fifield	Lib	National Disability Insurance Scheme	What are the specific roles and responsibilities of the senior officials working group?	Written	6/12/2011

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240	5	Fifield	Lib	National Disability Insurance Scheme	Can the Department provide a copy of the work plan that was agreed upon by the Commonwealth, States and Territories at the Select Council on Disability Reform meeting on Thursday, 20 October 2011?	Written	9/12/2011
241	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	Can the Department provide the current figure on the number of Australians currently on the Disability Support Pension? How many are male? How many are female?	Written	16/12/2011
242	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	What was the growth in the number of men on DSP compared to the number of women in 2010-11?	Written	16/12/2011
243	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many current DSP recipients are in the musculo-skeletal category? What proportion of current DSP recipients are in the musculo-skeletal category?	Written	14/12/2011
244	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many current DSP recipients are in the psychological/psychiatric category? What proportion of current DSP recipients are in the psychological/psychiatric category?	Written	14/12/2011
245	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many current DSP recipients are in the intellectual/learning category? What proportion of current DSP recipients are in the intellectual/learning category?	Written	16/12/2011
246	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many claims were processed between June 2010 and June 2011? How many claims were granted and rejected in that period? What proportion of rejections in 2010-11 were for medical and non-medical reasons?	Written	9/01/2012
247	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many entrants were there to the DSP for the year 2010-11 that were not receiving the DSP in June 2010? How many of these were in receipt of another income support payment?	Written	14/12/2011
248	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many new entrants to the DSP were on Newstart Allowance prior to being granted the DSP in 2010-11?	Written	9/01/2012
249	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many exits were there from the DSP in 2010-11?	Written	14/12/2011
250	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many and what proportion of exits in 2010-11 were to the Age Pension?	Written	14/12/2011
251	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many people exited the DSP and moved off income support payments completely in 2010-11?	Written	9/01/2012
252	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many people moved off DSP and into full employment in 2010-11?	Written	16/12/2011

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253	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	What is the current number of DSP pensioners aged 35 or under?	Written	16/12/2011
254	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many current DSP recipients who are manifestly qualified for the DSP?	Written	14/12/2011
255	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many people currently qualify for the DSP for being permanently blind?	Written	14/12/2011
256	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	How many DSP recipients currently receive income from employment?	Written	16/12/2011
257	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	<p>With reference to the changes to the DSP assessment process that came into effect from 3 September 2011:</p> <p>a) How many new entrants to the DSP have there been since 3 September 2011? How does this compare to the same period in 2010?</p> <p>b) How many people are now participating in a program of support as a result of these changes?</p> <p>c) How many people have been classified as having a severe impairment under these changes?</p> <p>d) How many people were accepted for the Newstart Allowance since these changes came into effect because they were not eligible for the DSP?</p> <p>e) How many people have been assessed as having participated in a program of support since 3 September 2011, and are currently on the Disability Support Pension?</p>	Written	10/02/2012

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258	5	Fifield	Lib	DSP	<p>With reference to the 2011-12 budget measure announcing changed participation requirements for DSP customers under 35 years of age who have a work capacity of eight or more hours a week from 1 July 2012:</p> <p>a) What is the status of the development of the participation interview policy?</p> <p>b) When will the legislation be introduced?</p> <p>c) How many additional staff will need to be hired to accommodate the increased workload for Centreline from the participation interviews?</p> <p>d) Will all participation interviews be conducted on Centreline premises?</p> <p>e) What capacity will there be for participation interviews over the telephone?</p> <p>f) Does FaHCSIA have an estimate of the number of people who will voluntarily comply with the participation plans developed at the interviews?</p> <p>g) What estimates has FaHCSIA done to calculate the number of people that will move off the DSP and move into either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - full-time work; - part-time work. <p>h) What information collected from clients through participation interviews will Centreline store? How long will Centreline keep these records?</p>	Written	10/01/2012
259	5	Fifield	Lib	Income Support for Carers	<p>Can the Department provide a month by month breakdown since June 2011 of the number of people receiving the following payments:</p> <p>a) Carer Payment (Caring for a child under 16 years)</p> <p>b) Carer Payment (Caring for a person 16 years and over)</p> <p>c) Carer Allowance (Adult)</p> <p>d) Carer Allowance (Child)</p> <p>e) Carer Adjustment Payment</p> <p>f) Wife Pension (DSP)</p>	Written	9/12/2011
260	5	Fifield	Lib	Income Support for Carers	How many Carer Payment recipients currently report income from employment?	Written	16/12/2011

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261	5	Fifield	Lib	Income Support for Carers	In 2010-11, how many people, and what proportion of all Carer Payment recipients, temporarily ceased to provide care under the 63 day allowance for Carer Payment?	Written	9/12/2011
262	5	Fifield	Lib	Income Support for Carers	How long, in days, was the average cessation of care for Carer Payment recipients in 2010-11?	Written	9/12/2011
263	5	Fifield	Lib	Income Support for Carers	Does the Department collect data on the reasons why Carer Payment recipients take days off? If so what kind of data?	Written	14/12/2011
264	5	Fifield	Lib	Income Support for Carers	How many people lost their eligibility for Carer Payment, or had their eligibility affected, due to working/travelling more than 25 hours in a week in 2010-11?	Written	9/12/2011
265	5	Fifield	Lib	National Carer Awareness Campaign	With reference to the \$1.6 million in funding for a campaign to raise public awareness for carers announced on 3 August 2011 with the launch of the National Carer Strategy: Can the Department provide a breakdown of expenditure over the forward estimates for this awareness campaign?	Written	28/11/2011
266	5	Fifield	Lib	Better Start for Children with Disability	With reference to the Better Start for Children with a Disability initiative: a) What is the current number of children registered under the Better Start program? b) What is the total expenditure to date under this program? c) Can the Department provide a breakdown of departmental and administered expenditure for this program over the forward estimates? d) How many complaints, in total, has the Department or Minister's office received regarding the Better Start initiative? e) How many one off tax exempt payments of \$2,000 have been paid out under the Better Start initiative to date?	Written	6/02/2012

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267	5	Fifield	Lib	Better Start for Children with Disability	<p>With reference to Contract Notice No. 415313 from the Austender website, which commissioned KPMG to prepare a "...report examining evidence for the effectiveness of early intervention for children with disability":</p> <p>a) Can the Department provide an update of the status of this report?</p> <p>b) Has the KPMG report been submitted to FaHCSIA?</p> <p>c) Will the report be made publicly available? If so, when?</p> <p>d) Can the Department provide a list of the disabilities that were considered by KPMG for the purposes of this report?</p>	Written	13/01/2012
268	5	Fifield	Lib	Australian Disability Enterprise - Red Tape Reduction Trial	<p>With reference to the Australian Disability Enterprise red tape reduction trial, can the Department provide the following:</p> <p>a) What is the current status of the ADE red tape reduction trial?</p> <p>b) When can we expect some outcomes from the trial? When will a report of the trial be delivered?</p> <p>c) Was there an interim report following the completion of the initial 2010-11 trial? If so can a copy of that report be provided to the committee?</p> <p>d) Does the Department have an estimate of the savings the sector achieved through the red tape reduction program?</p> <p>e) What, if any, were the savings to the Department in 2010-11?</p> <p>f) What are the expected savings to the Department due to the continuation of the red tape reduction trial for 2011-12?</p>	Written	9/12/2011

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269	5	Fifield	Lib	Australian Disability Enterprise - Procurement	<p>With reference to Answer to Question on Notice F52 from the Department of Finance and Deregulation at the 2011-12 Budget Estimates which states that FaHCSIA data-matches information on Australian Disability Enterprises with contracts reported on AusTender annually. Can the Department provide the following:</p> <p>a) For which years has FaHCSIA data matched information from the Austender website with data from Australian Disability Enterprises?</p> <p>b) Can FaHCSIA provide a department by department breakdown of the number and value of contracts awarded to Australian Disability Enterprises for the 2010-11 financial year?</p> <p>c) Can FaHCSIA provide a department by department breakdown of the number and value of contracts awarded to Australian Disability Enterprises for the 2011-12 year to date?</p> <p>d) How many government departments or agencies did not have any contracts from ADEs for 2010-11?</p> <p>e) What was the total value of procurement from ADEs by the Australian Government for 2010-11?</p>	Written	9/12/2011
270	Cross	Fifield	Lib	Traineeship Program for People with Intellectual Disability	<p>With reference to FaHCSIA's "Traineeship Program for People with Intellectual Disability" pilot can the Department provide the following information:</p> <p>a) What was the total cost of the Traineeship program to the Government?</p> <p>b) What was the total expenditure per trainee for the program?</p> <p>c) What is the current status of the trainees that went through the program?</p> <p>d) What plans, if any, are in place to expand or continue the program?</p>	Written	22/11/2011

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271	5	Fifield	Lib	Australian Disability Enterprise - Retirement Pilots	<p>With reference to the three FaHCSIA commissioned pilots that were looking at “older employees with disability with education and retirement support options”:</p> <p>a) What is the current status of this pilot program?</p> <p>b) Is an evaluation of the pilots currently underway?</p> <p>c) When can we expect some results/outcomes from the pilots?</p> <p>d) What was the cost of each pilot?</p> <p>e) How many people participated in the pilots?</p>	Written	5/12/2011
272	5	Fifield	Lib	Australian Disability Enterprise - Supported Accommodation	<p>With reference to the Government's 2008 commitment to provide 313 supported accommodation places:</p> <p>a) Can the Department provide an update on how many supported accommodation places have been delivered?</p> <p>b) Can the Department provide a state by state breakdown of the number of supported accommodation places that have been delivered to date?</p> <p>c) Can the Department provide an update on the range of capital cost of delivering an individual supported accommodation place under this commitment?</p> <p>d) Can the Department explain how at least one individual supported accommodation place cost more than \$500,000? Where is that particular supported accommodation place located?</p> <p>e) Have all completed supported accommodation places occupied? How many are unoccupied?</p> <p>f) How many Final Reports have been submitted?</p> <p>g) Have any Final Reports failed to provide a justification of value for money?</p>	Written	5/12/2011
273	5	Fifield	Lib	National Disability Conference Initiative	When can applicants to the National Disability Conference Initiative 2011-12 expect a response from FaHCSIA as towards their success or failure?	Written	1/12/2011

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274	5	Fifield	Lib	Young People in Residential Aged Care	How much money has the Federal Government committed toward helping young people in residential aged care move out of residential aged care over the forward estimates?	Written	1/12/2011
275	5	Fifield	Lib	Young People in Residential Aged Care	As of June 2011, how many people moved out of residential aged care and into more appropriate accommodation under the Young People with Disability in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC) program?	Written	1/12/2011
276	5	Fifield	Lib	Young People in Residential Aged Care	How many people at risk of entering residential aged care have been diverted to a more appropriate accommodation facility under the YPIRAC program?	Written	1/12/2011
277	5	Fifield	Lib	Young People in Residential Aged Care	Under YPIRAC, how many people received enhanced services within residential aged care?	Written	1/12/2011
278	5	Fifield	Lib	Young People in Residential Aged Care	Did the YPIRAC program meet all of its program objectives? Which objectives did the YPIRAC program fail to meet? If so, can FaHCSIA provide an explanation why the program failed to meet these objectives?	Written	1/12/2011
279	5	Fifield	Lib	Australian Disability Enterprise - Case Based Funding Review	When will the Government respond to the Report of the Case Based Funding Review of Australian Disability Enterprises?	Written	28/11/2011
280	5	Fifield	Lib	Australian Disability Enterprise - Case Based Funding Review	What measures has the Department taking to assess the impact of the carbon tax on ADEs?	Written	9/12/2011
281	5	Fifield	Lib	Australian Disability Enterprise - Case Based Funding Review	Has the Department done any modelling on the impact of the Carbon Tax on ADEs?	Written	9/12/2011
282	5	Fifield	Lib	Australian Disability Enterprise - Case Based Funding Review	What is the expected impact of the carbon tax on ADEs?	Written	5/12/2011
283	5	Fifield	Lib	Australian Disability Enterprise - Case Based Funding Review	What is the expected increase in electricity prices on ADEs due to the introduction of the Carbon Tax?	Written	5/12/2011
284	5	Fifield	Lib	Australian Disability Enterprise - Case Based Funding Review	Will compensation for the Carbon Tax be included in any new funding arrangements for ADEs?	Written	16/01/2012

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285	5	Fifield	Lib	Postal Concessions for the Blind	<p>With reference to the Postal Concessions for the Blind program:</p> <p>a) Can the Department provide a year by year breakdown of the expenditure of Postal Concessions for the Blind Program since 2007?</p> <p>b) Can the Department provide a year by year breakdown of the number of users of this program since 2007?</p> <p>c) Can the Department provide a year by year breakdown of the number of parcels sent under this program since 2007?</p> <p>d) What is the expected expenditure over the forward estimates?</p> <p>e) What is the average cost of a package sent under this Program?</p> <p>f) How many FaHCSIA staff currently work under this program and what are their APS levels?</p>	Written	5/12/2011
286	5	Fifield	Lib	Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability program	<p>With reference to the Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability program:</p> <p>a) Can the Department provide a breakdown by location/provider of the number of outside school hours care places and the funding each provider received in 2010-11?</p>	Written	1/12/2011
287	7	Siewert	Greens	Indigenous Economic Development Strategy	<p>1. Please outline the process used to develop the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy?</p> <p>2. How many submissions were received?</p> <p>3. How many community consultations were held?</p> <p>4. How was this information integrated into the final report, released on the 19 Oct 2011?</p> <p>5. Please outline the major areas of difference between the draft (released on the 24th May 2010) and the final report?</p>	Written	14/02/2012
288	7	Scullion	Lib	Coordinator General Report	Please advise which parts of the Coordinator General's Report will be released and which parts will not be released. Please provide rationale for why parts will not be released.	CA14 - 21 October 2011	22/11/2011

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289	7	Adams	Lib	Yura Yungi Medical Service	<p>Allegations of financial mismanagement and bullying at Yura Yungi Medical Service</p> <p>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."</p> <p>a) What type of complaints does the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) investigate? Numbers?</p> <p>b) What is the process (procedure) for making a complaint about an AMS?</p> <p>c) What is the process for investigating a complaint?</p> <p>d) Has ORIC ever investigated the Yura Yungi Medical Service at Halls Creek?</p>	Written	
290	7	Adams	Lib	Yura Yungi Medical Service	<p>Allegations of financial mismanagement and bullying at Yura Yungi Medical Service</p> <p>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"?</p> <p>b) Were the allegations in Mr Berwick's letter treated as a complaint?</p> <p>If not, why didn't anyone from ORIC contact him to explain how the complaints process worked?-</p> <p>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?</p>	Written	

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291	7	Adams	Lib	Yura Yungi Medical Service	<p>Allegations of financial mismanagement and bullying at Yura Yungi Medical Service</p> <p>a) How many complaints has the ORIC investigated since its inception? Please provide a breakdown by year and type of complaint (on notice)</p> <p>b) As of 26 October 2011, how many complaints have been received this year? How many are currently being investigated?</p> <p>c) Who investigates these complaints? Are investigations conducted by ORIC staff or consultants?</p> <p>d) How many of these complaints have been resolved? Please provide information by year and type of complaint (as above).</p> <p>e) How many investigations are still ongoing? Please provide information by year and type of complaint (as above).</p>	Written	
292	3	Abetz	Lib	Men's Shed Association	Does FaHCSIA fund the Australian Men's Shed Association Peak Body?	CA65 - 20 October 2011	23/11/2011
293	7	Adams	Lib	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	
294	5	McKenzie	Nat	DSP Job Capacity Assessments	<p>This was a question I asked in relation to job capacity assessments during the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 – Schedule 3 (Disability Support Pension Impairment Tables) on 6 September 2011.</p> <p>I asked the department to please provide the number and location of job capacity assessments (JCA) by region particularly a comparison of urban to rural and regional areas?</p> <p>The response was inadequate. The department merely responded by providing a break down of type of region, not “by region”.</p> <p>Question: I need specific details such as the number and location of JCAs in say for example, regional Queensland, or Central Queensland, etc.</p>	Written	1/12/2011

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295	5	Boyce	Lib	Carer Eligibility	<p>Under certain exceptional circumstances some full time carers genuinely remain in their role as carers after the person they are caring for, has been moved into a residential care facility. These are people whose presence is vital for the daily ongoing care and wellbeing of the person in care.</p> <p>Due to their continued role as carers, they are unable to work but currently the department deems that they no longer qualify as carers and reclassifies them as unemployed. They have to register with Newstart if they wish to continue to receive any financial support. They no longer have access to respite services, carer support services and the full financial support afforded to carers. These are people who need and deserve the full support of the carer system and yet not only does the department fail to provide that support, the department actually adds to the stress in their lives by requiring that they regularly report to the Newstart office and justify why they are not working.</p> <p>a. Why do these people no longer qualify for recognition as carers?</p> <p>b. Is there any provision for exceptional circumstances when assessing whether a person qualifies as a carer?</p> <p>c. At the point in time when a person is moved into a residential care facility and the carer's status comes under review, is it possible to introduce a mechanism specifically to recognise those people who genuinely continue in their caring role, and let them remain within the carer system?</p> <p>d. Will the department consider introducing this safety net, and how soon?</p>	Written	16/12/2011
296	7	Urquhart	Lab	Bush Mob Program	<p>On the website it talks about 67 young people that participated in the Bush Mob Program. It also then says there were 109 people that were signed up to the Program. What happened to the other 42 - were they people who assisted the young people or were they people who dropped off the program?</p> <p>Please provide information on which areas the 67 participants came from.</p> <p>Does FaHCSIA or other Departments measure the success of these programs?</p> <p>Will there be a fifth trek in 2012?</p>	CA46 - 21 October 2011	6/12/2011
297	7	Urquhart	Lab	Petrol Sniffing	Can you please advise me of other programs similar to the Bush Mob Program, that help people who are involved in petrol sniffing?	CA46 - 21 October 2012	6/12/2011
298	7	Scullion	Lib	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	Will you be examining registering FASD on the list of disabilities?	CA50 - 21 October 2012	9/12/2011