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Q No. (reference – BET)	Senator	Division/ Agency	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & Hearing date *or* Written question	Answer received	Response tabled
1	Abetz	ATO	Fair Work Australia Report - Correspondence	Senator ABETZ: ….On what date did the workplace relations minister refer the Fair Work Australia report on the Health Services Union national office to the Australian Taxation Office? Mr Quigley: Fair Work Australia actually did not refer it to the ATO. We got a copy of the preliminary report when it went on to the net publicly, which I think was around 23 December last year. Senator ABETZ: The workplace relations minister has publicly asserted that he was going to refer the report to the Australian Taxation Office. My understanding is that he in fact has not done so. Can you advise us whether you have received any correspondence from the workplace relations minister referring the Fair Work Australia report? Mr Quigley: I have not received any correspondence. Perhaps I could just clarify: I had a conversation with the minister's chief of staff at one stage. Senator ABETZ: At one stage? How is that relevant? Mr Quigley: How is that relevant? It was relevant to whether we would have access to the report or not. Senator ABETZ: When was that? Mr Quigley: I cannot recall when that was. Senator ABETZ: Can you take that on notice, please? Mr Quigley: I could take it on notice, but it will only go back to my recollection, and I will not be able to be any the wiser.	Wednesday 30 May, page 74	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
2	Abetz	ATO	Fair Work Australia Report - Conversation	Senator ABETZ: Right. That was the HSU No. 1 Branch report, and that is the one you have been dealing with. Sorry, I should have made it clear—and I thought I did. The HSU National Office Fair Work Australia report is the one that I am referring to. I assume the discussion with the minister's chief of staff also dealt with the HSU No. 1 Branch report as opposed to the HSU National Office	Wednesday 30 May, page 75	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

				report. Mr Quigley: I will need to take that notice.			
3	Abetz	ATO	Fair Work Australia Report - Tax Liabilities	Senator ABETZ: I do not want to delay my colleagues any longer on this, but perhaps you could take that on notice, please. If I did not make myself clear at the beginning—I think we were talking at cross-purposes—there are two Fair Work Australia reports into the HSU. Clearly all of your activity seems to have been centred around HSU No. 1 Branch, which was the earlier report, but my questioning relates to the National Office report as to whether Mr Shorten has referred that to the Australian Taxation Office and whether the Australian Taxation Office is now investigating to ascertain whether any officers, past or present, might have extra tax liabilities arising from the disclosures made in that report. If you can take that on notice I would be obliged. Mr Quigley: Yes. I will just add one other thing. The advice I have is that the complete report—and this is referred to as a complete report—was publicly released on 7 May 2012. I assume that was when we got it, but I will take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: Wait a minute. The 7 May report was in fact the National Office report. Mr Quigley: This briefing refers to the complete report, which was publicly released on 7 May. Senator ABETZ: It would be a matter of some concern, quite frankly, if Fair Work Australia had made available to you a draft report before Mr Craig Thomson and others had had the opportunity to provide their response, which was then fed into the final report. Perhaps you could clarify that for us. Mr Quigley: I understand the thread and thrust of the questions. We will make a chronology of those questions and those answers fully in relation to both sets of reports.	Wednesday 30 May, page 75	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
4	Abetz	ATO	Fair Work Australia Report - Briefings	Senator ABETZ: In the event that there were any briefs relating to the Fair Work Australia reports, could they be tabled or provided on notice? Mr Quigley: We are happy to do that.	Wednesday 30 May, page 75	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
5	Boswell	ATO	Fuel Tax Credits - Mining	Senator BOSWELL: On that advice it has mining as an industry that will be affected by the reduction of excise from 38c to 32c. My understanding is that mining would	Wednesday 30 May, page 77	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

				not be affected. Mr Quigley: It is our fact sheet, but it does not come into effect until 1 July. Senator BOSWELL: I understand that, but you have there that mining will be affected. My impression was that mining was not affected. I am asking you: why is it there; what is the explanation for it being there? Do not tell me I have bowled the whole top bracket of the Taxation Office out? CHAIR: Can I ask that that be tabled and we get a copy of it? It is a bit difficult for the committee, with due respect. Senator BOSWELL: Just before I finish, who was the department you referred me to get a list of the people who would be affected by the changes? Obviously when a department makes a decision to reduce an excise I would imagine that it would find out who it was going to affect and what not-for-profit industries it would affect. Mr D'Ascenzo: In terms of that general question, it is our normal practice to help in the development of legislation to provide Treasury with information on who might be affected by particular measures. We do not often go to the individual level, but we certainly have an idea of the sectors and the compliance costs that that might involve or other implications that that might involve. The line of argument is one that I can say is consistent with our general approach, and on those specific matters that you raised Mr Quigley will take that on notice. Senator BOSWELL: Can you also tell me what the costs will be to those various sectors? Let us say you break it down into surf-lifesaving or the flying doctor or marine volunteer boats. Can I have a costing on what the impact would be on those various organisations and businesses—not businesses per se, but types of businesses? Mr Quigley: We will do our best. I am not sure how far down or what degree of granularity we will be able to come up with, but we will certainly work with Treasury to provide that. Senator BOSWELL: You must be able to provide some information. Mr Quigley: We will provide whatever we can. Senator BOSWELL: I understand that once your			

				instructions came through you would have to do an impact statement on what it would cost all of these organisations; is that correct? Mr Quigley: Whether it is costings—we would provide certainly some information to Treasury, but I would have to take on notice exactly what we did provide and whether we have any costings or Treasury has costings. Mr D'Ascenzo: The situation is that, in relation to legislative measures, often it is Treasury that does the impact statement, but, having said that, we do work closely with Treasury and we do provide substantial information			
6	Cameron	ATO	Trusts - Growth	Senator CAMERON: Has there been quite a growth in trusts over the last decade? Mr D'Ascenzo: I am not sure if it is over the last decade. Australia is one of the few countries that has allowed trusts to be used as an operating structure for business, and I think there has been a steady increase in trusts. I probably have the figures from our tax stats, but I do not have them on me. Senator CAMERON: If you could take that on notice it might confirm some of the issues that I am going to raise. Mr D'Ascenzo: Yes, I will	Wednesday 30 May, page 90	20/07/2012	23/08/2012
7	Cameron	ATO	Trusts - Value	Senator CAMERON: Who can tell me if there are trusts with tens of millions of dollars in them? Can the ATO? Mr D'Ascenzo: There would be property trusts. Mr Quigley: There would be property trusts and the like that would have substantial assets in them. Senator CAMERON: What about discretionary trading trusts? Mr Quigley: That is the sort that Mr D'Ascenzo mentioned, Australia being one of the very few jurisdictions that has a regime where businesses are conducted through trusts. Senator CAMERON: The question is: do some of these trading trusts have tens of millions, hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars in them? Mr Quigley: I would go as far as to say that they are large. I would not want to put any figures on them because I do not have them. Senator CAMERON: Can you take that on notice and	Wednesday 30 May, page 90	20/07/2012	23/08/2012

				advise me as to what some of these trusts have in terms of money that is out of the normal discretionary-trust-type trading system?			
8	Cameron	ATO	Trusts - Value in Discretionary Trusts	Senator CAMERON: I will come back to that trading vehicle. Could you tell us what the total value of assets held in fixed and discretionary trusts are, excluding deceased estates and unit trusts, and what proportion of these assets are held in trading trusts? You could take that on notice. Mr Quigley: We would need to take that on notice.	Wednesday 30 May, page 91	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
9	Cameron	ATO	Trusts - Misuse	Senator CAMERON: In general terms are you aware of trusts being used by taxpayers for tax minimisation, tax evasion or tax avoidance, alienation of income, including personal and company income, or for putting assets out of the reach of creditors in cases of insolvency, administration or bankruptcy? Mr D'Ascenzo: There is a lot of different situations there and I can certainly agree to some of them. As I said, trusts can be used to minimise the total tax position through distributions to lower-threshold beneficiaries, and we certainly investigate areas where we think trusts have been inappropriately used to gain some of the advantages that you referred to. Whether it covers all of those areas, I am not sure. Mr Quigley: The current law— Senator CAMERON: Mr Quigley, just before you commence, if you are not coming in with a direct answer on this—Mr D'Ascenzo, can you take that on notice to see whether you can provide me with some information in relation to those areas that the judiciary has seen as a problem? Mr D'Ascenzo: We will try to do that. Senator CAMERON: Mr Quigley. Mr Quigley: I was going to point out that there is no doubt that the current law produces some inappropriate outcomes and does present opportunities to manipulate tax outcomes. We are currently investigating several cases where taxpayers and their advisers are taking an aggressive approach to division 6, which is the main trust provision. What they are trying to do is to separate the tax outcome from the business outcome. The government has	Wednesday 30 May, page 92	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				announced a review of the taxation of trusts to address that and a whole lot of other issues. Senator CAMERON: I understand that. So you do concede there are issues consistently with what judges are saying about misuse of trusts. Do you have any idea what the extent of the use of trusts is for these purposes? Mr Quigley: If you are talking about figures, I would suspect not, but we will certainly see what we can come up with.			
10	Cameron	ATO	Trusts - Evasion of Creditors	Senator CAMERON: If it is starting to appear then I am sure that there has been some analysis done as to whether this is a culture of tax evasion or avoidance of debts. It would be interesting to hear your view on that, so if you could take that on notice, as well as to the extent of the use of trusts for the purposes that I have outlined in that first question. Can you tell us the methods by which trusts are used to minimise tax and evade creditors? Mr Quigley: I am not sure about the evasion of creditors but, as Mr D'Ascenzo said, there is a whole range of activities through trusts and other things to try to avoid paying the correct amount of tax. Some of it is the absence of rules to prevent trafficking in trust losses, for instance. That is one. I mentioned they tried to separate the tax outcome from the business outcome. There is a whole range of strategies that we have seen. Senator CAMERON: Could you take it on notice, then, and provide me with details of the strategies that are being used, the strategies that you are coming across in terms of tax evasion by using these trusts? I would be interested to see that. Mr Quigley: Yes, absolutely.	Wednesday 30 May, page 93	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
11	Sherry	ATO	Trusts - Historical Data	CHAIR: Just on that point: do you have historical data that would indicate where there has been a growth in the use of trusts in a particular sector? Mr D'Ascenzo: I think this longitudinal information could be used to work that out. CHAIR: If you could take that on notice. Mr D'Ascenzo: Yes.	Wednesday 30 May, page 94	20/07/2012	23/08/2012
12	Cameron	ATO	Trusts - Income from Farms	Senator CAMERON: Yes. How many farmers are in those? Can you take on notice and let me know how many	Wednesday 30 May, page 95	20/07/2012	23/08/2012

				farmers or what trust income is coming from farms in those 10 electorates* that I read out first up? Ms Granger: I do not think that information that you are reading out is from the tax office. Senator CAMERON: You would not have that? Ms Granger: We would provide postcode analysis information. I am assuming someone has remodelled that for you. We provide postcode analysis information as part of our tax statistics. Senator CAMERON: I do not know where I got the document. I will come back on that. Ms Granger: Okay. Senator CAMERON: I think we will be dealing with this issue for some time to come. Ms Granger: Yes. It would be very helpful if you could help us with the data and the time period. Senator CAMERON: I am sure that you could very quickly look at those electorates, scan in the postcodes and do the analysis, couldn't you? Ms Granger: I am not sure what we can do, but we will take it on notice and have a look. Senator CAMERON: I am pretty sure you could. If you cannot, I would be absolutely amazed. Can you try? Ms Granger: We will take that on notice. We do actually make data available for modelling. I suspect someone has been modelling our data.			
13	Bushby	ATO	ATO Occupation Groups	Senator BUSHBY: … The next question I will direct to the tax office. The 2010-11 annual report notes that there are 15 occupation groups within the ATO. Auditing is the largest occupation group by number. Debt collection and law are fourth and fifth. Would you take on notice to provide the numbers of staff and their employment or APS level whose main function or duty is to work in auditing, debt collection and law? In relation to law, would you break down the data by reference to the specific activities—prosecutions, litigation, alternative dispute resolution and legal services branch. Mr D'Ascenzo: We will take that on notice, Senator, but we would not have all those differentiations. For instance, alternative dispute resolution, which is on a wide continuum from formal to less formal approaches, would	Wednesday 30 May, page 101	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

				not be a separate category in its own right. Senator BUSHBY: Could you make it clear in your response that this is an assessment and the basis on which it was done. The annual report noted expenditure of around $34 million on internal legal services. That included expenditure on legal services branch and internal legal services			
14	Waters	ATO	Small Business - 2 Million Threshold	Senator WATERS: To what degree are the gains from the earnings in the resources sector offset from the slowed growth in revenue in other sectors? That is the context in which I am seeking those details. I want to move to the small business tax question. Is there any evidence that the $2 million threshold for defining small business leads to businesses trying to keep their income just below that threshold? Do companies generally report more in the $1.9 million to $2 million bracket than the $2 million to $2.1 million bracket? Mr Heferen: I beg your pardon? Senator WATERS: Is there any evidence that the $2 million definitional threshold for small business sees companies trying to keep their amounts just below that figure? Mr Heferen: I am not aware of that. Mr Quigley: Certainly from our perspective in the ATO, we are not seeing any sort of outward trends for that to occur. Senator WATERS: So there are not significantly more businesses reporting income just shy of $2 million as opposed to just over? You have not noticed that trend? Mr Quigley: Certainly not. I have not got the actual numbers, but intuitively I think I would be aware of it as a compliance risk, and it certainly has not been mentioned. Senator WATERS: If you could have a closer look at that on notice, that would be great.	Wednesday 30 May, page 106	20/07/2012	23/08/2012
15	Cormann	ATO	Tax Debt in Dispute - Number and Values	Senator CORMANN: I think we have an answer to all these questions now. We have a bit to go on. Budget Paper No. 1 at page 810 describes Australian Taxation Office tax disputes. The estimated aggregate value of tax in dispute is $8.8 billion as of 20 April 2012. It was $6.22 billion in 2009-10 and $8.2 billion in 2010-11. Obviously, that is a pretty significant increase. Can you offer some	Wednesday 30 May, page 117 & 120	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

				explanation of why unresolved disputes over assessments would have increased by well over 30 per cent in the last two or three years? Ms Granger: I do not have the detail here. I am not sure that the number of disputes has actually increased. It reflects value in those disputes. In fact, the analysis of litigation is that there is less of it. I would have to check the figures on that. That reflects the value of particular issues in dispute as opposed to the number of taxpayers. Senator CORMANN: If you could give us on notice the number of disputes as well as the value tracked in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 to the most recent, that would be appreciated. Ms Granger: Because it relates to values in dispute, particular years can be distorted by a particularly large dispute. Sometimes we have very, very large numbers involved. …. Mr Butler: Historically, the amount has been fairly similar each year. At the end of June 2010, it was $8.8 billion. At the end of June 2011, it was $8 billion. On 31 March, it went up higher to $9.5 billion and down to the $8.6 billion that has been referred to before. So it does fluctuate up and down. It might be one major case that goes through the courts that could be resolved. Senator CORMANN: I have looked at the figures in the last couple of budgets and I have seen $6.2 billion, $8.2 billion and now $8.8 billion. I obviously have not got the detail you have. Mr Butler: It is a point of time thing. It could be just one big assessment raised that is disputed that could push the figure. There could be other cases heard that are resolved, as I mentioned. If you want more information, we can strive to get you more information on how it is tracking each year for the last three or four years, if that is useful. Senator CORMANN: Thanks			
16	Bushby	ATO	Australian Valuation Office - Travel Spending	Senator BUSHBY: I have some questions regarding the Australian Valuation Office. I am interested in how much has been spent on travel—I understand you might have to take this on notice—for the financial year to date. You do not have that information with you, I suspect?	Wednesday 30 May, page 121	20/07/2012	23/08/2012

				Mr King: I do not have that information. I will take it on notice. Senator BUSHBY: Could you also provide a breakdown of staff travel in the agency over that period? Mr King: Yes, I can.			
17	Bushby	ATO	Australian Valuation Office - Meeting Locations and Attendees	Senator BUSHBY: So who attends those meetings and how many, generally? Mr King: Approximately 30. We do have invitations that go out to some speakers that provide further information. These are our EL2s, primarily. We do have some other officers who might attend if they have special projects on which to report up to the SLG. Senator BUSHBY: Where are those meetings generally held? Mr King: The AVO in the last 12 months embarked on an engagement strategy to visit each of the regional offices at the capital centres. Senator BUSHBY: Would you mind taking on notice and providing the details of where those meetings were held and how many people attended and from which offices. Mr King: Okay. Senator BUSHBY: Can you do the same for the regional office group as well, for their meetings? Mr King: Yes.	Wednesday 30 May, page 122	20/07/2012	23/08/2012
18	Bushby	ATO	Australian Valuation Office - Meeting Costs	Senator BUSHBY: It does seem that, in an organisation of 230 people, taking 30 people four times a year to different locations around the country is a large expense. I think it would need to be justified. I want to get my head around the justification to see whether it actually adds up. In helping to do that, I am also interested in the cost of those events. Can you provide an assessment of what, in the last 12 months, each of the last four meetings has cost? Mr King: The costs will vary depending on where the actual meeting is held. Senator BUSHBY: I am asking for the actual cost for each of the four so I can get a range, regardless of whether you are in Darwin, Perth or wherever you might have been. Mr D'Ascenzo: It might be also useful to have a comparison if it were in Canberra. Senator BUSHBY: Absolutely. And a comparison if it were in Canberra. When those meetings are held, how	Wednesday 30 May, page 123	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				long are the 30 people in situ for, generally? Mr King: It ranges. With the more remote areas, we go for three days. For the eastern seaboard areas, where the majority of our senior leadership group is based, we have a two-day event. Senator BUSHBY: So there is obviously accommodation as well. Can you build those costs into the costing? Where is the next one going to be held? Mr King: The next one is in a week's time in Darwin.			
19	Bushby	ATO	Australian Valuation Office - Video Conferencing	Senator BUSHBY: I am aware that the ATO has extensive video conferencing facilities. Has any thought been put to using video conferencing to try to achieve some of the aims that you are talking about? Can you at least offset part of that by using the video conferencing? Mr King: We have considered a number of options. I think the main issue we have is that there are workshops and extensive periods where we have the groups working together. This is very difficult to do with video conferences. When we have an environment where we are, I suppose, in a think tank arrangement, it is better to have the groups together. That is what we have found in the past. We have used video conferencing. They have been on primarily one-hour blocks. That is not sufficient for the work that we wish to achieve with the senior leadership group meetings. Ms Granger: I will add to that answer. We are making a concerted effort both to improve our video conference facilities and use them as much as we can. In fact, we have a graph that I would be happy to put in on notice that shows the increase in video conferencing— Senator BUSHBY: I would be very interested in that. Ms Granger: and reduction in air travel and CO_2 emissions as a result. It is about a 10 per cent reduction in travel compared to last year. It is difficult because, as I said, video conferences only work for a certain period. But we are absolutely exploring that as much as possible as a way to conduct our business.	Wednesday 30 May, page 123	20/07/2012	23/08/2012
20	Sherry	ATO	Lost Superannuation	CHAIR: I have a couple of follow-up questions to the excellent answers you provided at the last committee hearing. Question No. AET10 went to these nefarious state governments who do not appear to be very	Wednesday 30 May,page 125	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				cooperative, other than Victoria and the ACT. We know Victoria and the ACT are now passing unclaimed super money to the Commonwealth. You probably do not have it, but could you take on notice—I will not be here, but I am sure other senators will scrutinise thoroughly these answers when they receive them—the quantum of transfer from Victoria and the ACT? Mr Olesen: Certainly, Senator. I have a figure of $20.6 million. CHAIR: Another question associated with this answer is: does this mean that the states have not been providing data to the lost members register? Mr Olesen: I might have to take that on notice to make sure I do not mislead you. My understanding is it is the unclaimed moneys, where there has been two levels of reporting, not the lost money. CHAIR: Which is different. It then led me to think that if they are not doing that, are they notifying lost members from their state funds and schemes to the lost members register? Take it on notice. Mr Olesen: I will.			
21	Sherry	ATO	Lost Superannuation - Cost of Administration	CHAIR: You helpfully provided me with the costs of administering two of the major programs. As part of superannuation, you gave me the figures for the CSG and for administering the lost member products. Could you give me a breakdown of the cost to the ATO of administering other parts of the superannuation system just by program? Mr Olesen: Absolutely	Wednesday 30 May, page 126	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
22	Sherry	ATO	Lost Superannuation - Number of Accounts and Value	CHAIR: You also gave some very, very interesting data, at least to me—I am not sure how many others thought it was interesting—on the range of account balance, the number of accounts and the total balance of accounts in each category by $5,000. Mr Olesen: That is right. CHAIR: Are you able to provide by each of those categories both the number of accounts and the quantum of money by those categories of accounts that you believe are uncontactable, for which you have no information? Mr Olesen: Yes. That data is completely able to be split by lost uncontactable as opposed to lost inactive. What you	Wednesday 30 May, page 126	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				will find is that, as you go down the range or as you go up in the value range, you move out of uncontactable and into inactives. The inactive ones tend to be the higher value ones. CHAIR: I can understand that. It would be fascinating to see how many uncontactable, lost, off-the-planet people have more than $200,000 and above given there are 2,930 of those individuals. Mr Olesen: We have done some analysis here in the past and it has been principally inactive accounts			
23-28	Cameron	ATO	Trusts	23. How many trusts lodged a tax return? 24. Of these, how many are discretionary trusts, how many are fixed trusts and how many are deceased estates? 25. Of these, how many are 'trading trusts' ie trusts carrying on a business or commercial enterprise and reporting business income? 26. How many partnerships lodged a tax return? 27. How many companies lodged a tax return? 28. How many individual taxpayers lodged a tax return?	Written	20/07/2012	23/08/2012
29-32	Cameron	ATO	Trusts - Distributions to Individuals	29. How many individual taxpayers were entitled to a distribution from a trust? 30. What was the value of net trust distributions to individuals? 31. What proportion of individual income is comprised of trust income? 32. What is the proportional distribution of trust income to individuals by total income of the receiving individual in the following income bands: (a) Under $10,000 (b) $10,000 to $14,999 (c) $15,000 to $19,999 (d) $20,000 to $24,999 (e) $25,000 to $34,999 (f) $35,000 to $49,999 (g) $50,000 to $64,999 (h) $65,000 to $99,999 (i) $100,000 to $499,999 (j) $500,000 to $1,000,000 (k) Over $1,000,000?	Written	23/07/2012	23/08/2012
33	Cameron	ATO	Trusts - Industry Groups	Which are the ten industry groups (using ANZSIC system) in which trusts are most heavily concentrated?	Written	20/07/2012	23/08/2012

34	Cameron	ATO	Trusts - Trading	What is the proportional breakdown of 'trading trusts' by the amount of business income they earn?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
35-38	Ryan	ATO	Small Business - Definition	35. What is ATO's definition of a small business? 36. Using the ATO's definition of small business, how many small businesses were there in the following financial years: (a) 2006-07 (b) 2007-08 (c) 2008-09 (d) 2009-10 37. Using the ATO's definition of a small business, how many small businesses were structured as companies for the following financial years: (a) 2006-07 (b) 2007-08 (c) 2008-09 (d) 2009-10 38. Using the ATO's definition of a small business, how many small businesses paid company tax for the following financial years: (a) 2006-07 (b) 2007-08 (c) 2008-09 (d) 2009-10	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
39-42	Ryan	ATO	Small Business - Measures	39. In 2009, the ATO introduced measures to assist small businesses. These measures included: • 12 month general interest charge (GIC) free payment arrangements, and • The opportunity to defer the payment date for activity statement liabilities. These measures were recommitted to in 2010 (July 2010). For the following financial years, how many small businesses requested interest free payment arrangements? (a) 2009-10 (b) 2010-11 40. For the following financial years, how many small businesses received interest free payment arrangements? (a) 2009-10 (b) 2010-11	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

				41. For the following financial years, how many small businesses requested a deferral of payment on their next tax activity statement? (a) 2009-10 (b) 2010-11 42. For the following financial years, how many small businesses were granted and denied a deferral of payment on their next tax activity statement? (a) 2009-10 (b) 2010-11			
43-47	Ryan	ATO	Small Business - Payment Arrangements	43. Has the ATO been directed to actively pursue small businesses that had previously been provided with 12 month GIC free payment arrangements and deferred activity statement payment? 44. If so, where has such direction come from? 45. Has the ATO contracted any private companies to pursue small businesses for debt repayment? 46. If so how many people have been hired by the ATO to fulfil these obligations? 47. How many small businesses have been unable to make its repayments to the ATO due to the ATO no longer providing 12 month GIC free payment arrangements and deferred activity statement payment?	Written	13/07/2012	23/08/2012
48	Heffernan	ATO	Proceeds of Crime	In relation to the ATO answer to question number AET 24 during February 2012 Estimates could ATO provide the relevant ATO internal policy documents for collections of such tax moneys.	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
49	Heffernan	ATO	Proceeds of crime – staff numbers	How many ATO staff work on this particular aspect of tax collections and assessments (please list details), what particular skills do these officers have and are they appropriately trained to work in this very challenging and threatening area of ATO operations.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
50	Heffernan	ATO	Proceeds of crime – resourcing	Is the ATO appropriately resourced to carry out this particular function? If yes, how much departmental funding is allocated to this section, please provide details for last 3 financial years and the next financial year?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
51	Heffernan	ATO	Proceeds of crime – revenue raised	During the past three years how much tax revenue was raised in relation to criminal business activities?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
52	Heffernan	ATO	Proceeds of crime – business activities (ATO)	Please list all the criminal business activities and the tax revenue raised against each activity for last 5 years?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

53	Cormann	ATO	SuperStream	Senator CORMANN: That is good. I appreciate your preparedness to take some of these questions on notice to facilitate. I will just quickly add three to the list to put on notice. I am interested in what sort of capital expenditure is required. You said most of it will be. How much capital expenditure is required for each key policy element—that is, how much into consolidation of multiple accounts and how much into creation of mandatory data standards? This is a question I should probably put to the ATO. I am interested in what efforts will be made and how you go about minimising industry costs through a lower levy. You have answered that to a degree. Mr Murphy: We can do that. We will provide you with that.	Thursday 31 May, page 60	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
54	Cormann	ASIC	Trio - Correspondence between APRA & ASIC	Senator CORMANN: Just going through some of the specifics of regulatory agency areas of responsibility. When did ASIC first receive communication from APRA suggesting that there may be problems with Trio Capital? Mr Price: One of the issues or matters raised in the Trio inquiry report was that between late 2008 and mid-2009 there did not appear to be any correspondence between APRA to ASIC in relation to Trio. We have checked our own records, and that does appear to be the case. Senator CORMANN: So, there was no communication between APRA from towards the end of 2008 and the middle of 2009. My specific question is: when did you first receive a communication from APRA—the date, if you can—and what was the form of that communication? Mr Price: We became aware of concerns around Trio separately from communications through APRA. We had conducted a proactive hedge fund surveillance arising out of— Senator CORMANN: Sorry. The specific question is: what was the first communication from APRA to ASIC? Mr Price: In relation to Trio? Senator CORMANN: In relation to Trio. Mr Price: I will need to take that on notice. To answer the question this way, we became aware of concerns with Trio through our own proactive activities, and then through a whistleblower, Mr John Hempton, prior to communications with APRA.	Tuesday 29 May, page 83-84	11/10/2012	29/11/2012

55	Cormann	ASIC	Future of Financial Advice Legislation	Senator CORMANN: Thank you; I appreciate that. As I said, I have a whole heap of things to go through. In relation to FoFA, when the legislation went to the House of Representatives and was voted on in the House of Representatives, there was a last-minute amendment which was based, on the face of it, on a last-minute agreement between the ISN, the FPA and the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation with regard to opt-in arrangements in the government's Future of Financial Advice legislation. Was ASIC consulted about this arrangement before the amendments were presented to the House of Representatives? Mr Kell: I cannot recall all the details, but there were some late consultations with ASIC about some aspects of that change. Senator CORMANN: How late? The legislation went through on a Thursday afternoon in the March sittings. On notice, because— Mr Kell: They were seeking clarification around ASIC's existing code power, which has been in place for some time under the Corporations Act. Senator CORMANN: This is on the day it went through? Mr Medcraft: Take it on notice. Mr Kell: We will take it on notice. Senator CORMANN: If you could, I am interested. It is consistent practice for information on dates to be provided across government. It is not something that we normally have issues with. I am keen to know what date ASIC was first consulted and asked for advice, but what was ASIC's advice in relation to the agreement? CHAIR: You know that is a step too far. It is advice to government. Senator CORMANN: Only if ASIC claims public interest immunity, because as you would have read up— CHAIR: It is advice to a minister, but anyway— Senator CORMANN: Unless ASIC is claiming public interest immunity pointing to the grounds as to why that information cannot be provided— Mr Kell: We are happy to take that on notice. CHAIR: You just acknowledged that date and time was as far as you can go; you just acknowledged that yourself.	Tuesday 29 May, page 87-88		

				Senator CORMANN: I did not say it is as far as I can go; I said there is not even any debate on it. CHAIR: I do not think they are the words you used. Also, you did not use the words 'as far as you go', I accept that, but you used words to that effect; but, anyway, it has been taken on notice.			
56	Cormann	ASIC	Additional Funds - FoFA	Senator CORMANN: Can you maybe provide on notice a full breakdown of how ASIC will spend the additional $23.9 million it will receive to implement the Future of Financial Advice changes, rather than waste time on that now? Mr Kell: We will take that on notice. Senator CORMANN: That would be great.	Tuesday 29 May, page 89		
57	Cormann	ASIC	Market Capitalisation of Less Than $300 million	Senator CORMANN: How much is the average cost of a meeting in relation to these non-pro-rata capital-raising placements for a company with a market capitalisation of less than $300 million? Ms Gibson: I cannot answer that. I think it would vary. Senator CORMANN: Would you be able to answer that on notice? Ms Gibson: We have sought to find that information, but it does very much vary depending on the company. There are some companies with a market cap of less than $300 million that have very large registers.	Tuesday 29 May, page 90	02/10/2012	11/10/2012
58	Cormann	ASIC	Financial Market Operators and Participants	Senator CORMANN: I have just a couple of final questions. According to budget paper No. 2—again, page 277—ASIC will levy fees on financial market operators and participants, that is brokers, of $33 million over four years, and the parliament has passed legislation along those lines. How is the money to be expended? Ms Gibson: This additional money will be used to improve both our capacity and our—it is $43 million, isn't it? Senator CORMANN: It is $33 million over four years, as I understood it—unless it has gone up. Mr Medcraft: It is to cover the recovery cost of enhanced markets. Senator CORMANN: How is that being costed? Ms Gibson: Approximately half of that is to renew our smart surveillance system, for which the contract expires on 30 June next year, and the balance is to upgrade that	Tuesday 29 May, page 91	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

				system and upgrade our capacity for surveillance. I believe there is consultation later this week on cost recovery, but we would envisage that as most of it relates to IT it would be borne by markets and the participants. Senator CORMANN: But how does this cost—$33 million over four years—compare with the costs incurred by the ASX when it performed market supervision? Ms Gibson: That would be comparing apples and oranges. Senator CORMANN: Sure. Ultimately, though, you have to look at what the cost is to the marketplace and what the implications are in terms of the efficiency of capital markets. I understand what you are saying; it is not quite the same. But the people who are involved in the system are still the same. Ms Gibson: We believe that overall the cost to the market has gone down, because the ASX has reduced its fees, TRIEX has come into the market and overall the costs of supervision that we would be charging are less than what were the previous cost charges of the ASX. Senator CORMANN: You are suggesting that overall the costs to the market have reduced, including the cost recovery of around $33 million in additional fees? Ms Gibson: We believe that the overall cost to participants has gone down because the ASX has reduced— Senator CORMANN: That is not what participants seem to think, so you have probably got a bit of work to do in terms of communicating that. Mr Medcraft: Can we provide what our understanding is of the value? Ms Gibson: It was all detailed in the Treasury paper on cost recovery at the time of the introduction of supervision. Senator CORMANN: When this went through the parliament these things were not finalised, to be honest. I think we have had a bit of a conversation about this at estimates before. It is the first time that participants actually have to directly pay a fee as part of the cost recovery arrangements, because before it went through the— Mr Medcraft: Would it help you if we provide you with the information in terms of the benefit and the relative			

				costs? Senator CORMANN: It would be exceptionally beneficial. In the interests of time and consistent with my agreements with my colleagues I will now pass over. Mr Medcraft: We will take that on notice and provide that to you. Senator CORMANN: Thank you.			
59	Williams	ASIC	Accounting Relief Order - Ansett	Senator WILLIAMS: Why did ASIC grant an accounting relief order on 30 June 2004 for Ansett Australia Limited in circumstances where there were three years of outstanding annual financial reports that had not been lodged? Was ASIC aware that those financial reports had not been lodged? Ms Gibson: I cannot answer without seeing the files. Senator WILLIAMS: Perhaps you could take on notice whether you knew those financial reports had not been lodged and why you issued that report. Why was the accounting relief order that was issued on 30 June 2004 kept secret from Ansett stakeholders until an ASIC media statement in 2011? Could you take that on notice? Ms Gibson: Yes.	Tuesday 29 May, page 93	18/10/2012	29/11/2012
60	Williams	ASIC	Accounting Relief Order - Ansett#2	Senator WILLIAMS: What conditions, if any, did ASIC make for the accounting relief order? For example, was there a condition that the relief order should be made known to Ansett employees? Moving on to another question, why doesn't the accounting relief order not appear on the attached schedule of documents for Ansett Australia Limited from 2008? Are you aware that it does not appear there? Is the attached schedule of documents published on the website or anything like that? Ms Gibson: I do not know what that refers to. I will need to take that on notice and we will need to look at that. Senator WILLIAMS: I understand that around the beginning of 2010 ASIC removed the references to accounting relief orders from the schedules of documents for all companies. Is that correct? Do you know about that? You might check out relief orders from the schedules of documents for all companies. Apparently this was public information, and I believe that in 2010 that public information was removed. Can you help us, Mr Price? Mr Price: Yes. Through an error on ASIC's part some	Tuesday 29 May, page 93	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				accounting orders were published on our website, but our view is that the way the law is currently written those orders should not have been made public. ASIC had no power to make them public, and therefore we removed them from our website. Senator WILLIAMS: So they were made public accidentally? Are you saying that? Mr Price: Yes. I would like to check that, but that is my recollection. Ms Gibson: That is my recollection, yes.			
61	Cormann	ASIC	ASIC Operational Funding	Senator CORMANN: That would be great. Now, just from a budget point of view, are you comfortable with the level of operational funding provided in the budget for ASIC in 2012-13? Mr Medcraft: As I always say to you, the level of funding of ASIC is a matter for government, and our objective with what we are given is to leverage that to achieve the outcomes which we have set ourselves—the three strategic outcomes. The budget result, frankly, we were very pleased with, given what happened overall with the budget. We are left a situation where, clearly, like all areas of government, we will have to meet the efficiency dividend of four per cent, but basically, in fact, it has actually been a good result and provided stability to ASIC for the next four years in terms of our funding. So I will say we are actually very pleased in the context, in the environment, frankly. Senator CORMANN: Can you just confirm, though, that in 2011-12 your operational funding is for $28.8 million; does that sound right? Mr Medcraft: The appropriation funding for 2011-12 out of appropriation was $261.958 million; that is for core. Senator CORMANN: You have to look at this year's budget paper. It says in here, and I am just quoting: ASIC previously received non-ongoing funding to cover operating activities, including $28.8 million in 2011-12. This is on page 277 of Budget Paper No. 2. Then in 2012-13 that goes down to $15.5 million, and then in each one of the outyears it is $28.8 million again. So it is $28.8 million in 2011-12, it is $28.8 million in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, but next financial year, when we just	Tuesday 29 May, page 89	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

				happen to have this rush by government to create the illusion of an early surplus, it is about just over half that. What is the rationale for that? Mr Medcraft: I will take that on notice. Senator CORMANN: So you do not know that you are going to have a halving in your non-ongoing funding to cover operating activities in 2012-13 compared to last year and every one of the outyears? Mr Medcraft: I think if you look at our total appropriation it has gone from $322.9 million to $349 million, which is a $26 million increase, so that is a fairly significant increase. Senator CORMANN: Sure, but I am looking specifically at the budget measure in relation to operational funding, on page 277 of Budget Paper No. 2. Mr Medcraft: We will take it on notice.			
62	Williams	ASIC	Ansett Financial Accounts	Senator WILLIAMS: I want to go to the liquidation of KordaMentha. I asked you questions about it before, which you took on notice. I asked about the number of orders and if they do them over the 10-year period. When I say ‘orders’, I am speaking about the exemption order for accounts. Your answer was: ASIC has executed only one order on 30 June 2004. In this order ASIC granted an exemption to 25 companies in the Ansett Group from legislative requirements in Part 2M.3 to prepare and lodge audit annual financial reports for the years ended 30 June 2004, 30 June 2005 and 30 June 2006. This order also exempted Ansett group from the requirements to lodge half year financial reports for the period ending 31 December 2004 and 31 December 2005. So there are a lot of exemptions given to KordaMentha regarding this liquidation of the Ansett group. I had a look at KordaMentha. It started in Melbourne in April 2002. It now has offices in Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Townsville, New Zealand and Singapore. KordaMentha partners undertook the first voluntary administration in Australia—the largest voluntary administration in Australia, Ansett Australia—with 42 companies, 15,000 employees and in excess of $1 billion assets. They were the largest group of voluntary	Tuesday 29 May, page 92	21/08/2012	23/08/2012

				administration in Australia—Stotfield Limited—with 84 companies and more voluntary administrations than any other insolvency firm in Australia in 2003. KordaMentha now has over 350 staff with offices in all Australian capital cities, Auckland and Singapore, as well as international affiliates in the UK and the US. It has been a company that has really grown quickly, but my concern is that we cannot find anything out about the results of the liquidation of Ansett Australia. It was a big company. My question is: prior to KordaMentha applying for accounting relief on 17 December 2003, was ASIC aware that the Ansett Australia Limited annual financial reports for 30 June 2001, 2002 and 2003—three years' financial accounts—had not been lodged as required by section 319 of the Corporations Act? Ms Gibson: I will need to take that detail on notice.			
63	Williams	CSSG	Additional Estimates 2012 - ASIC Outstanding QoNs	Senator WILLIAMS: Ms Gibson, I will take you back to the last estimates, in February, when I spoke to you about returning answers on time. I said: ‘Many of us received your returns today on questions on notice from last time’—today being 16 February—‘Senator Bushby and I received them today. Can we have these in a shorter period?’ That was my question, and you answered, ‘We can get that information for you promptly.’ CHAIR: Just one word of caution. Senator WILLIAMS: That is what I am going to get to. CHAIR: It goes to the minister’s office before it comes to the committee secretariat. Senator WILLIAMS: Last Friday we got the response to those questions which was due at the end of March. Was that held up at your end or was it held up at the minister’s office? Do you know? Ms Gibson: I do not know. I will need to take that on notice. Senator WILLIAMS: You do not know when you gave it to the minister’s office? Ms Gibson: I personally do not know. Senator WILLIAMS: Can you find out for us? We have been trying to get hold of them earlier. Ms Gibson: Yes.	Tuesday 29 May, page 91-92	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
64	Williams	ASIC	Suspension of	Senator WILLIAMS: I would be very interested to see	Tuesday 29	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

			Pattison Consulting	how it all panned out. Just moving on to Paul Pattison. Did he surrender his liquidation licence or is he still licensed? I know you mentioned him in your 30-odd-page report about the scrutiny you have been doing, and I congratulate you on that. Ms Gibson: Thank you. I believe that he surrendered his licence, but let me check that. He resigned and gave an undertaking that he would cease to carry out, consent to or otherwise accept appointment as liquidator until he produces to us evidence that he has practice and capacity to perform his duties. I suspect he must still have his licence but has undertaken not to do anything with it. Senator WILLIAMS: It is very difficult to remove his registration, isn't it? We have heard that before here, from Mr D'Aloisio. To deregister a liquidator is difficult, time consuming and expensive. So he still has his registration, but he has given an undertaking not to use it. Is that correct? Ms Gibson: That is how I would read this paragraph, yes. Senator WILLIAMS: I discussed it with ITSA the other night as well. I want to move on to the Ariff case—and congratulations on your work there; I know many are frustrated that it took so long, and you are well aware of that. My good friend Bill Doherty informs me that with the liquidation of Ariff's companies there are two cars missing: a Mercedes Benz and a Holden Calais—in in the summary of the report. They have even been given the registration numbers and they cannot find them anywhere. There is nothing listed on the liquidator's report. Is there anything that can be done in the liquidations in the case of the infamous Mr Ariff, where it appears that a couple of valuable cars just disappeared? Ms Gibson: At the risk of being frivolous, I doubt he is driving them around! Senator WILLIAMS: I am sure that is the case, and I hope it is a long time before he does drive around again. CHAIR: ASIC has a lot of power, but I do not think that removing his driver's licence— Senator WILLIAMS: I am just referring to the liquidation! Ms Gibson: If you have details of those we could perhaps—	May, page 93-94		

				Senator WILLIAMS: I will forward the registration numbers. Are you following a case in Adelaide between a Mr Viscariello and a Mr Macks? Ms Gibson: I personally am aware of that case, but I would prefer not to discuss the details. Senator WILLIAMS: No, I will not discuss any details either, but I do suggest you follow it very closely, because if the mop flops the way I think it is going to then it may be very interesting. We will leave it at that. Ms Gibson: Thank you.			
65	Williams	ASIC	Horticultural Operations Limited	Senator WILLIAMS: Have you heard of that company Treetop Apples—HP Mercantile? Mr Medcraft: Yes. It is a bit of a favourite. Senator WILLIAMS: Horticultural Operations Limited took over from HP Mercantile. HOL refers to Horticultural Operations Limited. Mr Medcraft: Yes. Senator WILLIAMS: HOL has failed to provide annual financial statements to investors over the nine years since it took over. Are you aware of that? Mr Tanzer: It is one of a number of schemes in this agribusiness area that have fallen into some difficulty. Senator WILLIAMS: HOL has failed to provide annual financial statements to investors over the nine years since it took over. ASIC has failed to follow up why the statements were never provided. Is that correct? Mr Tanzer: I am happy to take that on notice. Senator WILLIAMS: Please do, and please have a good look at it, because that is another complaint I have. Mr Medcraft: It is actually something we have spent a lot of time on. As you are aware, HP Mercantile were looking to recover monies from investors, and we did intervene, because we had concerns about their methods and also their contractual rights. We have completed our investigation there. What we will do is provide you with more information as to where we see the HP Mercantile situation. In fact, it does really come down, if you want a contractual dispute, between the investors and HP Mercantile. But we will provide that. Senator WILLIAMS: I think it is another case of painful losses for many investors, sadly.	Tuesday 29 May, page 94	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				Mr Medcraft: It is an issue for them to deal with commercially. HP Mercantile has acquired the rights to the debts. The debts have been validly incurred and validly assigned and it is an issue of the debtors pursuing their rights against other parties. Senator WILLIAMS: That is all very good for the debtors, pursuing the rights of other parties, but when those debtors do not have any money it is pretty hard to pursue. Legal teams do not come for nothing, sadly; they cost quite a bit. Mr Medcraft: Unfortunately that is the situation, as you are probably well aware. We will provide you with some background on that.			
66	Bushby	ASIC	ASIC Investigations - Number of Cases	Senator BUSHBY: Moving on from that, but on the same issue, can you please advise the number of cases or requests for ASIC investigation that are pending action and the length of time taken by ASIC to initiate action on such matters? I am happy for you to take that on notice. Mr Medcraft: I will take it on notice. Senator BUSHBY: Can you advise the number of requests from Australian companies for intervention or investigation by ASIC in the past 12 months and the number of investigations undertaken by ASIC in response? Mr Medcraft: We will come back to you on that. Senator BUSHBY: That will do me for that one.	Tuesday 29 May, page 96	02/08/2012	23/08/2012
67	Bushby	ASIC	Altius Mining Limited	Senator BUSHBY: …Is ASIC aware of a request to it from Altius Mining Limited about possible contraventions of the Corporations Act by one of its shareholders, a Chinese national? Ms Gibson: I have no recollection of that. Senator BUSHBY: That does not surprise me because basically I think they got pretty short shrift in terms of what they were raising. Mr Medcraft: Did they write to one of the commissioners? Senator BUSHBY: I am not sure. I will quickly run through what has happened. Altius's concern centred on the acquisition of Altius shares in late 2011 and early 2012 by two companies which Altius directors suspected may be controlled by this particular Chinese national. If the two companies are controlled by the Chinese national	Tuesday 29 May, page 96	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

				concerned then the purchases of Altius shares through those companies would have given him a relevant interest in Altius of greater than 20 per cent, exceeding the takeover threshold. Altius issued those two companies with beneficial tracing notices in November of last year and January 2012 respectively, and no satisfactory response was received. This precipitated Altius's action in seeking intervention by ASIC. Those concerns were raised with ASIC in the context where the Chinese national is actively seeking removal of the current Altius directors to be replaced by his nominated board members. Altius's letter to ASIC in February 2012 detailed the chronology of events and requested that ASIC take appropriate and timely action to enforce compliance with the act. As far as I am aware, no action was taken. Mr Medcraft: We will take that information on notice and will come back to you. Senator BUSHBY: In the context of that, let me know what action was taken. This is asked not so much in the context of this, but to highlight the question of whether ASIC has sufficient resources to investigate all matters that are brought before it—or are the interest of Australian shareholders being put at risk because you do not have the resources to properly investigate cases such as this when they are raised? You may have to prioritise or sort the chaff from the wheat sometimes. Mr Medcraft: It is fair to say that at the end of the day we, as a securities regulator and the system we have, are not prudential regulators and there is a level of intensity of regulation from an ASIC versus, if you like, an APRA. But clearly that is the system we have. You are certainly right that it is an issue of allocating resources and establishing priorities. We should have a look at what you have raised. I am curious to see what happened. Senator BUSHBY: Just for the record, in terms of your looking at that as well, the Chinese national has acted since to replace the previous Altius board with his own appointees, and the CEO and the CFO have also been removed. Mr Medcraft: We will come back to you on that.			
68	Bushby	ASIC	Collected Data -	Senator BUSHBY: That will do me for that one. What	Tuesday 29		

			Disclosure of Fees, Charges and Commissions	data has ASIC collected in relation to disclosure of fees, charges and commissions in respect of the superannuation entities which it supervises? Mr Medcraft: We will take that on notice. Senator BUSHBY: You do not have anybody here? Mr Medcraft: I will take the fees and charges that we collect for super on notice. The information may be available, but I do not have it at hand. Senator BUSHBY: I was hoping that you could at least tell me what sort of information you collect. Mr Medcraft: We collect roughly $750 million for the government. Mr Tanzer: That is the fees and charges. Senator BUSHBY: Is there information about what the superannuation funds themselves charge? Mr Tanzer: What fees they charge? Senator BUSHBY: Yes. What data do you collect in respect of the fees, charges and commissions of superannuation companies? Mr Tanzer: The basic proposition is that super funds disclose certain aspects of their fees and charges publicly. But let us take that on notice. Mr Kell: APRA collects that. Senator BUSHBY: I know APRA does that. Mr Medcraft: We will see what information we have.	May, page 96-97		
69	Bushby	ASIC	Financial Services Licences - Shadow Shop	Senator BUSHBY: I understand from the media reports that there is not going to be any action taken against anybody who really did not come up to standard. Is that correct? Mr Kell: It depends on what you mean by ‘action’. All the advice that was categorised as poor has received careful analysis. There are some firms that had advisers in that category that we are having follow-up conversations with. Senator BUSHBY: So you are looking to educate? Mr Kell: It is about some of the issues that we have seen, some of the potential compliance concerns that we think those poor pieces of advice have raised. Some of the consumers who received that poor advice have been provided with the opportunity to obtain alternative sources of advice from other planners through an arrangement that we have had with the FPA.	Tuesday 29 May, page 98	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

				Senator BUSHBY: There is follow-up action. Mr Kell: There is certainly targeted action, in particular to some of the advice that was categorised as poor. Senator BUSHBY: But there will not be any action taken with respect to financial services licences on that basis? Maybe that comes later. Mr Kell: It is important to understand that the shadow shop is not a formal surveillance as such. Senator BUSHBY: That is what I was trying to establish. Mr Medcraft: It is meant to be a constructive exercise, and it is with that theme that we are approaching it. That is how we have approached it with the industry in discussing the results, and I think that is reflected in the follow-up. Mr Kell: We do not obtain documents in the same formal way that we do in a surveillance, so it has a different flavour because of that. Senator BUSHBY: How often do you intend to do an exercise like that? Mr Kell: It had been some time since the last shadow shop, in part because one was due during the GFC. We did not think that it was particularly productive to undertake a shadow shop at that stage, so it was a few years longer than we would have liked. We intend to retain shadow shops as part of our regulatory tool kit and we are certainly considering one in the area of advice around switching to self-managed super funds at present. It will certainly be one of the regulatory tools we use in an ongoing fashion, but they are quite resource intensive. Senator BUSHBY: I was going to ask about that. Are you able to quantify what an exercise like this costs? Mr Kell: I could take that on notice. To give you a sense, the consumers involved actually pay for the advice themselves. They must genuinely be seeking and wanting advice as part of the project, but overall it is quite a resource-intensive project. We will take that issue on notice.			
70	Sherry	ASIC	Trio & FoFA Reforms	CHAIR: Just one final point. In terms of Trio—and I do not seek an answer now—the FoFA reforms that have gone through the House of Representatives obviously have to go through the Senate. Could you take on notice how you would believe those FOFA reforms that are in	Tuesday 29 May, page 99	9/01/2013	7/02/2013

				process, assuming they go through the Senate, would assist with respect to a Trio or a Trio-like episode? They are not totally relevant, but I know certainly some of them are.			
71	Ludlam	ABS	Calculation CPI	Senator LUDLAM: We are pretty short of time so I might seek a briefing from you when we are not in this context and get a sense of where we are up to. My other question is much more specific. It is about how we calculate the CPI. I know there are a lot of different ways of chopping it up and a lot of different indices, but the CPI is most commonly quoted and is understood to be the rate that we follow. How are housing and, particularly, rental expenditure incorporated into measures of the CPI? Tell me if my maths are wrong, but I understand with housing that you weight house purchases, rents, other maintenance, utilities and so on. With respect, you say average weekly expenditure on rent is estimated at $92, which contributes 6.71 per cent to the CPI. Median rents, of course, in places like Perth and Sydney are up around $400 per week. Can you tell us exactly how that works? Is the CPI intended to accurately represent the cost of housing or not? Mr Hockman: It is intended to represent the purchase cost on average across the capital cities of housing. It includes, therefore, in the survey of household expenditures where the weights are drawn from parts of the population that, of course, do not rent their house and are using imputed rents. We also have an imputed rent calculation within the CPI. We use that in the national accounts. So it is not meant to be a representative rental for any representative house in the Australian community. Senator LUDLAM: So what is it doing in there? This is obviously no fault of yours. The CPI is understood to be the cost of living—consumer prices, what we pay to live here. Has the way in which housing is represented within the CPI changed over, say, even the last 10 years or since 2004 to represent the much larger share of household expenditure that is going into housing? Or has it stayed flat? Mr Hockman: It has certainly changed with the incorporation of the new weights drawn from the household expenditure survey, which is conducted every	Tuesday 29 May, page 101-102	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

				six years to represent the housing proportion in total household expenditure. The CPI is actually measured on a household expenditure basis across the whole of the population in the capital cities. That is where the weight you referred to was drawn from. It was reviewed in our 16th series review and that acquisitions basis was determined to be the best way of measuring the CPI for the purposes of managing inflation. Senator LUDLAM: Has the weighting taken up within the different factors that constitute the CPI and given to housing risen in proportion to its actual weighting in real life? Mr Hockman: To be honest, I would have to check that. Senator LUDLAM: If you could.			
72	Rhiannon	ACCC	Port Newcastle - Public Benefit Analysis	Senator RHIANNON: We are dealing with coal here. Coal is obviously responsible for about 40 per cent of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions. Obviously with the export industry there is a lot more. Was that taken into consideration when you looked at the public benefit? Mr Chadwick: No. I do not think that came up in the analysis. Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice what issues you did look at in terms of public benefit and how you defined that? Mr Chadwick: We put out a draft decision and a final decision which set out all that reasoning. It is on our public register. I am sure we can get you a copy somehow. Senator RHIANNON: So you will take that on notice. Thank you.	Tuesday 29 May, page 113	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
73	Rhiannon	ACCC	ACCC Capacity Framework Arrangements for Port Newcastle	Senator RHIANNON: Did you provide any detail in terms of what needed to be provided in the framework when we get to the point of trigger, even if you are not going to be the regulatory mechanism? What I am trying to understand is, with this amount—in this case, 176.7 million tonnes—what mines does it come to? What contracts? Over what period of time? Did you get down to that level of detail? Mr Chadwick: No. The test for us to grant that exemption from competition law was really whether the arrangements result in a public benefit that is sufficient to outweigh any anticompetitive detriment. The benefit, in a	Tuesday 29 May, page 113	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				sense, is clear in terms of the expansion of the port. And our focus was on the potential anticompetitive harm in the arrangements. So that was really our focus there. Senator RHIANNON: How do you justify a public benefit when we cannot be confident that the trigger has been achieved? If your justification for providing the exemption is on the basis of public benefit, how do we know we have a public benefit here? Mr Chadwick: We consulted with a range of stakeholders. Senator RHIANNON: Who were the stakeholders? Mr Chadwick: This happened a year or two ago, so I do not have the list with me. Senator RHIANNON: Can you take that on notice? Mr Chadwick: I can take that on notice. Really the focus was on the strategy to expand the port. That was really the focus of that assessment.			
74	Rhiannon	ACCC	Australian Egg Corporation	Senator RHIANNON: The Australian Egg Corporation has applied to be allowed to label and trademark free range eggs from hens kept to a density of 20,000 a hectare. How does this compare with the current standard that describes free range eggs? Mr Gregson: I might hand over to Richard Chadwick. Mr Chadwick: You are correct; we are currently establishing a certification trademark, which has been lodged with us. We have begun consultation on that process with interested parties in terms of their standard. Senator RHIANNON: I was interested in which community groups. I understand you have invited some groups to comment on the AEC's application. Which groups are they? Mr Chadwick: Again, I am afraid I did not bring that list with me either. Senator RHIANNON: Can you take that on notice, please?	Tuesday 29 May, page 114	10/10/2012	11/10/2012
75	Cormann	APRA	Trio - Communication between APRA & ASIC	Senator CORMANN: When did APRA first communicate to ASIC that there may be problems with Trio Capital? Mr Jones: We did not communicate to ASIC that there may be problems with Trio Capital. Senator CORMANN: At all? Mr Jones: No. Senator CORMANN: When did APRA first become	Tuesday 29 May, page 122	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				aware that there were problems with Trio Capital? Mr Jones: Again, I think the issue is depending on the term 'problems'. APRA started investigating Trio Capital in the first prudential reviews around 2004. Senator CORMANN: In 2004? Mr Jones: Correct. APRA did a series of reviews based upon the governance of the fund and conflicts of interest. When the fund was established, the promoters of the fund were trustees of the fund. APRA in fact instituted policies to remove the promoters of the fund from trusteeship and bring in independent directors. APRA then had various communications with the trustees at a series of different stages between 2004 and 2008 over the nature of investments and the nature of various types of arrangements that had been put into place. What was happening across that time is that the trustees were responding to APRA's concerns and making changes to their methods of governance, making changes to the nature of their conflicts of interest policy and so on. Senator CORMANN: Sure. So you had some earlier concerns in 2004. There was toing and froing between the regulator and Trio, and they made adjustments. But when did those concerns become more acute in the context of Trio's viability being in question in terms of there being a risk of a potential collapse down the track? Mr Jones: It probably was not until 2009. Senator CORMANN: When? Mr Jones: Probably in mid-2009. Senator CORMANN: Have you got a more specific date? What was the trigger point when you thought there was something more serious going on beyond the concerns back in 2004? Mr Jones: But our concerns were not related to fraud. Senator CORMANN: Sure. When did your concerns in relation to fraud first become apparent? Mr Jones: We were unaware of the fraud. Senator CORMANN: When did you first become aware of concerns in relation to Trio relevant to the events that led to the collapse? Mr Jones: I think we were always concerned. It was simply that we were looking at the nature of the			

				governance. In particular, what we were also looking at was the inability of the trustee to supply valuations on certain types of products. Senator CORMANN: You were always concerned. But beyond the communications of 2004 along the lines of ‘Change this, fix that and if you do that, it is okay’, what else did you do in the period 2008-09 when clearly problems began to accelerate? Mr Jones: Once again, in 2008, it was not clear that problems were accelerating. In 2008, the trustees of the fund were still saying to APRA, ‘We will be able to provide you with valuations of offshore hedge funds.’ In fact, they were doing so. There were five specific elements that we were concerned about. Bit by bit the trustees were supplying us with the relevant information. It was always a very slow process, but it was never the case where the trustees said, ‘We do not have these valuations.’ Senator CORMANN: So at no point did APRA communicate with ASIC in relation to any problems with Trio Capital? I am just confirming what you have said. Mr Jones: That is probably correct. Senator CORMANN: Before you said that you did not. You say ‘probably’, which is a qualifier. What do you mean by ‘probably correct’? Have you or have you not communicated with ASIC? Mr Jones: I will have to check whether we communicated with ASIC. We communicate with ASIC on a very regular basis. We certainly did not give ASIC specific details of any issues that we had with Trio Capital.			
76	Cormann	APRA	Basel III Standards	Senator CORMANN: I am sure that banks have ways of responding. But all of these responses come at a price ultimately in the economy in terms of the costs that consumers face and so on. This is my final question in relation to this before I hand over to others. The International Monetary Fund, as I understand it, is undertaking a review of the potential unintended consequences of the Basel III standards. Rather than be ahead of the curve and move, as you said, move more quickly in implementing those Basel III changes, would it not be sensible to await the findings of a report into	Tuesday 29 May, page 128	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

				potential unintended consequences before pressing ahead? Dr Laker: Senator, I have to say that I am completely unaware that the IMF are doing a study on unintended consequences. Senator CORMANN: Maybe you can take that on notice. That is certainly the advice I have.			
77	Bushby	APRA	Banking Sector - Market Concentration	Senator BUSHBY: I have a couple of questions on banking to start with. I understand that APRA releases statistics on the banking sector by registered ADI. Looking at those statistics, you can make an assessment of market concentration. Can APRA confirm the market concentration of the four major banks—being the Commonwealth Bank, Westpac, National Australia Bank and ANZ—as at the end of 2007? Do you have anything on concentration? Dr Laker: We can give you not the specific figures right at this moment—I do not have them in front of me—but we can certainly give you a broad indication. Senator BUSHBY: I am happy for you to take it on notice. Are you able to indicate whether the concentration has increased over the last four years? Dr Laker: I do not think there is any dispute about that. Charles might be able to confirm it. Pre-2007, I think the largest four banks probably accounted for somewhere near two-thirds, maybe a little more, of the total assets in the banking system. That figure is now around the three-quarter mark, or 75 per cent mark. But I do not want to be held to those specific numbers because it depends on which way you measure it. Senator BUSHBY: That would be appreciated. Senator CORMANN: It would be interesting to know what the share of the different banks was in 2007 and now in terms of household loans. Mr Littrell: We publish monthly statistics and a summary of the balance sheets of all banks. From that it is quite easy to calculate whatever market share or concentration you would like. Senator BUSHBY: Can you do a comparison from the end of 2006 to as recently you can? Dr Laker: To 2010 or 2011. We can do that. Senator BUSHBY: That would be good. In that context,	Tuesday 29 May, page 130-131	22/01/2013	7/02/2013

				part of the government's banking package, which recognised that there had been a concentration throughout the last four years, was to make mutual credit unions and building societies a fifth pillar in the banking system. Is there any evidence yet that that is working in terms of the statistics? Are there similar outcomes from the mutuals? Dr Laker: We would have to take it on notice to look at the specific figures. What has changed since the release of the government's package is that a number of credit unions and building societies have gone back and reconsidered whether they wish to use the word 'bank' in their name. A number have chosen to do so and they have met the minimum requirements. These requirements have been in place a long time. They have decided they now want to avail themselves of that opportunity, and a number have done so. Senator BUSHBY: How many have done that? Dr Laker: We are in discussions with several more. Senator BUSHBY: How many have done that, though? Dr Laker: I can think of about four or five at this point, or six or thereabouts. As I say, there are ongoing discussions. We would have to take the question on notice to give you the specifics. The mutuals do not have a large overall share of the banking system to start with. Senator BUSHBY: It is fairly modest? Dr Laker: It is.			
78	Cormann	CSSG	Delivery of Portfolio Budget Statements - 2012-13 Budget	Senator CORMANN: It was five o'clock by the time we ended up with all of the portfolio budget statements. We got some at 3.30 pm and some of them included portfolio additional estimates statements for 2011-12. They were not even the right ones. Why weren't we provided with any copies electronically if that was the issue? Mr Ray: I think in the past we have experimented with electronic copies. A few years ago we experimented with electronic copies and that was not particularly successful. I think then we got feedback that people preferred hard copies. Senator CORMANN: Sure, we prefer hard copies if we can get them. The first question is: why do you have a 2 pm deadline for printed delivery when the budget lockup starts at 1.30 pm? That seems to be the first problem, I	Wednesday 30 May, page 6	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

				would have thought. Mr Ray: It is not our deadline, I should say. Senator CORMANN: So whose deadline is that? Mr Ray: I would need to take that on notice, but that is CanPrint's deadline. Senator CORMANN: Well, the printer does whatever the person asking for the job tells them needs to be done. They do not give themselves a deadline. Presumably Treasury would give them some sort of deadline. I would have thought that, if there is a budget lockup at 1.30 pm, it would be preferable to have a deadline prior to that. Mr Ray: I can understand where you are coming from, Senator. We are not responsible for portfolio budget statements other than our own. Senator CORMANN: Who is responsible, then? Mr Ray: Each individual portfolio. Senator CORMANN: That's great, isn't it? That is very unsatisfactory. Mr Ray: I understand that it was unsatisfactory. We are involved in discussions to find out what happened and why and to try to put something better in place for next year. Senator CORMANN: I still do not understand. Presumably there is a central order to the same printer. Mr Ray: No, there is not. Senator CORMANN: So every different department orders their own portfolio budget statements and gives their own deadline to when it has to be done. Mr Ray: Yes. Senator CORMANN: What? Mr Ray: And they do not even go to the same printer. Senator CORMANN: They do not go to the same printer. How do you expect to have the budget papers ready even for your own purposes in a timely fashion? Mr Ray: So we are responsible for the budget papers—that is, the primary budget documents. Senator CORMANN: Sure, I understand. Mr Ray: Individual portfolios are responsible for their portfolio budget statements and they know when the lockup is. They are responsible for having them delivered to the Senate Table Office. Typically that is done via the			

				printer, not via the portfolio. And I agree with you that it is unsatisfactory. Senator CORMANN: I really appreciate that acknowledgement, but even for your own purposes—that is, for the government's own purposes—surely you have to have those portfolio budget statements ready to go before the opposition has to have access to them. I cannot understand why they would be available so late, even for your own purposes. Mr Ray: As I said, I agree that it is unsatisfactory and we are looking at how we can improve it.			
79	Cormann	FG	'Saves' Wording in Budget Papers	Senator CORMANN: Where did the word 'saves' come from, Mr Ray? Where was that first used in the context of the budget papers? I looked at our budget papers when we were in government and I couldn't find the word 'saves'. Mr Ray: I can tell you that this particular table I think goes back to the 2009-10 budget. In terms of whether or not the word 'save' has been used in a budget paper, I am going to need to take that on notice.	Wednesday 30 May, page 7	30/03/2012	20/09/2012
80	Cormann	MEG	Clean Energy Future Modelling - Annual Growth Rate	Senator CORMANN: I might go into the carbon tax questions. That way, from our point of view, we might be able to get that out of the way. In the 2012-13 budget papers, Treasury suggested that the international carbon price would be $29 when the fixed price phase expires and emissions trading commences in 2015-16. And Treasury also noted that the modelling of the clean energy future package remained. When conducting the modelling of the clean energy future package, what annual growth rate did the Treasury assume in that modelling for the European Union's 25 economies for the period 2010-2018? Mr Campbell: That number has not been published, so I will have to take that on notice. Senator CORMANN: I believe that it was 1.8 per cent. Mr Campbell: It may well have been in that order. I will need to take that on notice. Senator CORMANN: It is obviously very difficult to explore questions on modelling if you are not able to— Senator Wong: He is allowed to take things on notice. Senator CORMANN: How are we going to have a discussion— Senator Wong: Senator, frankly, he is allowed to take	Wednesday 30 May, page 11	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

				things on notice. So let's not have an argument about it every time someone does.			
81	Cormann	FG	Clean Energy Finance Corporation - Annual Appropriations	Senator CORMANN: Thank you for that. What about the difference between the annual appropriations over the forward estimates and the underlying cash balance? There is a $263.9 million difference there, too. Ms Baum: Do you mean the special appropriations of $2 billion per annum? Senator CORMANN: I am talking about the annual appropriations and the underlying cash balance. There is a difference there of $263.9 million over the forward estimates. Ms Baum: The annual appropriations will be equity commercial loans and concessional loans. The impact on the underlying cash is the 7.5 per cent upfront write-down, which has an impact on UCB and, depending on what numbers you are looking at, the running costs for this year. Senator CORMANN: Are you able to provide us in gross dollar amounts for each year both the projected write-offs and the interest received, and are there any other dollar amounts that account for the difference? You might be able to give us that on notice. Mr Ray: Yes, we can take that on notice.	Wednesday 30 May, page 11	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
82	Cormann	FG	Budget Paper 1 - Statement 3: Fiscal Strategy and Outlook - 'Effect of the Carbon Price on the Budget'	Senator CORMANN: If I can go to the last sentence in that shaded table where it says 'Box 1: Effect of the carbon price on the budget.' It is on page 3-14. You say: In 2015-16, the budget would be firmly in surplus even if the price floor of $15 were to bind. So I assume that you have run the model and the revenue estimates and all of that on the basis of a $15 per tonne price? Ms McCulloch: The sentence that you are referring to is not a modelling exercise. The modelling relates to the economics and the price. As part of putting the budget together we would normally do some scenario analysis. Senator CORMANN: So what would be the revenue impact if the price floor of $15 were to bind, given that you have modelled it? Ms McCulloch: The government has not made that number public, and it is a matter for the government.	Wednesday 30 May, page 13-14	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				Senator CORMANN: You say in here: In 2015-16, the budget would be firmly in surplus even if the price floor of $15 were to bind. So you have modelled it. You have the number. Ms McCulloch: We ran a number of scenarios. We did not actually do any modelling of the prices. Senator CORMANN: I am not asking you for random modelling. For you to be able to make the assertion that the budget will 'be firmly in surplus even if the price floor of $15 were to bind', you must have estimated what the revenue impact of that would be. We are not going to go through this discussion again that we can only ask you questions about things that are already published in the budget paper. Because if it was for that, we would not have to sit here and ask you questions. I would like to know what the impact on revenue would be if the price was $15 instead of the $29 that is assumed in the budget papers. Mr Ray: We are happy to take it on notice. Senator CORMANN: So you do not know the figure? Mr Ray: No, not off the top of my head. But we will take it on notice. Senator CORMANN: What is the assumption regarding the fraction of permits being bought from offshore, which underlines the calculation of the carbon tax related revenue for 2015-16? Ms McCulloch: I do not know that number. I would have to take that on notice. Senator CORMANN: Do you know anything about what will happen to the carbon tax revenue in 2015-16? Ms McCulloch: Not in detail. We ran a number of scenarios and projections, but we do not forecast out that far. Senator CORMANN: What do you mean by 'not in detail'? We are here to go through the detail, I would have thought. Mr Ray: Ms McCulloch has taken the questions on notice, Senator.			
83	Cormann	MEG	Gap between Australia's Carbon Tax and European	Senator CORMANN:...That is my question: what is the government's assumption about the gap between Australia's carbon tax—the fixed price period; that is what	Wednesday 30 May, page 16	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

			Carbon Price	I kept talking about—and the European carbon price on 1 July 2012? Mr Campbell: I will have to check those figures. My recollection at the time was that the fixed price period was set broadly comparable to the international price that came from the modelling exercise itself. And there is a second jump in 2015-16. Dr Gruen: So the global price will be lower, I think, than the fixed price period. It will be marginally lower. Senator CORMANN: It will be or you expect it to be? Dr Gruen: As I am happy to point out many times, I cannot predict the future. Senator CORMANN: No. But you are modelling. Dr Gruen: We are talking about modelling. Senator CORMANN: Did your modelling assume that the international carbon price was going to be lower or higher than or the same as the Australian carbon price? Mr Campbell: As I said, I will check that. My understanding is that it was broadly comparable to what the fixed price was set at.			
84	Cormann	MEG	Revenue/ Expenditure Impact of $15 a Tonne Carbon Price	Senator CORMANN: In the interests of time, because I know that other colleagues will want to ask questions: have you relied on any analysis other than the modelling, which has a whole series of assumptions in it? Have you relied on any other analysis from experts on international carbon prices to come up with your decision? It is probably more a decision for Fiscal Group. In 2015-16, the international price is likely to be $29 a tonne, according to your expectations. Mr Ray: That is not quite an accurate representation. What we have said is that 2015-16 is a projection year. Consistent with the methodology that we use for projections across our estimates, we have used a view of the long-run drivers that are driving the world price. That is what we have said. It is not our expectation of what the price will be in 2015-16. Senator CORMANN: So it is your expectation of what the price will be in 2015-16. Mr Ray: It is not our expectation; we have no expectation of what the price will be. What we have got is a projection which is based upon a view that, over time, the world	Wednesday 30 May, page 16-17	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

				carbon price will be driven by the fundamental forces of demand and supply. That is what we have got. It is a view for a projection. It is based on long-term forces and trends. It is not a particular expectation we have for that year. Senator CORMANN: It is an assumption that you have used to estimate your revenue projections. Mr Ray: It is not just revenue. Senator CORMANN: It is particular revenue. Mr Ray: It is the carbon price that we have used to estimate the impact of the package on the budget. So that is both revenue and expenses. Senator CORMANN: Sure. That is right. In terms of the revenue, what else other than the Treasury modelling have you relied on to satisfy yourself that the $29 a tonne assumption is a realistic assumption in relation to the carbon price for 2015-16? Mr Ray: I think it is quite explicit in the budget papers that that is based on the Treasury modelling. Senator CORMANN: If the floor of $15 were binding—you raise it in Budget Paper No. 1 at page 3-14, box 1—what would be the impact of that on expenditure? Ms McCulloch: Similar to my previous answer, we have run a number of scenarios, including in relation to expenditure. We do not have the precise figures. We would have to take it on notice. It is a matter for the government. Senator CORMANN: Can you give us the precise figures of the revenue impact and the expenditure impact so we can find what the net fiscal impact is going to be if the carbon price does in fact come up at $15 a tonne rather than the $29 a tonne based on assumptions? I might leave it here.			
85	Cameron	MEG	Energy Economics and Management Group - Carbon Price Household Analysis	Senator CAMERON: Yesterday Senator Ryan was asking questions on the carbon price and he quoted a figure of a one per cent effect on GDP for the introduction of the carbon price. I had a bit of a disagreement with him. I said the modelling was 0.7 per cent. What was the price? Mr Campbell: There are two elements. There is the household impact or the consumer price effect, which is the 0.7 per cent in 2012-13. Then there is the broader question about the impact on the economy, which was	Wednesday 30 May, page 21	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

				outlined in another separate box, I understand, in the budget papers, which talked about the GDP effects being around 0.25 per cent, or a little under that, I think. Senator CAMERON: We had a fair bit of debate yesterday about the actual impact of the price on consumers. Has the Treasury looked at the work that is being done by the University of Queensland? I am looking at it here. It is called the Global Change Institute at the University of Queensland. Has anyone from Treasury seen that work? Mr Campbell: This is a household analysis? Senator CAMERON: Yes, the household analysis. It is from the Energy Economics and Management Group at the University of Queensland's School of Economics. They claim this is the most detailed analysis that has been done of the price effect. Has anyone looked at that? Dr Gruen: Senator, it may depend on exactly what you are after. If you are after the aggregate price effect, we can talk about that. But, if you are after the disaggregated effects on households, it might make sense to— Senator CAMERON: No, it is the aggregated effect. Just so you understand, the analysis is at $23 a tonne. It is very complex; I gave up trying to read it because of the logs and stuff that is in it. It is a complex document. They say Queensland is 2.15c per kilowatt hour. That means that price rises will be 10.4 per cent in Queensland. In New South Wales, it is 1.99c per kilowatt hour, up 8.7 per cent. In South Australia, it is 2.05c per kilowatt hour, up 8.6 per cent. In Victoria, it is 1.94c per kilowatt hour, up 8.5 per cent. In Tasmania, it is 0.79c per kilowatt hour, up 3.8 per cent. Is that consistent? Dr Gruen: Senator, the people who have that expertise are in Revenue Group and they will be up, I think, later today. Mr Campbell: Some of the electricity price impacts that you are talking about, in the broad, are coming in around the estimated 10 per cent from the modelling. Some of the state pricing tribunals in recent months have come up with some numbers in those orders of magnitude as well. I am not familiar with this report you are referring to. Senator CAMERON: Do you have those figures or should I take that to Revenue Group?			

				Ms McCulloch: Maybe we could take it on notice. Senator CAMERON: He might have them, Ms McCulloch. Mr Campbell: I might take it on notice. I have some figures here, but I think they may be in draft form. For New South Wales, we are talking around nine per cent. In Western Australia, it is 9.5 per cent. But I can come back to you with further detail. Senator CAMERON: So I should raise this specific issue with Revenue Group? Mr Campbell: Not so much the specific electricity price rises, no. If you are after the actual household impacts by various cohorts, that could probably be addressed to Revenue Group. Senator CAMERON: I am not asking for a detailed analysis of this modelling. But could you take it on notice to have a look at the modelling for this and tell me whether you think it is a robust analysis. Dr Gruen: We can certainly do that. But it does sound like those numbers are pretty similar to the numbers that we have got, which is an aggregate effect over the whole of Australia of 10 per cent on electricity prices, with small variations between states. Senator CAMERON: Thank you.			
86	Waters	FG	Bipartisan Emissions Target - Incoming Brief for Opposition	Senator WATERS: ... Do you stand by the statement in the incoming government brief for the 2010 returning government that, and I quote: … the mitigation task to achieve your commitment to reduce national emissions to 5 per cent below 2000 levels by 2020 is significant. It cannot be achieved without a carbon price if damaging economic and budget impacts are to be avoided. Direct action initiatives alone will not do the job. Do you still stand by that statement? Dr Gruen: Is that a quote from the incoming government brief? Senator WATERS: Yes. Dr Gruen: Then we stand by it. Senator WATERS: Good to hear. Dr Gruen: That I can answer. Senator CORMANN: You have not changed your mind?	Wednesday 30 May, page 27	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				Dr Gruen: No. Senator WATERS: It seems not. In preparing the incoming brief for the opposition, did Treasury do any modelling of the cost of reaching the bipartisan emissions target of five per cent using a form of competitive tendering—so-called direct action? If so, what were the conclusions? Dr Gruen: I would have to take that on notice.			
87	Waters	MEG	Bipartisan Emissions Target - Analysis and Modelling	Senator WATERS:... The department of climate change did some analysis in 2010. Are you aware of anyone else that has done any modelling or costing of achieving reductions by competitive tendering? Mr Campbell: I am not familiar with any extra analysis. Mr Ray: We are aware of the department of climate change's work. Senator WATERS: No-one else, to your knowledge? How successful have been other examples of reducing emissions by competitive tendering? How expensive are they in terms of cost of emissions abatement per tonne? Mr Campbell: This would probably be best directed to climate change. There are other schemes that have been introduced over time where, effectively, the equivalent cost per tonne of abatement was extremely high. It was in the order of magnitude of hundreds of dollars per tonne rather than the model prices in the climate change report. Again, for more detail, you would probably need to go to the climate change department. Dr Gruen: I could give a broad answer but not a detailed one. The broad answer is that using a price mechanism enables the market or individual firms or individual consumers to find ways of reducing carbon dioxide emissions in ways that no-one had ever figured out before until you gave people the financial incentive to do it. So that is largely why most economists, I think, argue that market based mechanisms are preferable—simply because, if you like, of the paucity of our knowledge about what is possible in the face of a change in incentives. All sorts of things turn out to be possible, but you do not know about them until you introduce these incentives and let all sorts of people think through their own personal circumstances and how they can best respond to the higher	Wednesday 30 May, page 27	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

				prices. So that is the nature of the argument as to why economists think that price mechanisms generate the most efficient answer. Senator WATERS: I am across the theory behind that. If you do have any further details on particular examples of where competitive tendering has not been successful or has been successful, I am conscious that climate change will probably have that information as well. If Treasury has any of that information, it would be great to have that on notice, if you would not mind having a little look for any further details.			
88	Waters	RG	Efficiencies of Emissions Tax	Senator WATERS:... Given the existence of the dead weight cost of taxation, is an approach that places a tax on emissions but reduces, say, income tax superior to one that increases some tax in order to pay polluters? Dr Gruen: I think probably revenue group are the right people to talk to about the efficiencies of various taxes. We could give you an answer, but it would not be as finessed. Senator Wong: Perhaps put it on notice now. If you can outline the questions, hopefully revenue group or someone is listening and they might be able to answer your questions. Mr Ray: I did not get all of the question, but my sense is that probably the answer to your question is yes. But, if it is not, revenue group will give you chapter and verse. Dr Gruen: They can give you a longer version. Senator WATERS: I will take it up. I am interested in the longer version of 'yes'.	Wednesday 30 May, page 28	02/10/2012	11/10/2012
89	Joyce	FG	Australia's Peak Debt Position	Senator JOYCE: With it in May. So with a peak in the debt position in May of $260 billion, you could do it completely legitimately with the current limit you have by use of the temporary revenue deficits act. If you backed $260 billion and said, 'Well, maybe we cannot get May and June paid down', why would you not just ask to increase the limit to $270 billion? Mr Ray: Well, it is not for me to answer as to an increase in the limit. Senator JOYCE: Whose advice was it to ask for an increase in the limit to $300 billion and how did they come up with that number?	Wednesday 30 May, page 33	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

				Mr Ray: The advice from the AOFM chief executive officer is that it is prudent from an operational perspective to set it at a level $40 billion to $60 billion higher than the peak projected within year CGS on issue. Senator JOYCE: Let us go back. What was the peak debt position predicted in the year just— CHAIR: Senator Joyce, in a couple of minutes I will move back to Senator Cormann. Senator JOYCE: What was the peak debt position predicted in the year just gone? Mr Ray: Within year, I do not know. Senator JOYCE: In the previous 12 months, what did Treasury predict the peak debt position to be? Mr Ray: I do not have that. We would have to take that on notice.			
90	Cormann	FG	Spike in Revenue from Dividends from Public Sector Entities	Senator CORMANN:... In the budget papers, you identify two sets of special one-off dividends from government agencies which the government has required to be paid in 2012-13. There is $200 million from the Export Finance Insurance Corporation and $100 million from the Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation. Note 5 on page 9-19 of Budget Paper No. 1 records that, in 2012-13, the government is banking on receiving around $700 million more in dividends from other public sector entities than it expects to receive either this financial year or in 2013-14, 2014-15 or 2015-56. Essentially, the figure in 2012-13 is $1.126 billion compared with figures between $370 million and $470 million for all of the other years around it. What is causing that spike in revenue from dividends from other public sector entities? Mr Ray: I think the best thing is for us to take the detail of the question on notice. We will consult with our colleagues in the department of finance because it is partly their responsibility, not just ours. Senator CORMANN: It is always the game that we play, Senator Wong and me. In finance, I get told to ask Treasury and told it is a Treasury model. Senator Wong says, `Next week you will still have me here to ask these questions of.' Senator Wong: No. You did not ask this in finance. Senator CORMANN: I did ask it.	Wednesday 30 May, page 34	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				Senator Wong: Well, you asked generally and Mr Tune answered it. Senator CORMANN: I was actually asked to come and talk to Treasury. Mr Ray: About what? Senator CORMANN: About these sorts of issues. Senator Wong: I thought it was— Mr Ray: It may be the ARPC dividend. Senator CORMANN: So you are not able to tell us what is causing that spike. Mr Ray: There are a number of things that are affecting that line in the note. I think the best thing is for us to consult with the department of finance and come back with a considered response.			
91	Cormann	FG	Breakdown of the Increase in Non-taxation Receipts by Reference to Sales of Goods and Services	Senator CORMANN: Sure. We have had reference to that. That accounts for $300 million that is listed. But then there is another $700 million spike in revenue in 2012-13. I am trying to get an explanation as to what is causing that $700 million spike in revenue in 2012-13 from dividend payments from public sector entities. The year before and every year after, it goes back to a level of around $450 million or thereabouts. You can see $374 million this year, then $1.12 billion next year. Then it goes back down to $446 million, $476 million and $415 million. Again, it sticks out. If you could provide us some detail as to what is causing that, it would be appreciated. If you can take on notice to give us a breakdown of the increase in non-taxation receipts by reference to sales of goods and services, if possible, specifying the main sources of contribution to the interest and other non-taxation receipts, that would be very much appreciated. Mr Ray: Sure.	Wednesday 30 May, page 34-35	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
92	Waters	RG	Take-up Rate of Government Support	Senator WATERS: … I am wondering if the same problem arises for other government support? Mr Ray: Which problem? Senator WATERS: The fact that the people you are targeting do not end up applying for it, for whatever reason. Is this a trend that you are noticing in any other forms of government assistance? If so, are there any steps being taken? Senator Wong: One of the steps is to pay the bonus as an	Wednesday 30 May, page 40-41		

				upfront payment. It is an entitlement as opposed to having to keep your receipts and seek a refund. That is a design which is a more automatic entitlement. As you know in a range of other payments, people are entitled to them if they meet the eligibility criteria. In outreach on that front, probably FaHCSIA or human services would deal with the frontline engagement aspect of that. Senator WATERS: If you could take on notice whether you are noticing the same sorts of problems arising in other forms of government assistance, whereby portions of the target market are not accessing entitlements that they could be, that would be helpful. Senator Wong: We can do that. I suggest that you also place the same question with DHS, or human services. They might be able to give you some indication of how they explain to people what they are entitled to. CHAIR: Mr Gallagher in revenue, and who has not had a lot of attention in recent years, does do estimates of take-up rates for various government activities in an opt-in circumstance, where people have to elect to claim a payment. He might be a useful font of knowledge. Senator WATERS: Is he going to be here this afternoon? CHAIR: I hope he is. Mr Ray: I would be staggered if he is not. Senator WATERS: I will take it up then. Thanks very much, Chair.			
93	Waters	FG	Provisions for Marine Reserve Networks	Senator BUSHBY: I understand the government intends to announce new marine reserve networks later this year. Are there any provisions in the budget for adjustment assistance to the fishing industry as a consequence of those reserves? Mr Ray: Well, it is not really a question for us. In the interests of being helpful, I will have a look. Senator BUSHBY: Spending, if there are provisions there for it. There might be some provision for it as a contingent liability. Senator Wong: We would not be disclosing that at this point. Ms McCulloch: In part, we need to take on notice whether any provision has been made. The actual policy on marine reserves predates this budget. It was an election	Wednesday 30 May, page 41	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

				commitment and it has been around for quite some time. The department of environment is in the process of negotiating gradually with stakeholders. So it is an evolving process. It has been going over a number of years. Senator BUSHBY: It is government policy and it may well have a fiscal impact. Ms McCulloch: That is right. Senator BUSHBY: What provision is being made in the budget papers? Ms McCulloch: I need to check exactly what is in the budget. Senator Wong: I am not responsible for the policy in this area. It is Minister Burke. I was not aware that we had made any final announcements on these issues. Senator BUSHBY: I am happy for you to take that on notice to the degree to which the announcements have been made. My understanding is that there is an intention— Senator Wong: That would be a matter for Minister Burke. You are asking us about the impact of decisions which the government may not have made, and certainly has not made public. Ms McCulloch: I think that is right. As I said, the government had an election commitment to negotiate for marine reserves. That process is still ongoing. Senator BUSHBY: It has been raised by people in the industry.			
94	Cormann	MG	Purchase of Agricultural Land - Application from State-owned Enterprises	Senator CORMANN: But essentially what you are saying is that any of the changes have not had an impact on the number of approvals of the purchase of agricultural land in Australia. There has not been any change to the actual processing arrangement? Mr Murphy: Not in terms of the threshold. Ms Gerathy? Ms Gerathy: I was just going to say that what it has done is to clarify for the case officers the particular issues that they need to take into account when they are examining proposals in relation to agricultural land. I know they are somewhere in here; I just will not be able to find it quickly for you. We actually do not have a great number of applications in relation to—	Wednesday 30 May, page 54-55	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				Senator CORMANN: That is my next question. What is the number, roughly? Ms Gerathy: Can we just quickly look for it? Senator CORMANN: Yes. Mr Murphy: We can give you the figure on agricultural, forest and fishing. Proposed investment in the agricultural, forest and fishing sector decreased by value from $2.3 billion in 2009-10 to $1.4 billion, even though the number of proposals stayed constant at 17. Senator CORMANN: So the number of proposals has remained the same but the dollar value has gone down. I assume you collect information in relation to the proponents. Would you be able to tell us how many of those investments are pursued by state-owned funds, like foreign— Mr Murphy: If it is a state-owned enterprise, we would be told that. Senator CORMANN: You would be told that. So, out of those 17, how many relate to applications from state-owned enterprises? Mr Murphy: We would have to go back and look at how the statistics— Senator CORMANN: So you would have to tell us that on notice, but presumably that would not be a very cumbersome thing to do, given there are only 17 proposals. Mr Murphy: No. Senator CORMANN: Could you give us that by number and by dollar value, because you have got the 17 for $1.4 billion, so however many there are. Mr Murphy: Yes. Ms Gerathy: Yes. The only thing we would need to be careful of is to make sure that in giving any information it did not identify, in relation to small numbers, but we will just have to— Senator CORMANN: I am not asking about who; I am just asking about, I guess, the qualitative description, state-owned enterprise or not—numbers and dollar values.			
95	Rhiannon	MG	Chinese Regulators	Senator RHIANNON: Who are the Chinese regulators that you deal with when you have to turn to that country to get advice? What are the names of the regulators?	Wednesday 30 May, page 57	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				Mr Murphy: We would go through the regulators. There is the banking commission there. I cannot tell you off the top of my head. Senator RHIANNON: Could you take that on notice to give us the names of the regulators? Mr Murphy: Yes. In certain instances, we would be realistically going through the Australian regulators and not directly to the overseas regulator. Senator RHIANNON: The question on notice was just who the Chinese regulators are. Mr Murphy: Yes.			
96	Williams	MG	FIRB Requested Real Estate Proposals - 2010-11	Senator WILLIAMS: That answers my next question. Can you give me the main reasons why FIRB rejected 42 real estate proposals in 2010-11? Why was that? Ms Reinhardt: Usually the largest reason is that applicants do not satisfy the conditions that are required for purchase. For example, a non-resident might wish to purchase existing residential property, and in order to secure the market for Australians we have limited rules around what foreign residents can buy. So, new development properties rather than an existing property. Senator WILLIAMS: So, the 42 rejected were basically— Mr Murphy: They may have got it wrong. What we are saying is that there are rules to enable foreign investors to buy off-the-plan units. Because of issues in terms of housing markets, there are rules against foreign investors buying existing residential property. Senator WILLIAMS: So, those 42 rejections were existing residential property, were they? Ms Reinhardt: I cannot guarantee they were all that situation. That is likely to be a large majority of them. We can get more detail on notice. Senator WILLIAMS: Why would you reject them? What was that reason you gave? Ms Reinhardt: If they do not satisfy the actual requirements under the act. Mr Murphy: That is the rule. Ms Reinhardt: They might want to buy an existing property in Sydney and they will put in an application, but we will say, 'Unfortunately, you cannot buy that house.' Mr Murphy: If you are a temporary foreign resident, you	Wednesday 30 May, page 58-59	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				can buy a house, but you need to sell it when you leave the country. Senator XENOPHON: Within how many months? Mr Murphy: It is probably within 12 months. Senator XENOPHON: You have leeway? Mr Murphy: Yes. If you do buy and ignore us, you can be forced to divest and sell that property. In the past legal action has been taken against people to force them to sell, which is not a happy circumstance.			
97	Williams	MG	State-owned Entities - General Foreign Investment	Senator WILLIAMS: Senator Cormann asked the question: how many of those applicants were from state owned entities? I think you have that on notice. Mr Murphy: Yes. Ms Gerathy: He asked in relation to the 17 agricultural ones. Senator WILLIAMS: I will ask a broader question. How many proposals for foreign investment came from state owned entities. That would include household and farms? You can take it on notice. Mr Murphy: Yes. I can give you the figures on the countries that are the largest sources of foreign investment, which I think is interesting. The US is still the largest with $27 billion that came in. Senator WILLIAMS: $27 billion? Mr Murphy: Yes, a $27 billion investment in 2010-11. The second is Great Britain, or the United Kingdom, with $15 billion, which is equal with China at $15 billion, then Canada at $14 billion and India at $11 billion. You would find that we would probably be looking at some of those China ones as to their closeness to government as state owned enterprises.	Wednesday 30 May, page 59	18/10/2012	29/11/2012
98	Xenophon	MG	Protocols for Transactions Involving State-owned Enterprises	Senator XENOPHON: On notice could you provide me with the details of what the protocols are in respect of those transactions involving state owned enterprises? Is there a random audit process and the like? Mr Murphy: Yes. Senator XENOPHON: Thank you.	Wednesday 30 May, page 62	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
99	Cormann	FG	Flows of Revenue which go to the States	Senator CORMANN: You might want to take this on notice. I would be interested in what the net receipts were for each state over the period from 2001 to now as a result of the horizontal fiscal equalisation arrangement. Is that	Wednesday 30 May, page 63	17/10/2012	29/11/2012

				something that would be hard or reasonably straightforward for you to provide? Mr Spasojevic: I think that is available in the budget papers. Senator CORMANN: I have tried. It is pretty difficult to— Senator Wong: Sorry, Senator, what was the question? Senator CORMANN: What I am interested to know is: what were the net cash flows in or out, depending on whether you were a net payer or a net recipient over that period. I am interested in the net cash flows per state as a result of horizontal fiscal equalisation, essentially since the GST has been in place. That is what I am looking for. While you say it is easy to get this through the budget papers, the Parliamentary Library has not been able to easily identify it and I have not been able to easily identify it. If you think it is easy, then I would really appreciate it if you could provide it to us on notice. Mr Spasojevic: The reason I referred you to the budget papers is that we do not have a database of the actual flows of revenues which go to the states. We make recommendations on shares. They are then implemented by the Treasury, who keeps the relevant database. It is not a question that the Commonwealth Grants Commission could itself actually answer. Senator Wong: Why do you not raise this with Revenue Group after 4 o'clock when they get here? They might be able to assist you in this. Senator CORMANN: I might.			
100	Cormann	IGT	IGT Reviews of ATO Reviews	Senator CORMANN: Do you have the ability to report on progress of each of these programs of work that you have agreed to with the ATO? Mr Noroozi: As I said, to date I have been when I have conducted what we call review of reviews. Senator CORMANN: Follow-up reviews? Mr Noroozi: Yes. Senator CORMANN: Are the programs of work public documents? Mr Noroozi: If you go on my website, you can see what you call follow-up reviews or what I call review of reviews.	Wednesday 30 May, page 72	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

				Senator CORMANN: What about the program of works that you agree with the ATO? Mr Noroozi: The implementation plan? Senator CORMANN: Yes, that is right. Mr Noroozi: Yes, that can become public. Senator CORMANN: In what way? Mr Noroozi: As I said, to date what you will see is the changes. Because this has been a new process, where we have the audit committee or the tax office involved and we are doing it more in real-time, we have not concluded that program of work to actually report it publicly, but perhaps what we might do is report on it in our annual report, if we do not end up doing review of reviews anymore. We have one more review of reviews to go and we will be commencing work on that shortly. Senator CORMANN: The review of reviews is you checking whether the ATO has followed up on what you have agreed, but I am interested in the earlier step. Mr Noroozi: You are saying when we actually determined what we are going to review? Senator CORMANN: No. When you determine with the ATO what it is that they need to do. Mr Noroozi: The recommendations that we make in the report say what the tax office should do and they reply to that. In the review itself, you see the recommendation and you see the ATO's response. That is in the public domain. Senator CORMANN: Over the time that you have done this job, have you come across any specific instances of the ATO failing to comply with any parts of an agreed program of work? Mr Noroozi: Yes. If you look at those review of reviews that are up on my website you will see that there are some. The vast majority they have implemented, but there are some that they have not. Senator CORMANN: Does it say specifically on your website which ones they have not? Mr Noroozi: Yes. Again, there would be a list. Some of them have only, for example, been partially implemented. I would be happy to point you to those ones. Senator CORMANN: We have had a look at your website, but I could not find it that readily. Could you provide on			

				notice the sorts of areas where there is not yet full implementation and to what extent? Mr Noroozi: Absolutely. We can send you the report and highlight the areas.			
101	Boswell	RG	Fuel Tax/ Excise Rebate - List of Affected Organisations	Senator BOSWELL: So, your response to the government is to reduce the excise by 6c a litre, or thereabouts, and you do not have a list of who that affects? Would it affect the Royal Flying Doctor Service? Mr Quigley: I cannot answer that. We certainly would work with Treasury in providing information about the current law. Any new proposals are really a matter for the Treasury. Senator BOSWELL: Could I ask someone from the Treasury? Mr Heferen: We could provide that to you on notice. Senator BOSWELL: You can provide a list? Mr Heferen: We will seek to do so. Senator BOSWELL: There is a bit of a difference there. I am asking for a list of all the people—non-profit, different organisations and different businesses—that will be affected by the loss of the five-point-something cents a litre. On my recognition of it, it would be people like the surf lifesavers, the flying doctor, surf helicopters and the marine rescue vessels. I am wondering, is there a comprehensive list? Senator Wong: I think that is what Mr Heferen just took on notice, Senator. Senator BOSWELL: Well, Minister, he said he would see if there was one available. There must be one available. Senator Wong: He is entitled to take it on notice. We will see what we can do.	Wednesday 30 May, page 76	03/10/2012	11/10/2012
102	Boswell	RG	Costings - Charities Maritime and Aviation Support Program	Senator BOSWELL: I understand that once your instructions came through you would have to do an impact statement on what it would cost all of these organisations; is that correct? Mr Quigley: Whether it is costings—we would provide certainly some information to Treasury, but I would have to take on notice exactly what we did provide and whether we have any costings or Treasury has costings. Mr D'Ascenzo: The situation is that, in relation to legislative measures, often it is Treasury that does the	Wednesday 30 May, page 77	10/10/2012	11/10/2012

				impact statement, but, having said that, we do work closely with Treasury and we do provide substantial information. Senator BOSWELL: Mr Heferen, would you take that on notice too? Mr Heferen: Certainly. In relation to your concern around the not-for-profit entities, I do not know and I apologise for not having people here right across all the carbon price issues. I think that was scheduled to be dealt with this morning. I would be reasonably confident that the Charities Maritime and Aviation Support Program is looking at providing the rebate to cover any cost increases on fuels purchased for their activities. It sounds like that is on all fours with the concern you are raising. But as I said, this is an issue for the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. We can certainly have people work with the department of climate change to make sure that your question is answered.			
103	Boswell	RG	Charities Maritime and Aviation Support Program	Senator BOSWELL: Can you tell me if this payment from the Charities Maritime and Aviation Support Program will be a one-off payment or a payment every year? Mr Heferen: All I know is what is in this note that I read out, and the details of that would need to be put to the department of climate change. Senator BOSWELL: Can I put that on notice? You have the question on notice. Mr Heferen: Yes. Senator BOSWELL: Will it be a one-off payment or will it be a payment every year? Mr Heferen: I will take it on notice.	Wednesday 30 May, page 77	10/10/2012	11/10/2012
104	Boswell	RG	Charities Maritime and Aviation Support Program - Discussion Paper	Senator Wong: We are happy to deal with Senator Boswell. Mr Heferen: The senator was just after the piece of paper with the email address and the website. Senator BOSWELL: The piece of paper that you were reading out. Mr Heferen: I beg your pardon; there is some other stuff that is probably not all that useful for you. Can we send it to you? Senator Wong: We will provide it on notice. *further reference page 76	Wednesday 30 May, page 78	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

105	Boswell	FG	Mining Industry Subject to Reduction in Fuel Credit	Senator BOSWELL: It clearly does not. Mining has not had its excise rate reduced, but it clearly states here that mining has gone from 38c to 32c. It may be some particular aspect to mining. It is on your notification. Surely someone must know why mining is there? Mr Heferen: Again, the treatment of the carbon price and whether it is the explicit price or the price that is done in a de facto or effective way through changing the excise credit system—we would have had people here earlier to deal with that, but it sounds like that is the impact of the carbon price. Senator BOSWELL: I know it is the impact of the carbon price, but what sectors of the mining industry is it applying to? It is not for the machines that actually extract the minerals, because there would have been a huge debate about that. It must be a small sector in the mining industry. Can you find that out? Mr Heferen: We will take that on notice. Senator BOSWELL: Thank you.	Wednesday 30 May, page 78	02/10/2012	11/10/2012
106	Cormann	RG	Capital Gains Tax and Relief to Super Reforms	Senator CORMANN: I have a couple of quick questions in relation to the capital gains tax and loss relief to facilitate superannuation reforms. Is that for Ms Barron? Ms Barron: Yes. Senator CORMANN: You would remember that there was a similar measure in your 2009-10 budget. In fact, it was the exact same measure except that it was for the period 24 December 2008 to 30 June 2011 and then subsequently extended to 30 September 2011. At that time the government said the measure had an unquantifiable but minimal cost to revenue. Given that the parameters of the measures are identical, why have you now said that it has a $5 million cost to it per annum? On what basis is that? Ms Barron: I would have to take that question on notice about the difference in the costing between the two measures. I know there is a slight difference between the two measures. Senator CORMANN: What is the slight difference? Ms Barron: I thought you would ask that question if I said that. Again, I will have to check on that. Senator CORMANN: So you know there is a difference but you just do not know what it is?	Wednesday 30 May, page 78 & 79	09/10/2012	11/10/2012

				Ms Barron: Yes. Senator Wong: She wants to make sure she is very accurate in her answer to you. She is going to give it to you on notice, but she is making sure that she is very precise about the response. Senator CORMANN: Just conceptually— Senator Wong: Conceptually. … Senator CORMANN: The exact same measure has been on the table before. Treasury officials tell me that there is a slight difference. They are not able to tell me what the difference is. Mr Heferen: I was just making the observation that, given that there is a cost in there now, the assumption behind the costing would presumably be that, if the rollover were put in place or the exemption to capital gains tax allowed the merger to take place, some would still do the merger, even if it were there, so there would be some capital gains tax. Senator Wong: It is very small. Mr Heferen: So, by taking it away there would be capital gains tax forgone. As Ms Barron said, we will take it on notice to give you the information as precisely as we can, but clearly, having the cost there, I would have thought underlying that would be the assumption that there will be a cost to revenue and the cost to revenue would presumably be the foregone CGT. Senator CORMANN: If that is the case, why did you say there would only be an unquantifiable but minimal cost to revenue when you pursued the exact same measure in the 2009-10 budget? Senator Wong: We have not accepted that. Mr Heferen: Even if it is the same or different— Senator Wong: I was just going to say: I thought this was the proposition. You are phrasing the exact same measure when I thought that the evidence from the officer—who I acknowledge has taken it on notice and will check—was her belief that there was some small policy change between the previous measure and this one. I am taking issue with the way you constructed the question. Senator CORMANN: The only difference that I can see—and I have looked at this very closely—is that there is a			

				difference in the time period over which it is available. Before it was over a period of just under three years and now it is ongoing. Is it ongoing? Ms Barron: I will have to take it on notice. Senator CORMANN: So you are not really across this measure much? Ms Barron: I am not across the detail of the measure, no.			
107	Cormann	RG	Managed Investment Trusts	Senator CORMANN: Indeed. Does the increase in revenue from this measure include any assumptions about expected changes to investor behaviour and, if so, what are they? Mr T McDonald: I would have to take that on notice. Senator CORMANN: You do not recall or you do not have that information? Mr T McDonald: I do not recall. Senator CORMANN: You would assume it would. Mr T McDonald: I just do not want to mislead you by relying on a recollection from some time ago. If there is an estimate or if there is an allowance for that, it would not be large, for the reasons that I mentioned before. Senator CORMANN: You may also be able to provide on notice how the 15 per cent rate compares with other countries in the Asian region. Senator Wong: It brings us into line with the United States and Hong Kong. I can tell you that.	Wednesday 30 May, page 81	17/10/2012	29/11/2012
108	Cormann	RG	Capital Gains Tax - Sale of Financial Assets	Senator CORMANN: More generally, in terms of thinking about the sensitivities around the capital gains tax forecast—and I am not asking for a specific scientific figure, just a rough ballpark one—are you able to give us an indication of what proportion of capital gains tax in a typical year arises from the sale of financial assets like shares versus other assets like property? Mr Heferen: I think we would have to take that one on notice.	Wednesday 30 May, page 84	17/10/2012	29/11/2012
109	Cormann	RG	Tax Laws Amendment (Cross-Border Transfer Pricing) Bill (No. 1) 2012	Senator CORMANN: These next questions are important questions to which we want answers before we are asked to vote on these measures in either chamber. As I said before, you mentioned that this measure has no revenue impact as it is a revenue protection measure. Take this on notice, but please be more rapid in your response than you might otherwise be: what is the amount of tax that is	Wednesday 30 May, page 97	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

				estimated will be collected from the retrospective aspect of this measure, what tax will be forgone if this measure does not proceed, and can the government advise what determinations under the changed transfer pricing laws the ATO is forecasting to make in the next six months—you may or may not be able to do this. You might not be able to answer that question. Mr T McDonald: We will take those on notice. As I mentioned before the dinner break, one of the challenges in providing an answer to that question is that it requires an assessment to be made on what the current law is and how it applies to these transactions. As many taxpayers have noted, that is a matter that is contested.			
110	Bushby	RG	Write-off Provisions to Mining Sector	Senator BUSHBY: I will move on, then. I note that the secretary in his post budget speech to business economists states amongst other things that the implications for company tax in the mining sector growing more rapidly than anticipated and mining investment exceeding expectations. As set out in budget statement 5, these factors will tend to dampen tax receipts as a share of the economy as mining companies claim deductions associated with the depreciation of their capital stock. Of particular importance is the accelerated write-offs provided for many mining assets, which you have touched on. In revenue terms, what is the annual cost of the accelerated write-off provisions provided to the mining sector? Mr Clark: The value of the write-offs for the mining sector is a label on the company tax return that also includes some other items. It is not separately identified on the tax return, so quantifying that exactly would not be possible. Senator BUSHBY: Would be impossible? Mr Clark: Would be impossible. Senator BUSHBY: So if the government of the day decided to make changes impacting on the write-off, how would you assess the impact on the bottom line? Mr Heferen: Are you referring just to the accelerated depreciation? Senator BUSHBY: Yes. The accelerated write-off provisions. Mr Heferen: We have estimates in our tax expenditure	Wednesday 30 May, page 100	17/10/2012	29/11/2012

				statement of the accelerated depreciation at large and then of the particular bits of capital, plant and equipment that are eligible for accelerated depreciation. Senator BUSHBY: Do you have a figure there of what the impact is on the revenue of those provisions or that expenditure? Mr Heferen: Reading from the tax expenditure statement 2011, which is our most recent one, the aggregate tax expenditure is by function. So there is mining, manufacturing and construction and there are various estimates across a range of years. It is in the order of, say, for 2011-12, expenditure of around $2 billion. For 2012-13, it is $2½ billion. I am just pausing over this. I beg your pardon—that will be the aggregate tax expenditure. So within that, an element of that would be accelerated depreciation. I am pretty sure part of that would be other various departures from a tax benchmark to be included. Senator BUSHBY: This is just for the mining industry or across all sectors? Mr Heferen: That was mining, manufacturing and construction. In the TES there will be elements for the various elements of accelerated depreciation. From memory, it is in the order of several hundred million dollars a year. Senator BUSHBY: If you like, Mr Heferen, you can take that on notice. Mr Heferen: We will take that on notice. Then we can provide the accurate figure and the reference in the TES to which it applies.			
111	Waters	RG	Resource Super Profits Tax - Iron Ore and Coal	Senator WATERS: I have some questions on the mining tax and the differences between the previous iteration and the current iteration. The RSPT would have covered all minerals, not just iron ore like the MRRT does. What proportion of the RSPT's revenue was Treasury expecting to get from iron ore and coal? Hopefully we have the right folk here. Mr O'Toole: You mean under the RSPT model? Senator WATERS: Yes. What was expected to come from iron ore and coal under the RSPT model? Mr O'Toole: I am not sure that the RSPT model was broken down by mineral type.	Wednesday 30 May, page 103-104	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

				Senator WATERS: It was not? Are you sure? Mr O'Toole: I can take it on notice, but I am not sure that that was the case. Senator WATERS: Check up on that and come back to me with something there. Hopefully you are able to help me with this. I am interested in what proportion of superprofits in the mining industry come from iron ore and coal. That is superprofits as defined under the previous RSPT. Mr Heferen: Anything about the previous model we would have to take on notice. Work was done a few years ago when it was announced.			
112	Waters	RG	Proportion of Profits - Iron Ore and Coal	Senator WATERS: Do you still use the term 'superprofits'? Does it have a lifespan now that the RSPT is dead? Mr Heferen: I think the labels are meant to attach to the concept of economic rent generated. Superprofits is one of those labels some people use. Sometimes it is economic rent. There is no specific return to capital that can be identified as such. It is an economist term to try to describe an overall return. Senator WATERS: Can you give me a flavour of the proportion of profits, be they super or otherwise, from iron ore and coal to the industry? Does Treasury track that? Mr Heferen: Well, these are— Senator Wong: Are you talking about the previous policies still, Senator? Senator WATERS: No. I am talking about the current make-up of the mining industry. What proportion of the profits and the superprofits come from iron ore and coal? Mr Heferen: We will have to take that question on notice. Senator WATERS: The ABS has estimated that the resources rent from subsoil assets would be about $40 billion in 2008-09 and about $44 billion in 2009-10. Roughly what proportion of this will be captured by the MRRT? Senator Wong: What is the source? Senator WATERS: The ABS. It is page 46 of Completing the picture—environmental accounting in practice. I do not expect you to have it on hand. It makes the point that the resources rent from subsoil assets was $40 billion in	Wednesday 30 May, page 104	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

				2008-09. It had gone up to $44 billion in 2009-10. I am trying to establish what proportion of that will be captured by the MRRT. Mr Heferen: I am not sure what they are referring to there as the economic rent. But, in relation to what the MRRT captures, the projections of revenue of the MRRT are in the budget. We are forecasting to collect, I think, $3 billion in 2012-13. Senator WATERS: Can you remind me of the proportion of the profits that that will represent? Mr O'Toole: Mining profits were last reported to be in the vicinity of, I think, $95 billion. That is for the mining industry as a whole. You have to recall that the minerals resource rent tax only applies to coal and iron. Senator WATERS: That is what I am trying to establish—what proportion of those profits will be covered by the tax. Mr O'Toole: What I am trying to say is that there is a difference between what the tax actually captures and what the tax covers, if you like. You have to remember that the minerals resource rent tax is a profits based tax which applies after all the costs are taken into account. So if you are asking what percentage of that $100 billion or so fell within mining and coal, as Rob said, we will have to take that on notice. Senator WATERS: That would be helpful.			
113	Waters	RG	Revenue from Mineral Resource Rent Tax	Senator WATERS: How much confidence do you have in the budget estimates for the revenue that the MRRT will raise? Mr Heferen: I discussed this a little before the break. Senator WATERS: Sorry if I am repeating questions. Mr Heferen: It was not about the MRRT specifically; it was about revenue in general. When the budget was put together, the revenue estimates were the best we had at the time with the data that is available and the information that we have. They are the best estimates we can arrive at. But, as discussed, particularly with Senator Cormann, the tax does turn a lot on assumptions about the exchange rate and about the prices and volumes of coal and iron ore. They do fluctuate. As we get closer to the time, you expect there to be less of a fluctuation. Nonetheless, those	Wednesday 30 May, page 105	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				things are quite varied. Given that it is a profits based tax, the profit is really a function of the prevailing price at the time. Those prices, as people are aware, can move. Given all the constraints, we think they are the best estimates that are available. But we acknowledge that there are both upside and downside risks around that. Senator WATERS: You have mentioned some influences on revenue projections. There are a few other examples here which I want to ask you about that seem to indicate a fair amount of uncertainty in the range that is projected. In the tax expenditure statement, you have the cost of exempting the small miners as between \$10 million and \$100 million. The cost of the uplift factor exceeding the bond rate for losses in royalties is between \$20 million and \$200 million. The cost of a starting base is between \$10 million and \$100 million. Can you tell me why there is such a wide divergence there? Mr Heferen: That is a function of the tax expenditure statement. I think when the tax expenditure is estimated, the nature of it is done in a very broad range. I think that is pretty typical of all the expenditures. Senator WATERS: What impact does that have on revenue projections? Mr Heferen: When we do the revenue projection or, in this case, the costing of the MRRT we have to make a judgment about where the best estimate would be. Senator WATERS: Within those ranges. What factors guide that decision? Mr Heferen: Take, for argument's sake, the exemption for the small miners that you mentioned. Bear in mind that these must be in general considered as broad ranges. For the purpose of constructing a budget, it is a bit hard to have a budget consisting of broad ranges. So you have to come to a point. We use whatever information is available—it would vary from measure to measure—to come up with a point estimate. Senator WATERS: That did not shed an awful lot of light on the decision-making process. Can you give me a few more examples of how you would come to the particular choice of where to project in that large range? Mr Heferen: Sometimes it may be as rough as a midpoint.			

				Other times there may be particular information we have on hand that we can utilise to arrive at a figure with some greater degree of certainty. Senator WATERS: There is nothing further to add there? Mr Heferen: No. Senator WATERS: Perhaps you could take that on notice. Specify the factors that you would have regard to in selecting the point. Mr Heferen: I think you are really after the costing methodology for how we got to where we got to with the MRRT. Senator WATERS: Yes. And in the forward estimates, how do you pick the midpoint or whatever point you choose? What do you look at to pick that point? Mr Heferen: We will take that on notice. Senator WATERS: That would be helpful.			
114	Waters	RG	Revenue from Mining Companies	Senator WATERS: That would be helpful. This is a broader question. What are Treasury's projections for federal revenue from mining in all of its revenue raising capacities over the forward estimates? That is both from the MRRT and company tax and from any other revenue measures that the industry contributes. Mr Clark: We cannot really split it into industries. In terms of what any particular industry contributes, you would have to consider the company tax component, the component of taxes on wages from that sector, the component of excise paid by that sector and the GST paid by that sector. As I said earlier, doing an industry breakdown on the sectors, the nature of the tax data is not such that we can do an industry split with all of those taxes. Senator WATERS: So we actually do not know how much the mining industry is contributing to revenue yet we make claims about it quite regularly? Mr Clark: We know how much company tax the mining sector pays. That is published in taxation statistics. But as far as how much tax is paid by people who work in the mining sector—for example, the wages—understanding that many people who work in the mining sector also work in the construction sector and various other sectors—	Wednesday 30 May, page 105-106	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

				Senator WATERS: If you left out the income tax component, would you be able to proffer some figure? Mr Clark: The personal income tax component? Senator WATERS: Is that what you were referring to just now? Mr Clark: Yes. Senator WATERS: If you left that out, could you get to a figure? Mr Clark: The company tax component is published in taxation statistics. We can get that information to you. Senator WATERS: Great. And likewise the excise contributions and the GST contributions? Mr Clark: I do not know if we can do those components. We can take that on notice. Senator WATERS: If you can make your best endeavours, that would be great. I am interested in how that revenue compares with other sectors. If you are able to do some sort of extrapolation from the figures to serve as a comparison there, would be great. Mr Clark: Again, that would be published in the taxation statistics.			
115	Waters	RG	International Distinction between Tax Rates for Small and Large Businesses	Senator WATERS: Are there any jurisdictions overseas that make a distinction between small business and not small business—in relation to tax rates, predominantly? Mr Heferen: I understand that some countries might have a different corporate rate according to some characterisation of turnover or profit. Senator WATERS: I understand there are quite a lot. Are you across the numbers there? Mr Heferen: No. Senator WATERS: If you could compile a list for me, that would be really great. Mr Heferen: We will take that on notice. Senator WATERS: Similarly, at what levels do they set their threshold for the definition of small business? Can you give me an impression and do the detailed work later about roughly what level they set small business at? Mr Heferen: I think it would be unwise to do that now. I really do not know. Senator WATERS: Sure. I will await the details.	Wednesday 30 May, page 107	02/10/2012	11/10/2012
116	Waters	RG	Historical Data -	Senator WATERS: …….. I am conscious that in the early	Wednesday 30	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

			Periods of Different Tax Thresholds for Small Business and Lost Carry Back Benefits	1970s there was a lower company tax rate in Australia for companies with a taxable income below a certain threshold. I cannot recall what the threshold was. For how long had that applied until it was revoked in, I think, 1973? Mr Heferen: I am afraid I do not know. There might be some assistants down there who are— Senator WATERS: That was well before you were born, I am sure. Mr Heferen: I would not like to say. Mr Quigley would probably remember. Senator WATERS: Do not listen to him. Mr Quigley: Whilst I was working in the tax office then, I could not tell you for how long the threshold had applied. Senator WATERS: Could someone look into that historical data and find the periods for which the different thresholds applied and what those thresholds were. I want to move now to the loss carryback that you mentioned before. My understanding is that it will benefit about 110,000 companies and that about 90 per cent of the companies that will benefit are considered small businesses. Can you tell me what proportion of the $0.7 billion cost of lost carryback benefits benefits small business? Mr Heferen: I apologise. I do not have that number with me. I recall seeing it somewhere, but I am afraid I do not have it with me. We can take it on notice. Senator WATERS: Thanks for that.	May, page 107-108		
117	Waters	FG	Parliamentary Budget Office	Senator WATERS: That is optimistic. I do like optimism generally. That answers that question. I want to move now to the Parliamentary Budget Office, if we have the relevant people here. The interim executive officer of the PBO told us last week that he had had discussions with Treasury about a memorandum of understanding. I was interested in what you had in mind. What is your understanding of the memorandum of understanding? Mr Heferen: I think the PBO, the Parliamentary Budget Office, is in our fiscal group, which was on this morning. Senator Wong: What is the question? Senator WATERS: The PBO told us last week that there was a memorandum of understanding in the offing. I was	Wednesday 30 May, page 108	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				interested in— Senator Wong: That is consistent with the unanimous report of the joint committee which looked at the Parliamentary Budget Office. We indicated in the course of putting that legislation through that that would be one of the aspects that would be implemented. Yes, it is something that probably the fiscal group can assist with and the department of finance. So if you want to put it on notice, I am sure the fiscal group can be of assistance. Senator WATERS: So there have been no discussions about the PBO MOU with your group? Mr Heferen: I think I am right in saying that we certainly have input into that, but I think the discussions are largely led by colleagues in fiscal group. Senator WATERS: Do you have any views about what should be in that MOU? Senator Wong: Senator, with respect, it is probably not an issue for Mr Heferen. I am just trying to see what I have. The MOU was for the purpose of ensuring costings were robust and not putting public servants in a difficult position. It was to govern the nature of the information provision between the Parliamentary Budget Office and public servants for the purposes of costings. That is the policy imperative. If you have detailed questions, as I said, we would have to take them on notice. Senator WATERS: I want to ask a foolish question. What is the purpose of the MOU? Senator Wong: I think I just explained it, did I not? Senator WATERS: It is to give, effectively, confidentiality. Is that what you were getting at? Senator Wong: I do not have the officers here, so I am just having a quick look at the information we had. The act which was passed last year included the provision for the memorandum of understanding, which would enable bodies to obtain information and documents relevant to the PBO's function. The draft was prepared by the department of finance and the Department of the Treasury. It was reviewed by the secretaries, board, the National Audit Office, the Australian Government Solicitor and the Attorney-General's Department. It sets the groundwork for how finance would engage with the Parliamentary			

				Budgetary Office in providing a clear basis for the development of a high-quality, open, trusting relationship with the Finance secretary and the officer. So it is us giving effect to the recommendations of a joint committee. Senator WATERS: Is that in a form that has been released? Senator Wong: Could you put that on notice? As I have said a number times now, if you could put that on notice, we will try to assist. I am trying to be helpful here, but these are not the officers responsible. Senator WATERS: Thank you for your help.			
118	Waters	RG	Medicare Levy Surcharge	Senator WATERS:... I have one final question. We received a response to a question Senator Brown put on notice—AET 148—about the Medicare levy surcharge. His question at the time was: Should the Medicare levy surcharge be costed like a 'tax expenditure' as it is effectively an increase in the marginal tax rate with a concession for people who take out private health insurance? We have not had an answer to that, so I am eager to know your take on whether it is effectively the use of the tax system to provide a subsidy to the private health insurance sector. Mr Heferen: Was that question taken on notice at the previous estimates? Senator WATERS: Yes. That is my understanding. And we do not yet have a reply. Senator Wong: Could you say that again? Senator WATERS: The question was, and I quote: Should the Medicare levy surcharge be costed like a ‘tax expenditure’ as it is effectively an increase in the marginal tax rate with a concession for people who take out private health insurance? Mr Heferen: If we took that on notice, we will follow that up. We apologise if that has not been provided. Senator WATERS: When, roughly, do you think we will be able to get a response to that? Mr Heferen: I am not sure. CHAIR: We should have had one already. Senator WATERS: That is my point. Senator Wong: We do not know. I take the senator's word	Wednesday 30 May, page 108-109, 111	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				for it, but I do not know what has occurred. We will look at it. CHAIR: There are a few outstanding. There were a lot of questions on notice on mitigation. Mr Heferen: I have some information that suggests we have provided a response. It was published on the APH website. CHAIR: We will get the committee secretary to follow that up. Senator WATERS: Obviously that has not made its way to us. Thank you, if that is the case. I will look forward to reading it. On the last issue, I have just been informed that we did get a response but it did not actually answer the questions. So perhaps you could take the question on notice again and give us an answer. Senator Wong: I am going to be difficult. If you do not like the response, you should explain to us what you do not like about it. It may be that we did not answer in the way you wanted us to or it may not be answerable, or for other reasons. Do you have the question? Perhaps you could tell us what you do not like about the answer. Senator WATERS: I do not have the answer in front of me. Nor do you, it appears. Senator Wong: Apparently I do now. Senator WATERS: In the interests of not stealing Senator Ludlam's time, I undertake to rephrase the question and resubmit it on notice. Senator Wong: Just give us 30 seconds. Ms Granger: We have put together and published now a five-year trend of litigation cases, disputes and numbers resolved et cetera. I flagged the bit that defines the size of the small number that go through to appeal. I thought it might be of use to the committee. CHAIR: Thank you. If Senator Waters is not happy, she will have to come back on notice. … Senator WATERS: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate that. In reference to that earlier answer to question 148, the aspect of the question that was not answered was whether or not the Medicare levy surcharge should be costed like a tax expenditure and why. What is the reason it is not costed in			

				that manner? If you are able to answer now, great. If not, I beg the Chair's indulgence and you can take that on notice. Mr Heferen: We had the answer. We have given it away. CHAIR: Take that on notice. Senator WATERS: I am happy with that.			
119	Ludlam	MG	Housing Recommendation 0 Henry Tax Review	Senator LUDLAM: I will change the subject briefly. Maybe we will come back to that in a tick. Of the 138-odd recommendations in the Henry tax review report, about 25 or thereabouts could be construed as being directly related to housing. Has the department has ever modelled, formally or informally, any those recommendations in Henry that related to housing? Mr Heferen: Not that I am aware of. Senator LUDLAM: That is probably a bit of a hairy one to throw at you. Can you take it on notice just in case there has been work done that you are not aware of? Mr Heferen: I will take that on notice. Senator LUDLAM: Check back for us, thank you.	Wednesday 30 May, page 109-110	02/10/2012	11/10/2012
120	Ludlam	RG	Stamp Duty Review	Senator LUDLAM: Minister, I want to put this to you in whatever way will make you the least cross. This is the most appropriate way of putting this to you. Treasury is not looking at it. They have not been asked to look at this particular element of the Henry tax review or proposals for what would probably be quite complex reforms by the states. Is there a will within the government or anybody in the Treasurer's office or your office to initiate such a conversation or review? Senator Wong: I will take on notice— Senator LUDLAM: I am going to the political. Senator Wong: I will take it on notice. Obviously it is not my area. We as a government have certainly put a lot of investment into social housing and housing for low-income Australians, including, as you would know, the NRAS scheme. Senator LUDLAM: Big fan. Senator Wong: I have to push back if there was an inference about the public policy objectives. But in terms of the detail, I am not across it, so I will take that on notice. Senator LUDLAM: It is, strictly speaking, tax policy. The government has done some valuable things on the supply	Wednesday 30 May, page 110-111	17/10/2012	29/11/2012

				side. Senator Wong: More than any government in Australia's history, I would think. Senator LUDLAM: I am not one of your press releases, but I acknowledge that good things have been done and we have supported them, and we have even rescued them from being abolished during the debate over the flood levy in Queensland. In tax policy, this just looks like a void. It was in Henry. It has been dropped. Mr Heferen has told us that Treasury is not currently working on any of these areas. Is there any will at a political level to initiate any such conversation or debate? Senator Wong: I will take that on notice.			
121	Cormann	FG	Investment in Public Sector Entities	Senator CORMANN: Page 9-4 of the budget paper outlines the total amount for investments in other public sector entities over the forward estimates within the government sector balance sheet. When you look at investments in other public sector entities, it is $20 billion this year and it trends to $40 billion in 2015-16. I assume that includes items such as the equity stake by not only the Future Fund but also NBN Co. Is that right? Mr Ray: That is correct. Senator CORMANN: Could you provide us a breakdown of the components of the investments in other public sector entities? Mr Ray: I am happy to take it on notice. Senator CORMANN: And you are going to provide us that for every year of the forward estimates as to how that breakdown is trending? Mr Ray: I will take it on notice. I understand you want a breakdown across the forward estimates. Senator CORMANN: I would like a breakdown of what makes up the investments in other public sector entities for each financial year. Minister, we talked about the spectrum licences issue during the finance estimates. I want to go to the table 20 statement. Someone has given me the wrong reference. Senator Wong: Just say it loudly and someone in the office will email you the right number.	Wednesday 30 May, page 35	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
122	Ludlam	RG	Henry Tax Review - Stamp	Senator LUDLAM:... The review did state, and I quote: Ideally, there would be no role for any stamp duties ... in a	Wednesday 30 May, page	17/10/2012	29/11/2012

			Duties	modern Australian tax system. They recommended phasing in land tax as a replacement. The current Treasury secretary is on the record as proposing the abolition of real estate stamp duties, saying they make it difficult for people to move about. He nominated state taxes on housing as the tax that has the biggest drag on productivity. Is Treasury looking at differences in stamp duty regimes in states and territories and its impacts on productivity in housing affordability, or are these off-the-cuff comments? Mr Heferen: These issues were flagged at the tax forum. There was a process agreed to be put in train by some state Treasurers. I think there may have been some change in personnel with those Treasurers. As I understand it, there is still that process alive for states to pursue what reform would be possible and appropriate in their jurisdictions. In relation to stamp duty on housing being— Senator LUDLAM: The first quote was from the Henry review. Mr Heferen: Then there is something about Dr Henry saying it was a— Senator LUDLAM: Then I am kind of paraphrasing the current Treasury secretary. Mr Heferen: The current secretary, Dr Parkinson? Senator LUDLAM: Yes. Mr Heferen: As to whether stamp duty on housing would be the biggest drag, a lot of taxes are quite large drags on the economy. Whether that one would be the biggest, I think, is a pretty moot point. Clearly, the arguments about stamp duty having a negative effect on people's mobility is pretty well traversed and reasonably agreed to. Senator LUDLAM: And understood. This is more what to do about it. That is the question. What is the status of the group that you have mentioned with some of the state Treasurers? Is everybody in that? Is that a formal process? Mr Heferen: I think at the start it was Treasurer Fraser and Treasurer Baird, so the then Treasurer from Queensland and the Treasurer from New South Wales. Where that has now moved to, I am not entirely sure, but I can take that on notice.	110		
123	Cormann	RG	Consolidation	Senator CORMANN: In last year's MYEFO, the	Wednesday 30	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

			Regime - Revenue Impact of Legislation	government announced changes to the consolidation regime and said that those changes had no revenue impact. I will quote: This measure has no revenue impact, but will protect a significant amount of revenue that otherwise would be at risk over the forward estimates period. How much revenue do those changes protect? How much revenue would be otherwise at risk? Mr Heferen: This was in MYEFO? Senator CORMANN: Yes. But it is legislation that is, of course, now in the system. Mr Heferen: I do not have the figures at hand, given it was an announcement last year. Senator CORMANN: The figures as the legislation came through. In relation to a number of these bills, we have asked that question of the Assistant Treasurer's office, who has not been able to assist us. In all sincerity, a lot of this legislation comes through. It says 'nil fiscal impact' on the basis that you just think that you are protecting the status quo. To be honest, in order to assess the merits or otherwise of a piece of legislation, you actually have to know not only what the impact is if the legislation passes but also what the impact is if the legislation does not pass. So if you could assist us with the revenue impact if the legislation does not pass, that would be very much appreciated. Mr Heferen: I will take that on notice. The board of tax, when they looked at it, did have some information about the number of refund claims that were with the tax office. What I am hearing from you, Senator, is to assist in the parliamentary debate, it would be important for you to have the revenue at stake. Senator CORMANN: That is right. Mr Heferen: I will take that on notice. Senator CORMANN: It would be good if you could do that in a speedy fashion. It would be appreciated. Mr Heferen: I understand that.	May, page 111		
124	Cormann	RG	Consolidation Regime - Revenue Impact of Legislation #2	Senator CORMANN: Just to conclude this, going back to the original question around the downside revenue impact, could you break that down for us in terms of the proportion of revenue risk that relates to the retrospective	Wednesday 30 May, page 114	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

				application of the measure back to 2010 and what proportion relates to the prospective application? That would be much appreciated. Mr Heferen: We will take that on notice. Senator CORMANN: Is there something else to add? Senator Wong: No.			
125	Cormann	RG	Tax Disputes Reflected in Budget Papers	Senator CORMANN: Sure. I understand that. As the amount of tax in dispute goes up, where is that reflected in your cash position? Mr Heferen: It is reflected in the statement of risks. It is reflected there. Senator Wong: I think there is a temporal issue here that maybe you are making an assumption about. Senator CORMANN: I am not making any assumptions. I am trying to understand. Senator Wong: Senator— Senator CORMANN: I am not making an assumption. Senator Wong: Well, let me finish and you might work out whether or not you are. Is your question how much of this is relating to past and how much is relating to future? Obviously the former is not going to be reflected in the UCB in years ahead. If that is the question, we might need to take that on notice. Senator CORMANN: You might have to take that on notice. Senator Wong: You keep asking where it is reflected. Mr Heferen keeps saying, 'Here in the statement of risks.' Maybe you need to be clear what you mean by 'reflected'. Senator CORMANN: I am not asking where it is written out. We have $8.8 billion of contingent liabilities. Senator Wong: You are asking where it is accounted for. Senator CORMANN: Where is it accounted for? Senator Wong: In the statement of risks. If you do not like that answer, maybe you can ask another question. We are not understanding what you are asking. Senator CORMANN: I am asking how it is reflected in the underlying cash balance, the underlying cash position. Senator Wong: That is the question. See, I was actually quite helpful. Senator CORMANN: I have asked that before. How do these amounts affect the underlying cash position for each	Wednesday 30 May, page 119	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				year if all these contingent liabilities come to pass? Mr Heferen: If all of them came to pass? The probability of all of them— Senator CORMANN: Is low. I understand. I am just trying to understand— Senator Wong: We are not going to hypothesise. If your question is the one I put back to you or tried to summarise, which is what is the effect of any proportion of the $8.8 billion on the UCB in the budget period, we will take that on notice. Senator CORMANN: That is already what I have asked. I have tried to assist by making the question clearer. Senator Wong: Yes. And we are taking that on notice.			
126	Cormann	RG	Tobacco Volume Used to Determine Total Excise and Custom Duty	Senator CORMANN: What are the tobacco volumes that have been used to determine the total excise and customs duty on tobacco for each year of the forward estimates? Senator Wong: Can you say that again? Senator CORMANN: Obviously if you assess revenue, you look at the excise and the customs duty you impose. Then you have to look at the volume in order to come up with a revenue estimate. I am asking what volume assumptions you have used in order to come up with the revenue estimates for each year of the forward estimates. Mr Clark: I do not have that information with me, but we could take it on notice. Senator CORMANN: If you could provide that on notice, that would be great.	Wednesday 30 May, page 120	16/10/2012	29/11/2012
127	Cormann	RG	Volume of Tobacco Consumption	Senator CORMANN: If you could provide that on notice, that would be great. Given that you say you expect the changes to be revenue neutral, is it fair to assume that you assume the consumption of tobacco is going to remain stable? Mr Clark: Are you referring to the relocation offshore? Senator CORMANN: Overall in aggregate, what you are saying is that the loss in revenue from excise is going to be made up by an increase in customs duty. I assume that what you are saying is the loss of local production is going to be offset by an equivalent increase in imports. Is that right? Mr Heferen: Correct. Senator CORMANN: So volume, then, by the sounds of	Wednesday 30 May, page 120-121	22/08/2012	23/08/2012

				it, is going to remain the same. Is that right? Senator Wong: Volume of what? Senator CORMANN: Volume of tobacco consumption. Mr Heferen: Certainly they will be substituted. People will still want to smoke. Senator CORMANN: So they will import it rather than use local produce? Mr Heferen: The question about the aggregate demand, the total demand for cigarettes, I think is something we would need to take on notice. Mr Clark: Historically, tobacco consumption has fallen steadily over many years. As far as the exact volume assumptions in the forecasts, we will have to provide them to you. Senator CORMANN: The government has told us that they expect the consumption of cigarettes and tobacco to reduce dramatically because of the introduction of plain packaging for cigarettes. How have you reflected that in your revenue estimates for excise and customs duty, if at all? Senator Wong: Is that not the same question? Senator CORMANN: No. It is not the same question. Mr Heferen: That would be a function of what the demand changes to. Senator Wong: Which is the one we took on notice. Senator CORMANN: The government says that the introduction of plain packaging for cigarettes will actually reduce the level of smoking in Australia. Have you specifically taken into account the government's expectation that the consumption of tobacco is going to reduce as a result of the introduction of the plain packaging legislation? Mr Heferen: What we took on notice was the volume, because that is the issue—how much the volume will come down. Senator CORMANN: That is the first question. Mr Heferen: But that is the question. Senator CORMANN: No. The second question is: to who extent have you taken into account the government's expectation that the plain packaging legislation will drive down the consumption of tobacco? That is a subsection of			

				the original question. Mr Heferen: In our answer on notice, we will attempt to provide that to the extent we are able to.			
128	Bushby	CSSG	Revenue Group Divisional Voluntary Redundancies	Senator BUSHBY: The Treasurer's doorstop on 4 April this year noted that a letter had been sent to Treasury staff about voluntary redundancies. A figure of 200 redundancies was mentioned. Treasury's averaging staffing number this financial year has been about 1,000, so that is a one-fifth reduction on current numbers. I know this is in corporate. I do not think these questions should be directed to corporate, but you will no doubt correct me if I am wrong. Can you take on notice to provide us with the number of voluntary redundancies accepted in the revenue group as at 30 May this year and the total broken down by reference to the policy group in revenue? Mr Heferen: I think it was 13, but I will take that on notice and make sure. Was that a breakdown division by division? Senator BUSHBY: Yes. And by SES, EL2, EL1 et cetera. The cost of the redundancies might be a corporate question. Mr Heferen: I think it would be.	Wednesday 30 May, page 127	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
129	Bushby	RG	Revenue Group Administered Legislation	Senator BUSHBY: You mentioned Andrew Podger doing the review and looking at your roles and how you go about them. Is the revenue group responsible for, or does it administer, regulations that have sunset clauses in them facing an expiry? Mr Heferen: I would not say 'administer'; the administration is done by the tax office. But there are a number of regulations. To the extent that there are regulations involving tax or super, across the department there are a very large number of regulations due for the sunset. There will be a number in revenue group and there will be quite a few in our markets group area. There are not so many in our macroeconomic group or in fiscal group, but it will be some. Senator BUSHBY: The easy way to do it would be to just let them all die. Presumably some of them do things that you could not let die and you are going to have to review them and work through them. Is that going to deliver an increased workload over and above what you would	Wednesday 30 May, page 129	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				normally be doing because of the timing of those sunsets? Mr Heferen: That is probably the case. We have already started a process in the department to examine—along the lines you are saying, Senator—the number, the areas, what it is necessary to continue, what can be done without and what has been superseded by other events. We will go through that process. I suspect, given the size of the task, that there may well be a whole-of-government approach in respect of some things. As I recall it, there are a number of regulations and other statutory rules that actually had the same expiry and potential renewal of 2015 and 2016, from memory. Senator BUSHBY: Would you be able to take on notice those regulations that are due to expire in the next 12 months? Mr Heferen: Certainly.			
130	Joyce	FG	Forward Gross Debt Position Table in the Budget Papers	Senator JOYCE: You just said before that you are going to go to the budget papers and tell me what our forward gross debt position is for the coming financial years. Is it actually in the budget papers? Dr Parkinson: I am fairly sure it is. There is at least a statement that says we are under $250 billion at the end of each financial year. Senator JOYCE: There is a statement, but there is no actual table. If there is, I did not find it. Quite honestly, I would be happy to see it there. Dr Gruen: We can find out for you whether there is a table. Dr Parkinson: This is an issue—including that detail about the tables—you went over with fiscal group yesterday. I heard the points you were making. I am happy to take them and move to the substance of the issues. Senator JOYCE: I do not want to win cheap tricks. I have only read where it says you are going to be below $250 billion. I have not actually seen any table. If there is one there, take it on notice. I will grab it off you. Every day we see on the news how this current crisis is coming closer and closer in Europe.	Thursday 31 May, page 15-16	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
131	Joyce	MEG	Purchase of Govt Debt	Senator JOYCE: You have an involvement in central banks. I imagine you will have the involvement of central banks with agreements to buy off each other. Is Australia	Thursday 31 May, page 19	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

				also involved in the purchase of government debt off other countries? Dr Parkinson: I would have to take that on notice. I do not think we do. Dr Gruen: They have a portfolio. Dr Parkinson: They have a portfolio of foreign assets. Dr Gruen: Foreign government bonds. Dr Parkinson: I should be clearer. Senator, you asked whether they buy from one another or are buying into the market. I would have to take that on notice. I think the foreign central banks here are buying in the market. I am not sure what the RBA does. Dr Gruen: The RBA has a portfolio of foreign assets. They have holdings of major sovereign debt. I think this is all in their bulletin. There is a fair bit of detail in their own accounts. Senator JOYCE: You do not know how much? Dr Gruen: We could find this out for you.			
132	Waters	MEG	Acceleration of Productivity in 1990's	Are you aware of claims by Professor John Quiggin that the so-called acceleration of productivity in the 1990s was effectively a measurement error? Dr Gruen: Yes. I have been having this argument with Professor Quiggin for a decade. Senator WATERS: I am sure you have. Can you give me a very short response to his contentions? If it is not going to be short, could you take that on notice and I will move to my next tranche of questions. Dr Gruen: I am happy to take it on notice.	Thursday 31 May, page 29	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
133	Waters	MEG	Carbon Price – Australia's Long-term Productivity	Senator WATERS: How important will adjusting to a carbon constrained world be in Australia's long-term productivity performance? Dr Gruen: We have an estimate of that. The estimate is that the impact on productivity growth is about 0.1 per cent per annum. So that is the estimate of how much it reduces productivity growth. Senator WATERS: Adjusting to a carbon constrained world will reduce— Dr Gruen: Just quickly, that is about one-third the size— Senator WATERS: Well— Dr Gruen: Sorry, I will stop there. Senator WATERS: If you would not mind giving me	Thursday 31 May, page 29		

				some further details on notice as to how that figure is calculated and the assumptions behind it, I would be really interested in it. Dr Parkinson: Senator, it has all been published. It is all in detail in the report. Senator WATERS: Perhaps you could tell me where to look for the reasoning behind those calculations and the assumptions. Dr Parkinson: We will actually reference you the report. The Treasury has done more modelling and documentation of this than has been done anywhere else in the world. We do not want to write anything new.			
134	Bushby	FG	Consumer Price Index – Inflation Forecasts	Dr Gruen: The CPI outcome is one of the inputs. But obviously other things have led us to lower our forecasts for inflation. But the outcome told us something about how we were travelling. Senator BUSHBY: What I am trying to understand is how a late surprise like that in terms of a lower than expected CPI would actually flow through to contribute to the change in the contingency reserve. That means you are assuming a lower CPI looking forward. That might result in lower expected outlays on social security and other payments indexed to the CPI. Dr Gruen: We will have to take on notice the detail. We are certainly responsible for coming up with the CPI forecasts, but we are not responsible for how that feeds into changes to the contingency reserve. But we can certainly take it on notice and get you an answer. Senator BUSHBY: Does that sound feasible that it may well have been the explanation? Dr Gruen: I genuinely do not know enough about the contingency reserve to be able to answer the question. Dr Parkinson: We would have to take that on notice.	Thursday 31 May, page 32	02/08/2012	23/08/2012
135	Bushby	FG	Budget Paper 1 – Disaggregation between Headline and Underlying Balances	Senator BUSHBY: That comes back to my original question, which is: why does Budget Paper No. 1 not contain such a disaggregation? Dr Parkinson: It did not previously have that, as far as I am aware. Senator BUSHBY: Is it possible that you could provide a disaggregation which sets out the figures that explain the differences between the two?	Thursday 31 May, page 32, 33 - 34	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

				Senator Wong: We will take that on notice.			
136	Sinodinos	FG	Fair Work Act Review	Senator SINODINOS: Are you doing a submission to this review of the Fair Work Act regarding the implications of that act for productivity, flexibility and the like? Is Treasury involved in that process at all? Dr Parkinson: I am not aware that we would be doing a submission. It is an unusual thing for a government department to do. Senator SINODINOS: You would provide your assistance through the government process? Dr Parkinson: Yes. There would be a government submission and we would provide input to the drafting. Senator SINODINOS: Would it be a whole-of-government submission? Dr Parkinson: This is the Fair Work Act review? Senator SINODINOS: Yes. Dr Parkinson: I would have to check. We would not be doing a submission of our own volition.	Thursday 31 May, page 43	02/10/2012	11/10/2012
137	Sinodinos	FG	Stamp Duty – Effect on Mobility	Senator SINODINOS: Senator Cameron has also raised these issues of mobility in the past and you talked about the stamp duty and things like that. Has that gone any further? Have there been discussions with the states about how to facilitate changes in some of those areas? How is that being progressed? Dr Parkinson: Some of these things will have been discussed in the broad at COAG, but I am unaware of— Senator Wong: If I may, I am not sure if you were here for the discussion last night with Mr Heferen about this. We had a brief discussion about the progress of the working group which came out of the tax forum on various state taxes and so forth. We can probably take it on notice, but I would refer you back to that discussion. Dr Parkinson: The South Australian and New South Wales treasurers—the South Australian Treasurer is stepping in after the change of government in Queensland—are looking at what can be done in the state tax area. Once that report is done I imagine this will be discussed in more detail both at Heads of Treasuries and at COAG. I would have to take it on notice as to whether anything else is being done.	Thursday 31 May, page 43 -44	17/10/2012	29/11/2012
138	Bushby	FG	Contingency	Senator BUSHBY: So that is right in essence then, with	Thursday 31	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

			Reserve #2	those corrections. The lower CPI forecasts would then have flowed through to reductions in expected spending on various outlays and items, which would have been captured in the contingency reserve, because it would have been too late by then to allocate them out to the portfolios. Dr Parkinson: We think that. We would have to check that with them. We are not certain about that detail. Senator BUSHBY: You did say you would take that bit on notice, but that is possibly what has happened and you will clarify that. Dr Parkinson: Maybe; I do not know. We would have to check that. You are right, if there is not much time then you do a bottom line adjustment, but if you can you try and flow it through to all of the individual items. Frankly, we would have to get the people who are doing that to give us the right answer. Senator BUSHBY: And similarly you would have to find out, or can you tell me now, whether the lower nominal GDP forecast will conversely also have flowed through to lower expected tax revenues? Dr Parkinson: Yes, absolutely. Dr Gruen: That is true and that is in the forecasts. Senator BUSHBY: That latter bit then should—would that not mean that it remains a bit mysterious why the contingency reserve for the—that would have actually had an upward impact? Dr Parkinson: No, because coming back to the nature of the way in which the budget is put together, the revenue forecasts were all done in house and we can actually change them very easily. The outlays measures are done in the department of finance. It is an incredibly complicated process. To feed them and to run everything and to get it out, the consolidated results can take 24 hours, depending on how long it has got to flow through. So, it is much easier for us to flow them through to revenue changes than it is to outlays changes. We know they have been flowed through to revenue; we would have to find out whether they were flowed through to outlays or put into the contingency reserve. Senator BUSHBY: I would appreciate if you would find	May, page 45		

				that out— Dr Parkinson: Yes, we are happy to take that on notice. Senator BUSHBY: because, as I understand, it a negative contingency reserve value is a fairly rare occurrence. The last time was, I think, last century, late nineties, and it certainly was not anything of this size either. I am just curious. Even asking you today, it is not entirely clear why we have ended up with such a large negative figure, and some clarification on that would be good because it does seem a bit of a mystery.			
139	Bushby	MEG	Interest Rates – IMF Lending	Senator BUSHBY: It was just whether the same interest rate, the SDR rate, applies to money that is loaned on to member countries? Dr Parkinson: Yes, that is the case. Well, actually, it is more complicated than that. It is predominantly, but not necessarily, the case. I think that is the right answer, but we will get back. Senator BUSHBY: If you can clarify and take that on notice. Dr Parkinson: We will just take that on notice. Senator BUSHBY: Just to clarify as well, if the IMF called upon the government to make good its offer of the $7 billion as the contingent line of credit, would the interest rate we would receive on that as well be the SDR rate? Dr Parkinson: It would be the same.	Thursday 31 May, page 47	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
140	Bushby	CSSG	Voluntary Redundancies – List of Levels	Senator BUSHBY: I will get onto the workload issue in a second. Would you be able to take on notice to provide a list of the level of the people who have accepted the voluntary redundancies in each of those? Ms Purvis-Smith: I have that here if you wish. Dr Parkinson: We can table that. Ms Purvis-Smith: We do not have it in a— Dr Parkinson: We do not have it in a form, but we could read it out to you if you wish. Senator BUSHBY: In view of the time, if you can— Dr Parkinson: No, we will—	Thursday 31 May, page 49	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
141	Fifield	MG	Disability Insurance Advice	Senator FIFIELD: When were you asked to do this work? Mr Martin: This is the disability insurance— Senator FIFIELD: Yes. Mr Martin: That commenced on the second half of 2011,	Thursday 31 May, page 51	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

				after the PC had completed its work. Senator FIFIELD: Could you give me a month? Mr Martin: I do not have it exactly. I can get back to you on it.			
142	Fifield	MG	Productivity Commission Report – National Disability Insurance Scheme	Senator FIFIELD: Has the actuary done any further work on the NDIS for government since that report was presented to Treasury? Mr Martin: We are responding to requests from Treasury as they come. As you know, they are in the process of thinking about how to implement what was in the budget, so we are being asked about that as we go. Senator FIFIELD: Would it be possible for a copy of the report which was provided to Treasury to be tabled for this committee? Mr Martin: We will take it on notice. Yes, it should be fine; it is with the states and territories. We will take it on notice.	Thursday 31 May, page 54	05/09/2012	20/09/2012
143	Cormann	RG	APRA Levy – SuperStream	Senator CORMANN: I know where the money is going. You talk about methodology and how you have determined how much it is, like the costings of it. I am interested in the methodology on how you have determined how much it is going to be. Mr Lonsdale: The detail around the costing itself is governed by our Revenue Group colleagues. If you want detail around the method and the calculation then we are happy to come back to you on that. Senator CORMANN: You can take it on notice.	Thursday 31 May, page 59	12/09/2012	20/09/2012
144	Cormann	MG	Consumer Credit and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2011	Senator CORMANN: When are we going to get to see the revised version? What changes have been made to it? Ms Vroombout: Again, that is a matter of government policy and an announcement has not been made. Senator CORMANN: You know that it is going to be debated in the last few weeks of June? Ms Vroombout: The expectation is that it will be. Senator Wong: We will have to take that on notice.	Thursday 31 May, page 67	17/10/2012	29/11/2012
145	Cormann	MG	Consultation Since the Release of the PJC Report	Senator CORMANN: What is the proposal? I assume it is not secret. If you have publicly consulted on it then you are not going to tell me that it is confidential or anything. Ms Vroombout: As I said, we have consulted with the payday lenders and the consumer groups, but we have not consulted more broadly and publicly. Ultimately, it is a	Thursday 31 May, page 68	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				government decision as to the nature of the changes that are made. Senator Wong: I am not trying to be difficult, and obviously I am here as the minister representing, but I genuinely do not know the stage at which this is at, when Mr Shorten is proposing to make this public and what briefings might be offered. Rather than putting officers in a difficult position, we could take on notice the questions which essentially go to what decision, as a result of the PJC report, the government has made and how they are reflected in the bills. We could take that broad suite of questions on notice and if we can come back earlier because legislation is on then I am sure that is something the government could be amenable on.			
146	Cormann	RG	Implementation of Johnson Report Recommendations	Senator CORMANN: That is right. Can you give us an update on where things are at with implementing the recommendations out of the Johnson report? Mr Murphy: All things said and done, in terms of recommendations, it largely took the policy position that it felt that overall Australia had a pretty good regulatory framework and it was a reasonably attractive place for investment and business to operate out of. Where there were some recommendations in the tax area, the government thought to move on those, especially in relation to investment management regime, and they are consulting on that. Where did we get up to on that? Ms Vroombout: The first phase has been— Mr Murphy: The first place has been legislated, but let me just check. Ms Vroombout: I do not have the detail with me. We could take it on notice and come back to you with the stage of implementation of each of the recommendations. There were 19. Senator CORMANN: Would you be able to do that? That would be great. If you could give us a status update on where implementation of each one of the 19 recommendations is at, that would be exceptionally helpful, thank you. Mr Murphy: The task force continues to meet but, as I said, they looked at the tax side. Other than that there were not many recommendations in terms of changes in policy	Thursday 31 May, page 69 - 70	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				that currently apply to the financial services industry. Senator CORMANN: As Ms Vroombout said, there are 19 recommendations, and quite a few of them did have policy implications. There is such a thing as tax policy and there were some announcements made, for example, in terms of the investment manager regime. Mr Murphy: Yes, that is right. Senator CORMANN: I think the announcements were made in early January 2011 that it was to be implemented, but we have not seen any progress on that. Mr Murphy: Yes, well, we have. Senator CORMANN: So, what progress have we seen on the investment manager regime? Ms Vroombout: As I said, I have to take that on notice and get back to you. There were other recommendations around corporate bonds and disclosure for retail corporate bonds. A discussion paper has been put out on the disclosure requirements and the liability requirements in respect of retail corporate bonds. Senator CORMANN: But specifically in terms of the investment manager regime, Minister Shorten announced in January 2011 that that was going to happen, but it still has not happened. So where is that at? Ms Vroombout: We will have to take that on notice. It is more a matter for our Revenue Group colleagues. Our role in Markets Group is to monitor the implementation of those recommendations, but those that relate to tax matters are dealt with in detail by our Revenue Group colleagues. So, as I have said, I will take it on notice and get back to you. Senator CORMANN: Have there been any changes to the secretariat support of the task force? Mr Murphy: No. They have their own secretariat. Senator CORMANN: The personnel is still the same as what it was when it got underway? Mr Murphy: Yes. Senator CORMANN: Has the Markets Group of Treasury received any feedback from stakeholders on how the delay in implementing the investment manager regime is impacting the industry? Mr Murphy: No. We attend these task force meetings and,			

				as we say, the investment manager regime is being worked on and certain steps are being taken, but there has been no major feedback from industry about that. Senator CORMANN: Who is responsible for this area within Treasury? Mr Murphy: It is a taxation matter, so— Senator CORMANN: Mr Potts; was he in your area or was he in somebody else's area? Ms Vroombout: No, he is in Revenue Group. Senator CORMANN: He has left, but he was in Revenue Group? Ms Vroombout: Yes, the International Tax and Treaties Division of Revenue Group. Senator CORMANN: So, is there an issue here where there is a lack of continuity and things are sort of dropping off the table a bit? Mr Murphy: No, I do not think so. I think it just falls into the fact that with some of the taxation matters, when you are disapplying tax and it has revenue implications, it moves away from just being a narrow regulatory matter into whole-of-government revenue. I think that is why we will take it on notice and we will give you an update on where it is at. Senator CORMANN: I just look at Minister Shorten's announcement on 19 January 2011. He said: Australian fund managers will welcome the Federal Government's announcement today of changes to the income tax treatment of investment income of foreign funds, which will make it more likely foreign-based funds will use Australian-based fund managers. And then he says: Under the change, income from relevant investments of a foreign fund, that is taken to have a 'permanent establishment' in Australia, will be exempt from income tax. Mr Murphy: I apologise; I cannot be certain on that. I thought it had, but let me get back to you.			
147	Cormann	MG	Optus Hybrid Coaxial Cable (HFC) Network	Mr Murphy: As I said, you would have to look at the ACCC. Our view was, well, in effect, what is going to be the competitive market in the future. Optus has 400,000 customers at the present time. I think the issue was	Thursday 31 May, page 70 - 71	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				whether Optus would continue to invest to upgrade that network to maintain it on the wholesale side, whereas if they moved into the retail market to compete against Telstra you might get a more competitive market there. But I think you should look to the reasons that the ACCC have given to come to their decision. I am not surprised at their decision. Senator CORMANN: Yes, but the HFC network was not declared by the ACCC, so Optus has no obligation, as I understand it, to make it available to other telcos on a wholesale basis; is that correct? Mr Murphy: I would have to check on that. I am not certain. Senator CORMANN: I would appreciate it if you could provide us that on notice. Do other telecommunications markets in the world rely on wholesale network monopolies? Mr Murphy: Again, I would have to take that on notice. We can give you some background on that. I do not think I have got anyone here. No, I have not got a communications person here, actually. I will have to take that on notice.			
148	Cormann	MG	National Broadband (NBN) Greenfields Model	Has Treasury taken a position on the NBN's pricing model, and a position on whether it should aim to achieve a commercial return in the interests of competitive neutrality? Senator CAMERON: What a joke! There is no competition. There never has been. CHAIR: Let us let— Senator CORMANN: This is a very serious question. Mr Murphy: Yes, I know it is a serious question. I could not talk in general terms about that. I would really have to look at that. In the last few months there has been no work on that space. But, one, it is the department of communications; two, this is a matter obviously of complexity and detail. I can take that on notice, but it would largely be a government decision, really.	Thursday 31 May, page 72	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
149	Joyce	MG	Denied Investment in Agricultural Land	Senator JOYCE: Can you take me to one proposal for investment in agricultural land that has ever been knocked back? Mr Murphy: No. What I can do is take you to proposals	Thursday 31 May, page 78	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				where conditions have been set by the Australian government on how that investment can proceed. Senator JOYCE: Which one? Senator Wong: We will take that on notice. Mr Murphy: We will find you one.			
150	Cormann	MG	Asgard – Claim for Compensation	Senator CORMANN: Are you aware of Asgard? Mr Murphy: Yes. Senator CORMANN: I am advised that Asgard is an APRA regulated fund. Mr Murphy: There are a whole list of them. Senator CORMANN: Are you aware of whether their claim was approved or rejected? Mr Lonsdale: We will have to come back to you on that. Mr Murphy: We would have to talk to— Senator CORMANN: The context of the question is that I have been led to believe that there is a claim that has been rejected and I am trying to understand the circumstances of that. On notice you could provide us with— Mr Murphy: I have looked at the corporate structure and there are about 25 different companies. I am pretty sure that Asgard is in there. We can check that out, but we will go to APRA in the first instance.	Thursday 31 May, page 79 and 80	21/08/2012	23/08/2012
151	Cormann	MG	Compensation Claims under Part 23 of the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993	Senator CORMANN: Is the minister the ultimate decision maker? Mr Murphy: Of part 23A, yes. Mr Lonsdale: That is correct. Senator CORMANN: The intention certainly is that investors in APRA regulated funds would be compensated for any loss in terms of their investments through fraud or other malfeasance. Mr Murphy: There are certain entities which are APRA regulated but which are not eligible for compensation through the levy. They are pooled superannuation trusts. They are not eligible, and that has always been the case. I am not certain whether Asgard is one of those. Senator CORMANN: Minister Shorten, in a statement in April 2011, stated: Investors in APRA regulated funds deserve to be compensated by the Government when they lose their investments through fraud or other malfeasance by super	Thursday 31 May, page 79 - 80	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

				fund trustees. Mr Murphy: That is right in general terms. Senator CORMANN: But not right in the specifics? Mr Murphy: There are APRA regulated funds and there are these pooled superannuation trusts. They have always been excluded from the levy. Senator CORMANN: What is the reason for that? Mr Murphy: It is because of the nature of the investments. They are a mixture of investments, not just super money. Mr Lonsdale: Under part 23 it is not sufficient just to have a loss; it has to be a significant diminution within the fund. So different funds will have had different outcomes. It could well be that this fund had a loss but not a sufficient loss to be covered under this part. We are happy to go and check. Senator CORMANN: So what is a sufficient loss? Mr Murphy: It has to be material. Senator CORMANN: Is there a definition? Is there a test? Mr Lonsdale: It is a judgment. Senator CORMANN: Who makes that judgment? Mr Lonsdale: Ultimately the minister will make a judgment. First of all there has to be a claim by the claimant and we will check. We are happy to go and check whether that has happened in this case. If there is a claim, then it will go through APRA and Treasury to the minister. Senator CORMANN: When you say it is a judgment and it is up to the minister, is it an entirely subjective judgment or are there objective criteria around that? Mr Murphy: There are objective criteria. We get advice from APRA. Senator CORMANN: When you say 'material', can you give me on notice some advice on the sorts of criteria that would come into play? Mr Murphy: Realistically anyone that has lost is going to be compensated. That is just to ensure that you are not worrying about frivolous claims. That is what that is. Senator CORMANN: So are you going to give me some advice on the specific circumstances that have been raised with me that, on the face of it, one APRA regulated fund may have made a claim for compensation on part 23 that			

				had actually been rejected? You are going to give me some advice on the circumstances of that? Mr Lonsdale: Yes. We will check with APRA and come back. Senator CORMANN: Thank you.			
152	Bushby	AOFM	Shredders	152. Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
153	Bushby	CSSG	‘Bank on a Better Deal’ Campaign	Senator BUSHBY: What was the $12 million expended on? How much was on TV campaigns? Mr Murphy: There were television ads. Senator BUSHBY: Can you break it down? Mr Lonsdale: It was a mixture. As Mr Murphy said, we had press, radio and TV. There were two phases to the campaign that were the major costs. The first one was in terms of banning exit fees. That was the focus of the campaign last year. The second phase was on the key fact sheet, and credit card reforms were touched on as well. Senator BUSHBY: Could you take on notice the breakup of that spend? Mr Lonsdale: Yes.	Thursday 31 May, page 84	02/08/2012	23/08/2012
154	Bushby	AOFM	Investment to Support the Residential Mortgage	Senator BUSHBY: I will wrap up a few things and then just ask about a separate issue. I am almost through this. With regard to the introduction of the further $4 billion worth of investment to support the residential mortgage—we are back to the securities market—what is the total that has been invested now? Mr Lonsdale: It is $15.2 billion. Senator BUSHBY: Out of the total of $20 billion? Mr Lonsdale: That is correct. There have been 59 securitisation deals since the advent of the program. Senator BUSHBY: Those were successful applications. Were there unsuccessful applications as well? Mr Lonsdale: I would have to come back to you on that. Mr Murphy: It is a matter of negotiation. Mr Lonsdale: I think you are seeing AOFM later. They will be able to give you more detail.	Thursday 31 May, page 87	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
155	Cameron	PC	Cost-benefit Analysis	Senator CAMERON: Well done. Senator Cormann raised some issues in relation to cost-benefit analyses. How	Thursday 31 May, page	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				many cost-benefit analysis jobs did Peter Costello give you when the coalition was in government? Mr Banks: In a sense, my answer is probably the same in that almost everything we get to do is a request from the government for us to look at the costs and benefits of different policy options. But to answer your question directly, there have not been many terms of reference that have specifically said that we are required to do a quantitative cost-benefit analysis in a particular area. I could think of an exception. I am just trying to think of the timing of this. It was in relation to the consumer policy framework inquiry. Ralph, do you want to comment on that? Senator CAMERON: Maybe take it on notice.	107		
156	Joyce	PC	Productivity Commission Report – Role of Local Government as Regulators	Senator JOYCE: I thought I was asking a pertinent question about Scottish union officials and productivity. I think someone should do an inquiry into that. I want to ask some questions about the Productivity Commission's draft report on the role of local government as regulator. In that report you state, and I quote: In addition to state regulations, LGs— local governments— in most states have developed local laws to tailor environmental requirements to local circumstances, many of which do not impact on business. ... New South Wales LGs are not able to create local laws, but they nevertheless have binding local requirements, such as 'tree preservation orders' and restrictions on vegetation clearing in local environment plans. I want to clarify whether you are suggesting here that tree preservation orders issued by local governments in New South Wales are not having an impact on business. We are getting a lot of complaints from landowners that they are. Mr Banks: I would have to see the fuller context of that. There is variation across jurisdictions in the powers and responsibilities of local governments. Obviously decisions of a kind that impact on the environment can have an effect on business. I do not know whether my colleague is closer. I am sorry, but we may have to get back to you on that one.	Thursday 31 May, page 109	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
157-158	Boswell	FG	Funding for the	The Government will announce new Marine Reserve	Written	22/08/2012	

			Marine Parks Fisheries Adjustment Measures	Networks this year. The Government has allocated $58.2 million over 6 years for the implementation of the Marine Reserves. 157. What provision has the Government allocated for adjustment assistance to the fishing industry? 158. If not, is there an amount for this assistance in the contingency reserve or otherwise listed as a contingent liability?			
159-164	Williams	ACCC	Acquisition of Small Business by Woolworths and Coles	The ACCC has said previously that it is concerned about the domination and impact of the major chains on the supply chain. However, nothing seems to stop this spread. At Logan Village south of Brisbane, I understand Woolworths has purchased the IGA site which will mean there will be 4 Woolworths and Coles in the that market. Woolworths will increase from 77 to 83.5% of the floor space. 159. Will the ACCC consider other ways, such as amount of floor space, to stop this march towards total dominance by the big players? 160. Did you not act at KARABAR which is a suburb of Queanbeyan to stop a Woolworth acquisition where they would have had 60% of the floorspace? 161. Woolworths and Coles, through their hardware arms Masters and Bunnings, are attempting to dominate the market by purchasing Independent hardware stores. Both chains require that Independent retailers not disclose that negotiations are underway, which means for example Mitre 10 cannot even make an offer. 162. Since 2009, 15 hardware stores have been purchased by the chains, including in my home town of Inverell. Mitre 10 has purchased 7 stores to try and stop this feeding frenzy. 163. Will the ACCC consider a Charter for Acquisitions in the hardware sector, as it did in the supermarket sector? 164. Does ACCC have enough resources to start acting to protect the smaller players?	Written	10/10/2012	11/10/2012
165-169	Sinodinos	MEG	Joint Economic Forecasting Group – Macroeconomic Forecasting	165. According to the Commonwealth budget 2012-13, the real GDP estimate for the Euro zone in 2013 is at 0.75% whereas the IMF and the OCED have forecasted the Eurozone growing at 0.9%. Can Treasury explain how the government produced a result that is different to the	Written	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				IMF and the OECD? 166. When did meetings of the Joint Economic Forecasting Group occur during the 2012-13 budget cycle? 167. On what date did JEFG finalise its macroeconomic forecasts in the context of the 2012-13 budget cycle? 168. In the context of the 2012-13 budget, was there any difference between the forecasts produced by the Joint Economic Forecasting Group and the government forecasts reported in the 2012-13 budget? If so, which parameters were different and by how much? 169. On what date did the government finalise its forecasts?			
170-172	Sinodinos	PC	Relative Productivity Analysis	170. Does the Productivity Commission conduct any relative productivity analysis? I.e. the Productivity Commission compare productivity in Australia against major economic competitors such as the United States or China? a) For example, how productive is Australia in producing a tonne of steel relative to producing a tonne of steel in China? 171. a) If so, is the Productivity Commission able to indicate Australia's relative (macro economic) productivity with the following countries: I. United State of America; II. Israel; III. China; IV. India; V. Vietnam; VI. Philippines; VII. Thailand; VIII. South Korea IX. Malaysia; X. Japan; XI. Brazil; and XII. Mexico. b) Is the Productivity Commission able to provide a relative productivity measure at a sectoral or microeconomic level between Australia and the countries listed in part (a of this question?	Written	16/10/2012	29/11/2012

				172. Is the Productivity Commission aware are any studies that look at relative productivity analysis?			
173	Ryan	ABS	Business Statistics by Electorate	173. Using the most recently gazetted electoral boundaries and the most recent statistics available to the ABS, for each federal electorate: a) How many businesses are non-employing? b) How many businesses employ 1-4? c) How many businesses employ 5-19?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
174	Cameron	PC	Competitive Neutrality Issues	In response to questions in relation to competitive neutrality issues as they pertain to the Productivity Commission, the PC gave the impression that it was not in competition with the private sector as the Commission responded to government commissioned projects. Your 2011-12 annual report on page 107 under the heading "Objectives for performance assessment" details four main activities of the P.C. including "performance reporting and other services to government bodies." 174. Could you advise me as to what "other services to government bodies" encompasses and whether there are any competitive neutrality issues arising from this area of P.C. activity.	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
175-180	Ryan	ASIC	Insolvencies	175. How many corporate bankruptcies were there in the following years: a) 2004 b) 2005 c) 2006 d) 2007 e) 2008 f) 2009 g) 2010 h) 2011 176. How many small business corporate bankruptcies have there been for the following years: a) 2004 b) 2005 c) 2006 d) 2007 e) 2008 f) 2009 g) 2010 h) 2011	Written	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				177. Of the small business corporate bankruptcies for each of the years 2007-2011, how many of these businesses were recent entries? (ie businesses that entered bankruptcy in their first year of trading). 178. How many small business were incorporated for the following years: a) 2004 b) 2005 c) 2006 d) 2007 e) 2008 f) 2009 g) 2010 h) 2011 179. How many directors of incorporated businesses were disqualified in the following years: a) 2004 b) 2005 c) 2006 d) 2007 e) 2008 f) 2009 g) 2010 h) 2011 180. a) How many investigations were made by ASIC into directors of incorporated small businesses: i. 2004 ii. 2005 iii. 2006 iv. 2007 v. 2008 vi. 2009 vii. 2010 viii. 2011 b) How many of these investigations were instigated internally (by ASIC). c) How many of these investigations were instigated externally.			
181	Ryan	ASIC	Changes to EFTPOS	181. Have ASIC investigated changes to EFTPOS transaction fees?	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012

				a) If so, was this investigation initiated by ASIC? b) What was the nature of ASIC's investigations and how long did the investigations take? c) What were the findings of the investigation?			
182-184	Ryan	ASIC	Small Business	182. What is ASIC's definition of a small business? 183. Using ASIC's definition of small business, how many small businesses are there in Australia for the following years: a) 2004 b) 2005 c) 2006 d) 2007 e) 2008 f) 2009 g) 2010 h) 2011 184. Using ASIC's definition of small business, how many small businesses were structured as companies for the following years: a) 2004 b) 2005 c) 2006 d) 2007 e) 2008 f) 2009 g) 2010 h) 2011	Written	30/08/2012	20/09/2012
185	Ryan	RG	Small Business	In 2009, the ATO introduced measures to assist small businesses. These measures included: • 12 month general interest charge (GIC) free payment arrangements, and • the opportunity to defer the payment date for activity statement liabilities. These measures were recommitted to in July 2010. 185. Are these measures still available to Australian small businesses? If not; a) who decided to withdraw the measures b) when was it decided to withdraw the measures c) when was it publicly announced to withdraw the measures	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
186-191	Bushby	APRA	Lateness of	186. Can APRA provide us with details of how many	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

			answering Estimates questions on notice	Estimates questions over the past 12 months have not been answered? 187. Can you give reasons for being unable to answer these questions? 188. What resources does APRA apply in it staffing so as to ensure timely and quality answers to questions? 189. Has the statutory office given you any direction with regard to answering Estimates questions? 190. Is APRA aware of Senate Orders in relation to answers to questions placed on notice at Estimates? What is APRA's understanding of these provisions? 191. To what extent are any delays in answering Estimates questions on notice the result of delays in the Minister's office?			
192-201	Bushby	APRA	Travel	192. In relation to APRA overseas travel what is the approval process for each of the following: authority members, the chair and other staff? 193. What records are kept of this travel? 194. Are reports completed following each overseas trip? 195. Could APRA advise by year over the last three years how many overseas travel applications were approved and how many were rejected? 196. Could APRA please provide details in tabulated form by officer name, date, approving delegate, destination, purpose and cost for each approved travel application (for travel over the last three years)? 197. What is APRA's policy in respect of accommodation at Australian and overseas hotels? 198. What standard of accommodation is stipulated and at what cost? 199. Does APRA negotiate with overseas accommodation providers to achieve value for money? 200. In relation to expenses incurred whilst interstate and overseas how are these acquitted? 201. Are any cash advances made?	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
202	Bushby	APRA	SES Position	202. Can APRA please list the number of APRA employees whose annual salary component of their salary package exceeds $150,000 and list their job titles and responsibilities?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
203-208	Bushby	APRA	Disclosure Practices	203. In respect of disclosure, what expectations does APRA have for Australian based banks that collect	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

				deposits? 204. How do these expectations translate into customer needs? 205. Should depositors know the financial backing of their banks for example, and who owns them and what bank executives are being paid? 206. Is one of the expectations that the bank would publish on its web site a full set of financial accounts, along with standard disclosure of conflicts of interest and remuneration details for each of its directors and key directors? 207. Is APRA confident that all of its Australian based banks comply with these requirements? 208. If not which banks do not comply with all the disclosure that goes with an ASX listing?			
209-214	Bushby	APRA	Superannuation Statistics	209. The Government has stated in its Stronger Super policy announcement that it would ask APRA to publish an extensive level of data on the new default superannuation product: MySuper. What types of data will APRA be collecting in MySuper? Will data be collected for consumer/employer consumption or remain prudential? 210. APRA has stated at previous Senate Estimates hearings since 2009 that the data collection needed substantial changes to make it relevant for consumers. Does APRA still agree that the fund and sector level data which APRA presently publishes does not reflect the experience of members, who are in investment options? 211. Is it APRA's view that the significant changes to the data collection which is proposed reflect the severe shortcomings of the current collection which is still being regularly published? 212. Page 4 of APRA's Superannuation Fund-level Rates of Return June 2010 (issued 27 January 2011 – see attached) states "APRA's statistics are not designed to provide individual members with information to compare the investment options offered." Is APRA aware of instances where these statistics have been used for this purpose? Does it concern APRA when its statistics are used in this manner? 213. As Australia's prudential regulator, does APRA view	Written	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				its new role of providing consumer data as a complementary activity to its supervisory work? 214. Has APRA changed its position in respect of superannuation performance data for all consumers?			
215-216	Bushby	APRA	Governance in Superannuation	215. As APRA is planning to impose prudential standards on the superannuation industry, how does it view prevailing corporate governance and transparency practices in the superannuation industry? 216. How does APRA view conflicts of interest such as where trustees are directors of multiple superannuation fund boards?	Written	02/10/2012	11/10/2012
217-220	Xenophon	ACCC	Exchange of 'Real-time' Information	In the recent estimates hearings, the Chairman stated that the exchange of 'real-time price information between competitors is a potential problem', even when this information was released to consumers. 217. Can the ACCC expand on these concerns? 218. Does the ACCC have similar concerns in relation to businesses like Wotif and Webjet, which provide cheap deals to consumers by publishing real time information? a) If not, why not? Equally, when Virgin Australia members go to Virgin's online ticket sales, they can see not only how much each flight costs, but how many seats are remaining. This is therefore both pricing and volume information. 219. What is the ACCC's position on this? 220. Do these concerns also apply to online shopping? Both Coles and Woolworths now sell groceries online – does the ACCC consider this to be an 'exchange of real-time information'? a) If not, why not?	Written	02/08/2012	23/08/2012
221-224	Birmingham	RG	Exempt Public Superannuation Schemes	221. How many exempt public superannuation schemes have all the employer-appointed members of their Trustee Board appointed by private sector employers, or employer organisations, and what are the names of these schemes? 222. Is the Heads of Government Agreement on Superannuation being monitored by the APRA, or any other Commonwealth authority, to ensure that exempt public sector superannuation schemes are meeting all the important obligations they have under the agreement? 223. Where an exempt public sector superannuation scheme reduces benefits for its members is there any	Written	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				Commonwealth authority that has to be notified of the intention to reduce benefits and if so does that authority assess whether or not the benefit reductions meet the requirements of the Heads of Government Agreement on Superannuation? 224. Where an exempt public sector superannuation scheme transfers money back to a Government or to Government employers, is there any Commonwealth authority that has to be notified of the intention to make the transfer and, if so, does that authority assess whether or not the transfer meets the requirements of the Heads of Government Agreement on Superannuation?			
225-229	Joyce	MG	Government Guarantees	225. How much state government debt is guaranteed by the Australian Government at the moment? 226. Can the Treasury please provide its latest estimates for: a) The amount of deposits eligible for coverage under the Financial Claims Scheme b) The market value and face value of State and Territory borrowings covered by Commonwealth guarantees c) The total liabilities covered by Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding guarantee 227. Has the government or the Treasury estimated what the insurance premium that banks and other financial institutions would be required to pay for the guarantees provided to banks and financial institutions under the Financial Claims Scheme? That is has the Treasury made any actuarial estimates of the benefits provided to the banks and other financial institutions by the Financial Claims Scheme? If so, what has been the nature of those estimates and could the Treasury provide these estimates to the Committee? 228. Has the government or the Treasury estimated what benefits are provided to banks and other financial institutions of any implicit guarantees from the government beyond the explicit guarantees of the Financial Claims Scheme? If so, what has been the nature of those estimates and could the Treasury provide these estimates to the Committee? 229. How much is currently held in APRA's Financial	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

				Claims Scheme Special Account?			
230-231	Joyce	FG	General Government Debt	230. What interest rate does the government use to estimate its gross interest costs over the forward estimates? Please provide the relevant interest rate for each financial year? 231. What interest rate does the government use to estimate its net interest costs over the forward estimates? Please provide the relevant interest rate for each financial year?	Written	22/08/2012	23/08/2012
232-233	Bushby	CSSG	Credit Cards	232. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 233. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	22/08/2012	23/08/2012
234	Bushby	CSSG	Alternative Policy Costings	234. Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings? If yes, provide details of what these costings were, including provision of costings documents, and who made the request and when.	Written	17/10/2012	29/11/2012
235-239	Joyce	AOFM	Commonwealth Government Securities	235. On the AOFM website you have Commonwealth Government Securities on issue at $229.426 billion. However, only $224.839 billion of these securities are subject to the limit under the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act. Under what authority are the other $4.6 billion of securities issued? 236. How much Aussie Infrastructure Bonds do you expect to issue in 2012-13?	Written	23/08/2012	20/09/2012

				237. Can you provide what will be the expected face value of Commonwealth Government Securities on 30 June for every year of the forward estimates? 238. Can you explain the need for the AOFM to acquire a Treasury system? 239. Why was the tender process to acquire a Treasury system terminated?			
240-241	Bushby	CSSG	Taxi Costs	240. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 241. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
242-243	Bushby	ASIC	Taxi Costs	242. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 243. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
244-245	Bushby	ABS	Taxi Costs	244. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 245. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
246-247	Bushby	ACCC	Taxi Costs	246. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 247. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
248-252	Bushby	RG	Illicit Tobacco Trade	248. How does the Australian Taxation Office monitor the illicit tobacco trade? 249. Can the Department give an estimate as to the size of the illicit tobacco trade? 250. What does the Department estimate the government is losing in annual tobacco excise due to the illicit trade in tobacco? A former Australian Taxation Office employee was recently convicted in a Melbourne court of offences in relation to corruption and the illicit trade in tobacco. Can the Department please state: 251. What steps has the Australian Taxation Office taken to investigate links between the illicit trade in tobacco and corruption of Australian Taxation Office employees 252. Whether the Department is confident that this is a one-off incident.	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
253-256	Bushby	ASIC	Lateness of Answers to	253. Why has ASIC failed to submit answers to 30 questions on notice I submitted during Additional	Written	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

			Questions on Notice	Estimates in February, and answered just one question? 254. Once ASIC receives the questions, what process is undertaken to disseminate them to the appropriate staff member to ensure they are answered in a timely manner? 255. Is there any issue with resources? 256. To what extent are any delays in answering Estimates questions on notice the result of delays in the Minister's office?			
257-260	Bushby	ASIC	Travel	257. What is your agency's policy in respect of accommodation at Australian and overseas hotels? 258. What standard of accommodation is stipulated and at what cost? 259. Does your agency negotiate with overseas accommodation providers to achieve value for money? 260. In relation to expenses incurred whilst interstate and overseas how are these acquitted? Are any cash advances made?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
261-266	Bushby	ASIC	Dispute Resolution Agencies	261. What is ASIC's role in the regulation of dispute resolution agencies (DRA's) which were established as part of the Financial Services Reform Act (FSRA)? 262. What policy statement has ASIC formulated with regard to DRA's? 263. What are the requirements for DRA's in disclosing information on their performance and operations? 264. What has been the performance of these agencies in relation to disclosure of this information? 265. What has been the performance of these agencies in relation to the objective as set out in FSRA and ASIC policy? 266. Does ASIC require these agencies to publish information on financial accounts and director and executive remuneration? If not, why not?	Written	22/08/2012	23/08/2012
267-272	Bushby	ASIC	Trading Reforms	267. In the article 'ASIC limits tough trading reforms' in the Australian Financial Review on Wednesday 4th April 2012, ASIC deputy chairman Belinda Gibson is quoted as saying there has been 'phenomenal growth' in dark pools in the last six months of 2011. Can ASIC elaborate on the claims of this growth in dark liquidity, and how they have identified this increase? 268. How does ASIC intend to monitor and deal with the increase of dark pools?	Written	9/01/2013	7/02/2013

				269. As outlined in ASIC's media release, 'key messages from feedback to CP 168,' how much are these regulations expected to cost investors? 270. How much will ASIC spend to implement these new rules? 271. In the AFR article, Belinda Gibson is quoted as saying ASIC will increase stress testing of the market. Can ASIC please elaborate on the additional stress testing processes to be undertaken? 272. Can ASIC outline the additional regulatory requirements these changes will place on market participants?			
273-276	Bushby	ASIC	Audits	273. Currently, how many audits of financial planning licensees, including their financial plans, are being conducted –and how many ASIC staff are dedicated to this task? 274. How were those firms under audit targeted or identified? 275. Does ASIC believe its current audit program is sufficiently robust to ensure an early warning of another situation like the Storm or Westpoint situation? 276. Now that commissions have been banned or are close to being banned and/or have been eliminated by industry practice, what are the risks ASIC needs to be aware of in order to protect the capital of retirees and pre retirees?	Written	02/08/2012	23/08/2012
277-279	Boyce	ASIC	Infringement Notice Regime	In 2003-04, former Treasurer, Peter Costello proposed that infringement notices by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission for alleged breaches of disclosure be incorporated into the Corporations Act to tackle compliance. He promised there would be a review of the regime in two to three years time. It has been reported that there has been a review which has not been made public. 277. Would you please confirm whether or not there has been a review into the infringement notice regime by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission for breaches of continuous disclosure under the Corporations Act 2001. 278. If so, when will the review be made public? 279. When the regime was introduced, it was done on the	Written	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

				basis that infringement notices would be a fast remedy and yet on average, it takes ASIC approximately 250 days from the time of an alleged contravention to the issuance of an infringement notice. What steps is the department taking so the process from alleged contravention to issuance of an infringement notice occurs in a more timely fashion?			
280-293	Bushby	RG	Investments – Interest Withholding Tax	280. The Treasury revenue measure in Budget Paper 2 'International tax - increase in managed investment trust final withholding tax rate' was first announced in the 2012-13 Budget, is that correct? 281. Was industry consulted on this measure before it was announced in the Budget? 282. How much revenue is currently collected at the 7.5 rate? 283. Have revenue collections increased or decreased over the period the rate was reduced from 30-7.5%? 284. Has the level of foreign investment to which this measure relates increased over the same period? 285. The measure is due to raise $50 million in revenue in the 2012-13 financial year, $65 million in 2013-14 and then revenue increases by $5 million each year thereafter. Do Treasury's forecasts factor in any change in investment behaviour by overseas investors as a result of this Budget measure? If not, why not? 286. Why was the rate raised to 15%? 287. How does this rate compare to WHT rates applied to other types of income? 288. Will a 15% rate in particular incentivise taxpayers to restructure their investments? If so has this been factored into the costings? 289. Was the impact on the domestic property sector assessed ahead of announcing this measure? 290. Has there been any estimate of the likely lower land tax and stamp duty collections? 291. Is Treasury aware of any investments which have been unwound/frozen as a result of the announcement? 292. How does Treasury reconcile this measure with Australia's need for infrastructure funding? 293. Is Treasury aware that this higher tax will also apply	Written	16/10/2012	29/11/2012

				to a range of clean energy investments? If so, how does the Government reconcile this measure with Australia's desire to develop a clean energy future?			
294-301	Bushby	RG	Super Contributions	294. In relation to the ABS superannuation data for the December quarter 2011, can Treasury explain why contributions fell by 2.5 per cent despite there being positive economic growth for the same period of time? 295. What changes in consumer behaviour in relation to salary sacrifice contributions is being experienced post the decision to lower substantially the maximum contributions limits and also to introduce the 2012 version of the superannuation surcharge? 296. How will this impact the growth of national superannuation assets? 297. Is this a trend which is likely to continue in coming quarters and what impact on Government superannuation tax collections are anticipated? 298. Could Treasury list the names of the Bills relating to either the provision of financial advice and/or superannuation which are currently before the Parliament or are likely to be introduced during 2012? 299. Is there a crisis of confidence in superannuation which is the result of too much legislative intervention and/or the very substantial withdrawal of taxation incentives which has in effect created a 'superannuation tinkering' sovereign risk, and what measures is the government taking to revitalise confidence in superannuation as the principal long term savings vehicle? 300. What interactions has there been between Treasury, ATO and industry groups such as AIST, ASFA, FSC, FPA, AFA and the SPAA to counter the prospect of flagging superannuation contributions? 301. Can Treasury make assurances that there will no additional adverse tax tinkering measures in Budget 2013, and that there are no projects in train to achieve this end?	Written		
302-307	Xenophon	ATO	ATO Redundancies	I refer to recent announcement of 1039 redundancies at the ATO: 302. How many redundancies will be offered or forced at the EL1 level or above? 303. How many staff does the ATO employ at EL1 level	Written	17/08/2012	23/08/2012

				or above? 304. As a separate figure how many SES and above (broken down by number and employment level) are employed at the ATO? 305. What is the combined salary of all employees at EL1 or above? 306. What percentage does this take of the entire wages budget for the ATO? 307.How does this compare to the number (and combined annual salaries) of employees at EL1 or above prior to 30 June 2006?			
308-312	Xenophon	ATO	Siebel #1	I refer to the ATO's computer program Seibel: 308. Was there an open tender for the development of this program? 309. How much will the annual cost be to continue developing Seibel? 310. When will the Seibel computer system be fully operational - for example, when will users be able to upload all information directly to Seibel and not via the legacy system? 311. What is the annual cost for maintaining the mainframe/legacy system? 312. When will the mainframe/legacy system be decommissioned?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
313-314	Xenophon	ATO	ComCare claims since Siebel Introduction	313. How many ComCare claims relating to RSI or eyestrain have been made by ATO staff since the introduction of Seibel? 314. How many for stress?	Written	20/07/2012	23/08/2012
315-317	Xenophon	ATO	Siebel #2	315. Will another computer company complete the migration of the data stored in the legacy system to Seibel and when do you expect this to be completed?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

				316. Given that the R3 rollout is completed, which parts of the roll out do you think could be improved on and what lessons could other government departments learn from your experience? 317. Where are the staff who work at the IT service desk physically situated?			
318-321	Xenophon	ATO	Tax Returns and Tax Practitioners	318. During the 2011 tax year, over 100 000 tax returns were held up for audit for a minimum of 3 months, the average being 6 months and some for 9 months. This was done to establish the veracity of tax deductions claimed. 319. As only 75% of returns were found to have an error of 1 cent or more, what is being done in the 2012 tax year to speed up the process of the quoted 200,000 plus returns that will be checked to not inconvenience or place hardship upon the 25% who have substantiated their deductions? 320. As the ATO is ‘listening to the community’ and is trying to make the tax process for all Australians ‘easier, cheaper and more personalised’ would it be possible for the ATO to implement a customer service standard that would give the taxpayer a daily penalty payment if their returns or activity statement refunds were delayed? 321. Will you continue supplying a premium service to the tax practitioner community?	Written	22/08/2012	23/08/2012
322-328	Bushby	ATO	Project Wickenby	322. In relation to project Wickenby, what is the current state of play? 323. What is the projected level of funding for the next three years? 324. How can you be sure that these funds will deliver on the targets set? 325. How long has Wickenby been in operation and what has been the total cost to budget? 326. What additional tax liabilities have been raised out of this project? 327. What additional taxes have been collected? 328. What has been the costs of conducting each of the ten major cases?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

329-332	Bushby	ATO	Use of Access Power	In the 2011 ATO Annual Report, it states that 'during 2010-11, 3,466 formal notices were issued across all markets to obtain relevant information and documents.' 329. What is the comparable figure for the current financial year for period ending 31 March 2012? 330. Can the ATO provide an explanation for any trends which might have become evident? 331. Could the ATO provide a break up for the various heads of power for the exercise of this function, as per presentation in the Annual Report? 332. Has there been any judicial comment in relation to the exercise of these powers during the current financial year, if so can the ATO provide details in relation to this matter?	Written	23/07/2012	23/08/2012
333-336	Bushby	ATO	Travel	333. What is your agency's policy in respect of accommodation at Australian and overseas hotels? 334. What standard of accommodation is stipulated and at what cost? 335. Does your agency negotiate with overseas accommodation providers to achieve value for money? 336. In relation to expenses incurred whilst interstate and overseas how are these acquitted? Are any cash advances made?	Written	23/07/2012	23/08/2012
337-342	Fifield	ATO	Luxury Car Tax Threshold	337. What concessions or exemptions are in place under the Luxury Car Tax Threshold in 2012-13? 338. Who is eligible for the exemption? 339. Have there been any changes to the exemptions in the past 12 months? 340. Have there been any changes to the exemptions for people with disabilities in the past 12 months? 341. Has the Australian Tax Office consulted with the disability sector on the impact of the Luxury Car Tax threshold criteria on their capacity to access and purchase appropriate vehicles? 342. If yes, which key stakeholders/interested parties have been consulted?	Written	20/07/2012	23/08/2012
343	Payne	FG	First Home Owners Grant	343. Can you please provide current and historical data (based on the regularity you receive figures) on the numbers and costs of the First Home Owners Grant (and, during the relevant periods, the First Home Owners Boost), broken down by: jurisdiction; the cost of	Written	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				dwellings to which the FHOG was applied; and whether the dwelling was an existing dwelling or a newly constructed/off-the-plan dwelling.			
344-347	Boswell	RG	Fuel Tax Credit Scheme	344. Can the Department provide a complete list of the types of businesses, organisations and not-for-profit organisations that will be affected by the reduction in fuel tax credits for businesses from 38.143 cents per litre to 32.623 c/L for petrol and 31.933 c/L for diesel? 345. What industries and emergency services will be affected by the reduced fuel excise rebate? 346. What costings has the Department done or received concerning the financial impact of the fuel tax credits reduction on affected industries and organisations? 347. Will the reduction in fuel tax credits apply to the mining industry; if so, what mining activities will the reduced fuel excise rebate apply to?	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
348-350	Boyce	ATO	Energy Subsidies/Rebates and Energy Income	348. Can the ATO tell me whether the subsidies received by the public for installing energy efficient systems such as solar, whether provided by State or Commonwealth entities are taxable? 349. Can the ATO tell me whether any ‘income’ earned by householders for putting power back into an electricity grid is taxable? 350. If the ATO does not have a position on either question 1 or 2 can you tell me why not?	Written	20/07/2012	23/08/2012
351	Rhiannon	ACCC	Dairy Industry	In rejecting the recommendations of the Senate Economics References Committee, in its report on the dairy industry, to reform competition law, the Government said "the competition provisions of the Act should not be reviewed until the ACCC has had the opportunity to further test the law in the courts". Asked about this at Additional Estimates, the ACCC referred to "five cases of unconscionable conduct before the court and another 19 misuse of market power matters under detailed investigation, some of those would be coming to court". 351. Can you update us on the progress of these cases? Are the courts adopting a narrow interpretation of what constitutes unconscionable conduct?	Written	22/08/2012	23/08/2012
352-354	Rhiannon	ACCC	Competitive Pressures	352. Are loyalty cards issued by supermarkets, shopper dockets for petrol stations and frequent flyer programmes in the interests of consumers?	Written	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

				353. Or by encouraging customers to buy from only one supplier, do they reduce competitive pressures and so lead to higher prices? 354. If the latter, what if anything is the ACCC doing about it? If you have no power to act, should the law be changed?			
355-356	Rhiannon	ACCC	Competiveness in the Finance Industry	355. A recent media report cited Barry Lambert of financial planning group Count, owned by the Commonwealth Bank, accusing BT Financial Group of 'unsporting behaviour' and breaking an 'unwritten code' of not competing. Have you ascertained whether the report is correct, and if so what action will you take? 356. Do you think such unwritten codes exist in other aspects of the finance, or other industry? a) What can you do about them? Australian Financial Review, 28 May 2012.	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
357-359	Waters	FG	Parliamentary Budget Office	The interim executive officer of the PBO said at Budget Estimates that he had some discussions with Treasury about the memorandum of understanding. 357. Can you tell us about what matters it covers? 358. Is it just with Treasury or separately with the ATO? 359. Can it be publicly released?	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
360-361	Waters	RG	Medicare Levy Surcharge #2	Response AET 148 did not answer Sen Brown's question "Should the Medicare levy surcharge be costed like a ‘tax expenditure’ as it is effectively an increase in the marginal tax rate with a concession for people who take out private health insurance?" 360. Is the surcharge not effectively a use of the tax system to provide a subsidy to the private health insurance industry? 361. If it were treated as a tax expenditure, how large would be the tax expenditure?	Written	18/10/2012	29/11/2012
362-368	Waters	MEG	Budget	362. What would be the implication of attempting to always run a balanced budget and rely on monetary policy to moderate the economic cycle? Would there be disadvantages in relying on the Reserve Bank pushing interest rates very low? 363. At the time of last year's budget, the Government thought a marginal surplus was appropriate for 2012-13 in the context of real GDP being forecast to grow by 4 per cent in 2011-12 and 3¾ per cent in 2012-13. Real GDP is	Written	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

				now forecast to grow by only 3 per cent in 2011-12 and 3¼ per cent in 2012 13. That is, the forecast level of GDP in 2012-13 is now around 1½ per cent less than had been forecast this time last year. So if the optimal fiscal policy last year was to target a marginal surplus, does this imply optimal fiscal policy should be to accept a deficit for 2012-13 and defer regaining a surplus until the following year? 364. The OECD's latest Economic Outlook estimated that there is an 'output gap' of around 2 per cent of GDP in Australia; that GDP is below trend. Why then is there an economic need for a contractionary fiscal policy? 365. What is your view of the estimates of the structural budget balance in the OECD's latest Economic Outlook? These show the budget moving from a structural or underlying deficit of 3½ per cent of GDP to a surplus of 1 per cent in 2013. That is a turnaround of 4½ per cent of GDP in two years. Generally we only see such sharp changes in countries with serious problems with their debt, such as Greece. Why does Australia need to move back to structural surplus so quickly and what are the risks to activity involved? 366. Can you provide your own estimates of the structural budget balance over the past decade under two alternative assumptions: (a) that the terms of trade are now around a new long-term level, and (b) that they will return to their previous long-term average level? 367. In the longer term, what are the main drivers of productivity? How important is education? 368. How important will adjusting to a carbon-constrained world be in Australia's long-term productivity performance? (At the hearing Dr Gruen may have misheard and referred to adjustment to Australia's carbon price rather than the impact of the world seeking less carbon-intensive production techniques.)			
369-373	Waters	FG	Rate of Extraction of Natural Resources	369. What would be the impact if the extraction of our natural resources occurred somewhat slower? a) Dr Gruen said the exchange rate would probably be lower. Would interest rates be lower? b) Would skill shortages be less of a constraint on companies outside the mining industry?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				c) Would this imply a more diverse economy? d) Would less infrastructure (ports, rail etc but also schools, hospitals etc in remote mining towns) be needed to be built, but it be useful for longer? e) Would mineral prices be higher for those commodities in which Australia supplies a significant proportion of global supply? f) Is anyone asking and answering these questions before major mining projects are approved? 370. Treasury mentioned measures such as tariff on mining exports and more prohibitive regulatory approvals as means of slowing a mining boom. If a government was concerned about 'Dutch disease' effects and wanted to slow down the extraction of our non-renewable minerals resources, what would be the best policies to adopt? 371. If one company owned every coal mine in Australia, do you think it would be digging up the coal faster than is now occurring, slower or at the same pace? 372. Is the current, short-lived, 'construction' phase of the mining boom more labour-intensive than the longer-lived 'production' phase? If so, can you quantify this? 373. Treasury has cited estimates that Australia's oil reserves are equivalent to 12 years' production, gold reserves 33 years and iron ore 71 years and so forth. But these estimates are based on current production. Presumably, with the enormous investment in the mining industry, future production will be much higher. Do you have estimates of how long these non-renewable resources will last at the projected future rates of production?			
374-375	Waters	MEG	The Role of Sovereign Wealth Funds in Managing Resource Booms	A recent paper by Treasury's David Gruen and Phil Garton compares the approaches adopted by Australia and Norway to a terms of trade boom, in particular Norway's use of a sovereign wealth fund. Norway's exchange rate has not appreciated as has occurred in Australia. Has this meant that the non-mining sector in Norway, such as manufacturing and tourism, has fared better than here? The paper doubts that Australia could replicate Norway's experience with its sovereign wealth fund because of Australia's "much lower rates of taxation of resource rents". 374. Does this imply that were we to have a resources rent	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

				tax with a rate like Norway's 50 per cent, we may be able to replicate their good experience? 'The role of sovereign wealth funds in managing resource booms: a comparison of Australia and Norway', 23 February 2012, available on Treasury website. 375. How should mining's contribution to national well-being be assessed, given that as Dr Parkinson put it, "sustainable wellbeing requires that at least the current level of wellbeing be maintained for future generations…running down the stock of capital in aggregate diminishes the opportunities for future generations" and the ABS recognises minerals as part of natural capital? Would it make a difference if a substantial proportion of the revenue from mining was accruing as assets in a sovereign wealth fund?			
376	Waters	RG	Subsidies to the Mining Industry	376. What general economic principles would make a case for subsidies, tax concessions or assistance to a particular industry? Perhaps helping establish an 'infant industry', tiding an industry over a temporary setback, assisting a very innovative industry or one which generates spillover benefits? a) Do any of these arguments justify ongoing subsidies to the mining industry?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
377	Bushby	CSSG	Printing of Documents	377. Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
378-379	Payne	MG	Harmonised Directors' Liability Legislation	378. Can you please outline the timeframe for the finalisation of harmonised directors' liability legislation, including planned introduction to parliaments? 379. With respect to directors' liability reform, has the report from Corrs Chambers Westgarth that the COAG Reform Council recommended be used to advance the remaining 2011-12 work been taken into account, and what measures, analyses or recommendations contained in the report have been acted on or are being acted on?	Written, transferred from PM&C on 20 June 2012	18/10/2012	29/11/2012
380	McKenzie	ATO	Newsletter for Activity Statement - Reference to Carbon Tax	380. The ATO's third quarter newsletter for activity statement preparers was recently distributed. It did not make one reference to the carbon tax. Given the importance of this issue to small business, why not?	Written	15/08/2012	23/08/2012
381-383	McKenzie	CSSG	Modelling on the	381. Have the Department of the Treasury and the	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

			Impact of the Carbon Tax on Running Costs	agencies within the Treasury portfolio modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 382. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? 383. How much electricity do the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio use? What does this cost them in electricity bills?			
384-386	McKenzie	ASIC	Modelling on the Impact of the Carbon Tax on Running Costs	384. Have the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 385. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? 386. How much electricity do the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio use? What does this cost them in electricity bills?	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
387-389	McKenzie	ABS	Modelling on the Impact of the Carbon Tax on Running Costs	387. Have the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 388. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? 389. How much electricity do the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio use? What does this cost them in electricity bills?	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
390-392	McKenzie	ACCC	Modelling on the Impact of the Carbon Tax on Running Costs	390. Have the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 391. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? 392. How much electricity do the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio use? What does this cost them in electricity bills?	Written	22/01/2013	7/02/2013
393-395	McKenzie	APRA	Modelling on the Impact of the Carbon Tax on Running Costs	393. Have the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 394. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? 395. How much electricity do the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio use? What does this cost them in electricity bills?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
396-398	McKenzie	CGC	Modelling on the Impact of the Carbon Tax on Running Costs	396. Have the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 397. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? 398. How much electricity do the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio use? What does this cost them in electricity bills?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

399-401	McKenzie	IGT	Modelling on the Impact of the Carbon Tax on Running Costs	399. Have the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 400. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? 401. How much electricity do the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio use? What does this cost them in electricity bills?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
402-404	McKenzie	ATO	Modelling on the Impact of the Carbon Tax on Running Costs	402. Have the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 403. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? 404. How much electricity do the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio use? What does this cost them in electricity bills?	Written	23/07/2012	23/08/2012
405-407	McKenzie	PC	Modelling on the Impact of the Carbon Tax on Running Costs	405. Have the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 406. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? 407. How much electricity do the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio use? What does this cost them in electricity bills?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
408-410	McKenzie	AOFM	Modelling on the Impact of the Carbon Tax on Running Costs	408. Have the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 409. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? 410. How much electricity do the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio use? What does this cost them in electricity bills?	Written	02/08/2012	23/08/2012
411-425	Madigan	APRA	Life Insurance Companies	411. For each licensed non-mutual life insurer in Australia, for each of the financial years from 2007-08 to the present and following the global financial crisis (GFC):- (a) what amount of surplus or loss was annually distributed between policyholders and shareholders? (b) what has been the annual rise or decline in the total surrender and loan values of traditional whole of life or endowment assurance policies (“traditional policies”)? (c) How many such traditional policies have been forced into lapse by declines in surrender values? (d) how many such policies in total in each year have been cancelled, surrendered or paid out?	Written	11/10/2012	29/11/2012

				(e) how much would the policyholders or beneficiaries have received if there had been no allocation of losses against them? 412. Are directors of non-mutual life insurance companies under a statutory duty to give priority to the interests of policyholders ahead of the interests of shareholders? 413. If so, how is distributing losses to policyholders consistent with that duty where there is shareholders' capital available to absorb the loss? 414. What legal advice is in the possession of APRA relating to this question of a duty to give priority to the interests of policyholders and would APRA please provide copies to the Committee? 415. Is a policy of life insurance a contract uberimmae fidei (of the utmost good faith)? 416. What, if any, is the legal basis on which a life insurance company can purport to distribute an investment loss to a traditional policy described in the policy contract as a "with profit" policy? (a) What case law (if any) is there to say that a profit includes a loss? 417. What notice is a life insurance company required to give to a policyholder before forfeiting a policy where the surrender value has fallen below a loan outstanding? 418. Is a life insurance company required to draw a policyholder's attention to a fall in the surrender value of a policy? (a) If not, why not, given that insurance is a contract uberrimae fidei? (b) What legal advice has APRA on this question and would APRA please provide all such advice to the Committee? 419. If a life insurance company does not draw a policyholder's attention to a fall in the surrender value of a policy, cannot such silence constitute misleading or deceptive conduct or unconscionable conduct in terms of trade practices law? (a) Would APRA please provide all legal advice it has on this question? 420. Would APRA please provide all papers it has or correspondence it has had with Treasury, ASIC or the			

				ACCC relating to the losses or financial stability of the life insurance industry during and after the GFC and/or the treatment of policyholders in the industry's dealing with GFC losses? 421. Would APRA and Treasury please provide all papers they have on the legal and economic aspects of allocating GFC investment losses to holders of traditional or non-traditional life insurance policies? 422. For each licensed life insurance company, would APRA please provide the company actuary's reports and recommendations for allocations of profits and losses between shareholders (if any) and all classes of policyholders for each year from 1 July 2007 together with any internal auditor or other comments or APRA comments thereon which are in APRA's possession? 423. How often have losses been distributed to policyholders of traditional policies by life insurance companies since the enactment of the Life Insurance Act 1945 and its successor? (a) Would APRA please provide the details of each such case? 424. What mergers of life insurance company businesses have occurred over the last 20 years? (a) In each case, what did the Federal Court orders approving the merger require in relation to the contractual rights of pre-existing holders of traditional polices? (b) Where contractual rights of policyholders were novated pursuant to a Court order, does the Constitution not require "just terms" given that contractual rights under a policy of life insurance are choses in action and therefore property? (c) Is it "just terms" if the acquiring company claims it is entitled to distribute losses to what were originally described as "with profit" traditional life policies? (d) What steps has APRA taken to ensure any Court orders or undertakings to the Court have been complied with during and after the GFC? \\ 425. Would APRA please provide its files on the above matters for inspection and copying by interested policyholders or their representatives free of charge, as			

				being the interested parties whom APRA is supposed to protect (given that APRA makes a profit from fees levied on insurers and passed on to policyholders? (a) If not, would APRA please provide the files to the Senate through this Committee for inspection by Senators or their representatives?			
426-433	Madigan	ACCC	Life Insurance Companies	426. Is a policy of life insurance a contract uberimmae fidei (of the utmost good faith)? 427. What, if any, is the legal basis on which a life insurance company can purport to distribute an investment loss to a traditional life insurance policy (whole of life or endowment) described in the policy contract as a “with profit” policy? (a) What case law (if any) is there to say that a profit includes a loss? (b) Why is it not either misleading or deceptive conduct or unconscionable for a life insurer to charge a policyholder owning a policy described as “with profit” with a loss? 428. What notice is a life insurance company required to give to a policyholder before forfeiting a policy where the surrender value has fallen below a loan outstanding 429. Is a life insurance company required to draw a policyholder’s attention to a fall in the surrender value of a policy? (a) If not, why not, given that insurance is a contract uberrimae fidei? (b) What legal advice does the ACCC have on this question and would the ACCC please provide all such advice to the Committee? 430. If a life insurance company does not draw a policyholder’s attention to a fall in the surrender value of a policy or the imminence of lapse without explanation, cannot such silence constitute misleading or deceptive conduct or unconscionable conduct in terms of trade practices law? (a) Would the ACCC please provide all legal advice it has on this question? 431. Would the ACCC please provide all papers it has or correspondence it has had with or from Treasury or ASIC relating to the losses or financial stability of the life insurance industry during and after the GFC and/or the	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

				treatment of policyholders in the industry's dealing with GFC losses? 432. Would the ACCC please provide all papers it has on the legal and economic aspects of allocating investment losses to holders of traditional or non-traditional life insurance policies? 433. Will the ACCC please provide its files on the above matters for inspection and copying by interested policyholders or their representatives free of charge, as being the interested parties whom the ACCC is supposed to protect? (a) If not, would the ACCC please provide the files to the Senate through this Committee for inspection by Senators or their representatives?			
434-441	Madigan	ASIC	Life Insurance Companies	434. Is a policy of life insurance a contract uberimmae fidei (of the utmost good faith)? 435. What, if any, is the legal basis on which a life insurance company can purport to distribute an investment loss to a traditional life insurance policy (whole of life or endowment) described in the policy contract as a "with profit" policy? (a) What case law (if any) is there to say that a profit includes a loss? (b) Why is it not either misleading or deceptive conduct or unconscionable for a life insurer to charge a policyholder owning a policy described as "with profit" with a loss? 436. What notice is a life insurance company required to give to a policyholder before forfeiting a policy where the surrender value has fallen below a loan outstanding? 437. Is a life insurance company required to draw a policyholder's attention to a fall in the surrender value of a policy? (a) If not, why not, given that insurance is a contract uberrimae fidei? (b) What legal advice does ASIC have on this question and would ASIC please provide all such advice to the Committee? 438. If a life insurance company does not draw a policyholder's attention to a fall in the surrender value of a policy or the imminence of lapse without explanation, cannot such silence constitute misleading or deceptive	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

				conduct or unconscionable conduct in terms of trade practices law? (a) Would ASIC please provide all legal advice it has on this question? 439. Would ASIC please provide all papers it has or correspondence it has had with or from Treasury or the ACCC relating to the losses or financial stability of the life insurance industry during and after the global financial crisis (GFC) and/or the treatment of policyholders in the industry's dealing with GFC losses? 440. Would ASIC please provide all papers it has on the legal and economic aspects of allocating investment losses to holders of traditional or non-traditional life insurance policies? 441. Will ASIC provide its files on the above matters for inspection and copying by interested policyholders or their representatives free of charge, as being the interested parties whom ASIC is supposed to protect? (a) If not, would ASIC please provide the files to the Senate through this Committee for inspection by Senators or their representatives?			
442-446	Nash	FG	Economic Potential of Senior Australians Advisory Panel on Positive Ageing. Budget Paper 2 page 278	442. Has the department identified those who will sit on the panel? How were those panellists identified? 443. What criteria will the department use to identify the panellists? 444. How many staff will this program require? 445. Will this panel require a permanent office? If so where will it be based and what budget has been set aside for this? 446. What budget has been set aside for travel for this panel?	Written, transferred from the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education on 14 June 2012	02/10/2012	11/10/2012
447-449	Bushby	FG	Clean Energy Finance Corporation	The Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) is to be given income tax exemption under s 50-25 of the 1997 Tax Act. It will be exempt as a public authority. Under its Bill the CEFC's functions include an investment function, which it must perform in an efficient and effective manner. Noting that the following government corporations are specifically not exempt from tax – the Australian Postal Corporation; the Export Finance and Insurance	Written	10/10/2012	11/10/2012

				Corporation: 447. Can Treasury explain how an income tax exemption would contribute to the CEFC performing its investments efficiently and effectively? 448. The CEFC's investment mandate requires it to consider risk and return. Can Treasury explain if an income tax exemption implies lower risk and return criteria than a commercially based financier? 449. Treasury's Portfolio Budget Statement notes that approx $57m will be spent over 3 years for the establishment of the CEFC (once its set up, the funding transfers to the CEFC). Can Treasury provide details regarding the supplies covered by this expenditure.			
450-451	Bushby	RG	Tax System Advisory Board	450. Have Treasury officials taken part in interviews with parties who have expressed interest in appointment to the Tax System Advisory Board? 451. How much has been paid to the Consultation Panel set up by Minister Shorten to advise Government about the best way of proceeding with its commitment to the Tax System Advisory Panel.	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
452-453	Bushby	CSSG	Education Tax Refund and Schoolkids Bonus	452. How much has Treasury spent to date and budgeted to spend in relation to creative agency services for the Schoolkids Bonus? 453. How much has Treasury spent to date, and budgeted to spend, in relation to market research services for the Schoolkids Bonus?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
454-455	Bushby	RG	Payment to the Australian Government Solicitor	In relation to the entry in Treasury's 2010-11 annual report for "legal advice in relation to Roy Morgan Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation", can Treasury confirm if: 454. This is a standard practice for Treasury to obtain legal advice when a case is being taken through the courts, particularly if Treasury is not a party to the case? 455. Can Treasury outline the reasons why this legal advice was sought?	Written	18/10/2012	29/11/2012
456-457	Bushby	RG	Minerals Resource Rent Tax	The Budget Papers show estimated net receipts from MRRT will be $3b in 2012-13, which is down 19 per cent on the estimate in MYEFO just six months ago. The Budget Papers (BP 1 at 5-21) state that resource rent taxes "can be highly variable as they are heavily influenced by movements in the exchange rate and relevant commodity prices. The introduction of the MRRT in 2012-13 gives a	Written	30/08/2012	20/09/2012

				one-off boost to the revenue base and growth rate in that year.” 456. Does Treasury recognise revenue from the minerals resource rent tax under the economic transactions method (ETM) rather than the alternative taxation liability method? 457. If yes, why is the ETM justified given the fall in estimated revenue referred to above; the statement about the highly variable nature of resource rent taxes; company income taxation and superannuation taxation use the TLM; and given the budget papers (BP 1 at 5-46,7) state that it is permitted under Australian Accounting Standards to use - “an alternative approach [when] there is an inability to reliably measure taxation receipts using ETM … “ETM estimates and outcomes are inherently more volatile … mainly because they incorporate the estimation of significant levels of liabilities likely to be identified in future periods?”			
458	Bushby	AOFM	Peak Projected Gross Debt	In each year until net debt is repaid (or where net debt reaches zero) what is the peak projected gross debt that will be on issue subject to the limit under the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911, and in which month will the peak projected gross debt occur?	Written	30/08/2012	20/09/2012
459-460	Bushby	FG	Australian Government General Government Sector Balance Sheet	459. Could Treasury please provide a breakdown of Equity Investments “Investments in other public sector entities”, over the forward estimates? 460. Could Treasury please note for each investment in the breakdown, how this investment is valued (whether it is at cost, market value etc)?	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
461-462	Bushby	FG	Investments, Loans and Placements	461. Could Treasury please provide a breakdown of Investments, loans and placements “Other”, over the forward estimates? 462. Could Treasury please note for each item in the breakdown, how this item is valued (where this item is an investment, is it at cost, market value etc)?	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
463-469	Bushby	ATO	Australian Valuation Office	1. Can the AVO confirm how many officers went to the AVO think tank held in Darwin in the week commencing 4th June 2012? 2. Is this the same number of officers who were originally	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				planned to attend? If not, why did the number of officers sent on the Senior Leadership Group Meeting change? 3. If the number of officers attending the Darwin Senior Leadership Group Meeting decreased, please provide reasons why the think tank was reduced in size and the saving made as a result of this decrease in officers travelling. 4. How many local AVO staff participated in the last Perth Senior Leadership Group Meeting event? 5. How many AVO staff in total participated in the last Perth Senior Leadership Group Meeting event? 6. At Budget Estimates, representatives from the AVO stated that a profit of $3 million is anticipated for the organisation for this financial year. Is that figure still anticipated or has that outlook been revised? 7. In the financial year to date, has the AVO been advised at any time by its financial controllers that a financial loss is likely for the 2011/12 financial year? Is so, by whom?			
470-472	Bushby	CSSG	Staffing - Recruitment	470. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 471. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 472. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
473-475	Bushby	ASIC	Staffing - Recruitment	473. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 474. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 475. This financial year to date, how many employees	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

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476-478	Bushby	ABS	Staffing - Recruitment	476. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 477. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 478. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
479-481	Bushby	ACCC	Staffing - Recruitment	479. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 480. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 481. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
482-484	Bushby	APRA	Staffing - Recruitment	482. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 483. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 484. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
485-487	Bushby	CGC	Staffing - Recruitment	485. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 486. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 487. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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488-490	Bushby	IGT	Staffing - Recruitment	488. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 489. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 490. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
491-493	Bushby	ATO	Staffing - Recruitment	491. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 492. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 493. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
494-496	Bushby	PC	Staffing - Recruitment	494. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 495. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 496. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
497-499	Bushby	AOFM	Staffing - Recruitment	497. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 498. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 499. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

500	Bushby	CSSG	Saving Exercise – Supplier Expenses	500. Provide details, including examples with costs, of the major savings exercise undertaken last year on supplier expenses that enable the Department to reduce the number of positions it had to downsize by about 25.	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
501	Bushby	CSSG	Staffing - SES	501. Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
502	Bushby	ASIC	Staffing - SES	502. Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
503	Bushby	ABS	Staffing - SES	503. Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	24/08/2012	20/09/2012
504	Bushby	ACCC	Staffing - SES	504. Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
505	Bushby	APRA	Staffing - SES	505. Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
506	Bushby	CGC	Staffing - SES	506. Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
507	Bushby	IGT	Staffing - SES	507. Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
508	Bushby	ATO	Staffing - SES	508. Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
509	Bushby	PC	Staffing - SES	509. Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
510	Bushby	AOFM	Staffing - SES	510. Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
511	Bushby	CSSG	Staffing - Training	511. Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details including costs and what the training is.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
512	Bushby	ASIC	Staffing - Training	512. Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details including costs and what the training is.	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
513	Bushby	ABS	Staffing -	513. Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

			Training	year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details including costs and what the training is.			
514	Bushby	ACCC	Staffing - Training	514. Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details including costs and what the training is.	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
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520	Bushby	AOFM	Staffing - Training	520. Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details including costs and what the training is.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
521	Bushby	CSSG	Staffing - Grads	521. What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
522	Bushby	ASIC	Staffing - Grads	522. What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
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609 - 612	Bushby	ASIC	Hospitality and Entertainment - Hospitality Spend FY to Date	609. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 610. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 611. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 612. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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625 - 628	Bushby	CGC	Hospitality and Entertainment -	625. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location,	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

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645 - 647	Bushby	CSSG	Board Appointments	645. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 646. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 647. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written	02/08/2012	23/08/2012
648 - 651	Bushby	CSSG	Freedom of Information	648. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 649. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 650. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? a) How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? b) Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? c) Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

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676- 679	Bushby	ATO	Freedom of Information	676. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 677. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 678. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? a) How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? b) Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? c) Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? 679. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
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684 - 687	Bushby	AOFM	Freedom of Information	684. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 685. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 686. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? a) How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? b) Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? c) Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? 687. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?	Written	22/08/2012	23/08/2012
688 - 692	Bushby	CSSG	Community Cabinet meetings	688. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? 689. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location. 690. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location. 691. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

				Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 692. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?			
693	Bushby	CSSG	Reviews	693. For this financial year to date: (a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? (b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded (c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? (d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? (e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? (f) What reviews are planned? (g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	17/10/2012	29/11/2012
694	Bushby	ASIC	Reviews	694. For this financial year to date: (a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? (b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded (c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? (d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? (e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? (f) What reviews are planned? (g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
695	Bushby	ABS	Reviews	695. For this financial year to date: (a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? (b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded (c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? (d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? (e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? (f) What reviews are planned? (g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
696	Bushby	ACCC	Reviews	696. For this financial year to date: (a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? (b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012

				(c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? (d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? (e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? (f) What reviews are planned? (g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?			
697	Bushby	APRA	Reviews	697. For this financial year to date: (a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? (b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded (c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? (d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? (e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? (f) What reviews are planned? (g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
698	Bushby	CGC	Reviews	698. For this financial year to date: (a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? (b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded (c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? (d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? (e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? (f) What reviews are planned? (g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
699	Bushby	IGT	Reviews	699. For this financial year to date: (a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? (b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded (c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? (d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? (e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? (f) What reviews are planned? (g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	17/08/2012	23/08/2012
700	Bushby	ATO	Reviews	700. For this financial year to date:	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

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701	Bushby	PC	Reviews	701. For this financial year to date: (a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? (b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded (c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? (d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? (e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? (f) What reviews are planned? (g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	11/10/2012	29/11/2012
702	Bushby	AOFM	Reviews	702. For this financial year to date: (a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? (b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded (c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? (d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? (e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? (f) What reviews are planned? (g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	22/08/2012	23/08/2012
703 - 704	Bushby	CSSG	Consultancies	703. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 704. 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	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				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.			
705 -706	Bushby	ASIC	Consultancies	705. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 706. 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	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
707 -708	Bushby	ABS	Consultancies	707. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 708. 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	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
709 - 710	Bushby	ACCC	Consultancies	709. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 710. 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	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
711 - 712	Bushby	APRA	Consultancies	711. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

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713 - 714	Bushby	CGC	Consultancies	713. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 714. 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	02/08/2012	23/08/2012
715 - 716	Bushby	IGT	Consultancies	715. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 716. 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	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
717 - 718	Bushby	ATO	Consultancies	717. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 718. How many consultancies are planned for this	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012

				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.			
719 - 720	Bushby	PC	Consultancies	719. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 720. 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	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
721 - 722	Bushby	AOFM	Consultancies	721. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 722. 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	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
723 - 724	Bushby	CSSG	Media Monitoring	723. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 724. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media	Written – answer due by 13 August 2012	23/08/2012	20/09/2012

				transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?			
725 - 726	Bushby	ASIC	Media Monitoring	725. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 726. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written – answer due by 13 August 2012	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
727 - 728	Bushby	ABS	Media Monitoring	727. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 728. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for	Written – answer due by 13 August 2012	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?			
729 - 730	Bushby	ACCC	Media Monitoring	729. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 730. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written – answer due by 13 August 2012	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
731 - 732	Bushby	APRA	Media Monitoring	731. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 732. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?	Written – answer due by 13 August 2012	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

				a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?			
733 - 734	Bushby	CGC	Media Monitoring	733. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 734. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written – answer due by 13 August 2012	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
735 - 736	Bushby	IGT	Media Monitoring	735. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 736. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these	Written – answer due by 13 August 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?			
737 - 738	Bushby	ATO	Media Monitoring	737. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 738. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written – answer due by 13 August 2012	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
739 - 740	Bushby	PC	Media Monitoring	739. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 740. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?	Written – answer due by 13 August 2012	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

				b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?			
741 - 742	Bushby	AOFM	Media Monitoring	741. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 742. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written – answer due by 13 August 2012	02/10/2012	11/10/2012
743	Bushby	CSSG	Social Media	743. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
744	Bushby	ASIC	Social Media	744. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

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745	Bushby	ABS	Social Media	745. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
746	Bushby	ACCC	Social Media	746. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
747	Bushby	APRA	Social Media	747. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
748	Bushby	CGC	Social Media	748. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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749	Bushby	IGT	Social Media	749. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
750	Bushby	ATO	Social Media	750. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
751	Bushby	PC	Social Media	751. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
752	Bushby	AOFM	Social Media	752. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

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753 - 762	Bushby	CSSG	Contractors	753. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 754. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 755. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 756. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 757. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 758. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 759. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 760. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 761. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 762. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. What contractors have been employed by the	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).			
763 - 772	Bushby	ASIC	Contractors	763. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 764. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 765. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 766. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 767. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 768. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 769. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 770. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 771. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 772. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. What contractors have been employed by the	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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855-856	Bushby	CGC	Taxi Costs	855.How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 856. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
857-858	Bushby	IGT	Taxi Costs	857. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 858. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
859-860	Bushby	ATO	Taxi Costs	859. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 860. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
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865-866	Bushby	AOFM	Information for	865. Does the department/agency provide any information	Written	22/01/2013	7/02/2013

			the Australian Greens and Independents	and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information: a) How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? b) What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. c) Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. d) How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 866. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information: a) How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? b) What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced. c) Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken. d) How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.			
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883-884	Bushby	CSSG	Discretionary Grants	883. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 884. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
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889-890	Bushby	ACCC	Discretionary Grants	889. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 890. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
891-892	Bushby	APRA	Discretionary Grants	891. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 892. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

893-894	Bushby	CGC	Discretionary Grants	893. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 894. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
895-896	Bushby	IGT	Discretionary Grants	895. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 896. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
897-898	Bushby	ATO	Discretionary Grants	897. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 898. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
899-900	Bushby	PC	Discretionary Grants	899. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 900. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
901-902	Bushby	AOFM	Discretionary Grants	901. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 902. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
903	Bushby	CSSG	Commissioned	903. How many Reports have been commissioned by the	Written	02/10/2012	11/10/2012

			Reports	Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? b) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?			
904	Bushby	ASIC	Commissioned Reports	904. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? b) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
905	Bushby	ABS	Commissioned Reports	905. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? b) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
906	Bushby	ACCC	Commissioned Reports	906. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012

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910	Bushby	ATO	Commissioned Reports	908. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.	Written	13/07/2012	23/08/2012

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912	Bushby	AOFM	Commissioned Reports	912. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? b) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	21/08/2012	23/08/2012
913	Bushby	CSSG	Government Payments of Accounts	913. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				being paid and how is this rate determined?			
914	Bushby	ASIC	Government Payments of Accounts	914. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
915	Bushby	ABS	Government Payments of Accounts	915. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
916	Bushby	ACCC	Government Payments of Accounts	916. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012

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917	Bushby	APRA	Government Payments of Accounts	917. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
918	Bushby	CGC	Government Payments of Accounts	918. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
919	Bushby	IGT	Government Payments of Accounts	919. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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920	Bushby	ATO	Government Payments of Accounts	920. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
921	Bushby	PC	Government Payments of Accounts	921. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
922	Bushby	AOFM	Government Payments of	922. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

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923-925	Bushby	CSSG	Stationery Requirements	923. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 924. What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 925. What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
926-928	Bushby	ASIC	Stationery Requirements	926. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 927. What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 928. What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
929-931	Bushby	ABS	Stationery Requirements	929. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 930. What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 931. What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
932-934	Bushby	ACCC	Stationery	932. How much was spent by each department and agency	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012

			Requirements	on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 933. What is the department/agency’s stationery costs for the financial year to date? 934. What was the department/agency’s stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?			
935-937	Bushby	APRA	Stationery Requirements	935. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 936. What is the department/agency’s stationery costs for the financial year to date? 937. What was the department/agency’s stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
938-940	Bushby	CGC	Stationery Requirements	938. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 939. What is the department/agency’s stationery costs for the financial year to date? 940. What was the department/agency’s stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
941-943	Bushby	IGT	Stationery Requirements	941. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 942. What is the department/agency’s stationery costs for the financial year to date? 943. What was the department/agency’s stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
944-946	Bushby	ATO	Stationery Requirements	944. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?	Written	23/07/2012	23/08/2012

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950-952	Bushby	AOFM	Stationery Requirements	950. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 951. What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 952. What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
953-955	Bushby	CSSG	Media Subscriptions	953. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 954. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 955. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

956-958	Bushby	ASIC	Media Subscriptions	956. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 957. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 958. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
959-961	Bushby	ABS	Media Subscriptions	959. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 960. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 961. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
962-964	Bushby	ACCC	Media Subscriptions	962. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012

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965-967	Bushby	APRA	Media Subscriptions	965. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 966. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 967. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
968-970	Bushby	CGC	Media Subscriptions	968. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 969. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

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974-976	Bushby	ATO	Media Subscriptions	974. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 975. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 976. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

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980-982	Bushby	AOFM	Media Subscriptions	980. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 981. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 982. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
983-987	Bushby	CSSG	Travel Costs	983. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

				and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 984. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 985. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. 986. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships. 987. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.			
988-992	Bushby	ASIC	Travel Costs	983. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 984. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 985. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

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998-1002	Bushby	ACCC	Travel Costs	998. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 999. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 1000. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. 1001. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships. 1002. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
1003-1007	Bushby	APRA	Travel Costs	1003. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012

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1008-1012	Bushby	CGC	Travel Costs	1008. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 1009. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 1010. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

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1013-1017	Bushby	IGT	Travel Costs	1013. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 1014. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 1015. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. 1016. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

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1023-1027	Bushby	PC	Travel Costs	1023. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

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1073-1074	Bushby	CSSG	Education Expenses	1073. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details. 1074. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
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1079-1080	Bushby	ACCC	Education Expenses	1079. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details. 1080. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
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1085-1086	Bushby	IGT	Education Expenses	1085. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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1087-1088	Bushby	ATO	Education Expenses	1087. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details. 1088. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
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1093-1095	Bushby	CSSG	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	1093. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1094. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1095. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
1096-1098	Bushby	ASIC	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	1096. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

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1102-1104	Bushby	ACCC	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	1102. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1103. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012

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1105-1107	Bushby	APRA	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	1105. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1106. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

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1108-1110	Bushby	CGC	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	1108. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1109. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1110. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

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1111-1113	Bushby	IGT	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	1111. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1112. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1113. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

1114-1116	Bushby	ATO	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	1114. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1115. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1116. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
1117-1119	Bushby	PC	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	1117. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

				their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1118. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1119. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
1120-1122	Bushby	AOFM	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	1120. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

				1121. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1122. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
1123-1125	Bushby	CSSG	Media Training	1123. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1124. For each service purchased form a provider listed under 1123(d), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

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1126-1128	Bushby	ASIC	Media Training	1126. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1127. For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1126(d), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1128. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

				provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
1129-1131	Bushby	ABS	Media Training	1129. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1130. For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1129(d), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1131. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

				d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
1132-1134	Bushby	ACCC	Media Training	1132. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1133. For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1132(d), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1134. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
1135-1137	Bushby	APRA	Media Training	1135. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012

				their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1136. For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1135(d), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1137. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
1138-1140	Bushby	CGC	Media Training	1138. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1139. For each service purchased from a provider listed	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

				under 1138(d), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1140. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
1141-1143	Bushby	IGT	Media Training	1141. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1142. For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1141(d), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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1144-1146	Bushby	ATO	Media Training	1144. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1145. For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1144(d), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1146. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:	Written	13/07/2012	23/08/2012

				a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
1147-1149	Bushby	PC	Media Training	1147. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1148. For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1147(d), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1149. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

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1150-1152	Bushby	AOFM	Media Training	1150. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1151. For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1150(d), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1152. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
1153-1154	Bushby	CCSG	Paid Parental Leave	1153. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 1154. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012

				scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.			
1155-1156	Bushby	ASIC	Paid Parental Leave	1155. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 1156. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
1157-1158	Bushby	ABS	Paid Parental Leave	1155. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 1156. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
1159-1160	Bushby	ACCC	Paid Parental Leave	1159. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 1160. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
1161-1162	Bushby	APRA	Paid Parental Leave	1161. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 1162. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
1163-1164	Bushby	CGC	Paid Parental Leave	1163. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 1164. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

				classification are in receipt of these payments.			
1165-1166	Bushby	IGT	Paid Parental Leave	1165. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 1166. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
1167-1168	Bushby	ATO	Paid Parental Leave	1167. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 1168. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.	Written	20/07/2012	23/08/2012
1169-1170	Bushby	PC	Paid Parental Leave	1169. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 1170. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
1171-1172	Bushby	AOFM	Paid Parental Leave	1171. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 1172. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
1173-1177	Bushby	CCSG	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 1173. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 1174. Where is the car/s located? 1175. What is the car/s used for? 1176. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

				1177. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?			
1178-1182	Bushby	ASIC	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 1178. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 1179. Where is the car/s located? 1180. What is the car/s used for? 1181. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 1182. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
1183-1187	Bushby	ABS	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 1183. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 1184. Where is the car/s located? 1185. What is the car/s used for? 1186. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 1187. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
1188-1192	Bushby	ACCC	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 1188. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 1189. Where is the car/s located? 1190. What is the car/s used for? 1191. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 1192. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
1193-1197	Bushby	APRA	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 1193. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 1194. Where is the car/s located? 1195. What is the car/s used for? 1196. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 1197. How far did each car travel this financial year to	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

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1198-1202	Bushby	CGC	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 1198. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 1199. Where is the car/s located? 1200. What is the car/s used for? 1201. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 1202. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
1203-1207	Bushby	IGT	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 1203. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 1204. Where is the car/s located? 1205. What is the car/s used for? 1206. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 1207. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
1208-1212	Bushby	ATO	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 1208. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 1209. Where is the car/s located? 1210. What is the car/s used for? 1211. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 1212. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
1213-1217	Bushby	PC	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 1213. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 1214. Where is the car/s located? 1215. What is the car/s used for? 1216. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 1217. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

1218-1222	Bushby	AOFM	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 1218. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 1219. Where is the car/s located? 1220. What is the car/s used for? 1221. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 1222. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
1223	Bushby	ASIC	Printing of Documents	1223. Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	02/10/2012	11/10/2012
1224	Bushby	ABS	Printing of Documents	1224. Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
1225	Bushby	ACCC	Printing of Documents	1225. Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	18/07/2012	23/08/2012
1226	Bushby	APRA	Printing of Documents	1226. Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
1227	Bushby	CGC	Printing of Documents	1227. Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
1228	Bushby	IGT	Printing of Documents	1228. Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
1229	Bushby	ATO	Printing of Documents	1229. Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	01/08/2012	23/08/2012
1230	Bushby	PC	Printing of Documents	1230. Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012

				cost			
1231	Bushby	AOFM	Printing of Documents	1231. Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	21/08/2012	23/08/2012
1232-1236	Bushby	CSSG	Provision of Equipment	1232. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs. 1233. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? 1234. What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 1235. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 1236. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): a) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided	Written	17/07/2012	23/08/2012
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1310-1311	Bushby	CSSG	Costings for the Australian Greens and Independents	1310. Provide an update of how many costings the Department has undertaken for the Australian Greens, please include: a) How are costings requests commissioned? b) What costings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each costings. c) Have any costings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details included details of what the costings were and why it could not be costed. d) How long is spent undertaken costings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 1311. Provide an update of how many costings the Department has undertaken for the Independents, please include: a) How are costings requests undertaken? Provide details. b) What costings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each costings, including which Independent requested the costing. c) Have any costings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details included details of what the costings were and why it could not be costed and who requested	Written	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

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1321-1323	Bushby	CSSG	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	1322. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 1323. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 1324. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.	Written	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
1324-1325	Bushby	CSSG	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	1325. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information: a) How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? b) What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. c) Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. d) How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.	Written	22/01/2013	7/02/2013

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1326	Waters	RG	Henry tax review	Senator WATERS: Obviously the Henry tax review recommended that the $2 million threshold be increased to $5 million. The motivation was a variety of things, including simplifying the system and reducing compliance costs. How much would this cost revenue if we changed this definition? Is anybody able to answer that? Mr Heferen: I am not aware of any calculation we have done to that effect. Senator WATERS: It has not been done by your crew or anyone else? Mr Heferen: I am not aware. I guess a confounding factor would now be the accelerated write-off for a range of small businesses. Senator WATERS: Yes. I have some questions on that too. Mr D'Ascenzo: Unfortunately, I do not have the figures to hand. In terms of numbers, the greatest proportion of businesses is within the $2 million turnover range. I think it is relevant. That would mitigate the costs going wider. Currently, mostly of them are already within that $2 million turnover threshold. Mr Heferen: I have just been informed that we have done a costing of precisely what you ask because we were	Wednesday 30 May, page 106-107	18/10/2012	29/11/2012

				requested to. But I am not sure if we have the number, though. Mr Maloney: We have done that costing because it was requested of us, but I do not have that information with me. Senator WATERS: Are you able to provide that on notice? Mr Maloney: Yes.			
1327	Sinodinos	FG	Composition of the migration program	Senator SINODINOS: On the labour market forecast, what do they assume about the rate of immigration and the composition of the migration program over the next year or couple of years? Dr Gruen: We use the Department of Immigration estimates for net overseas migration. It is in the ball park of 180,000 to 185,000. Senator SINODINOS: You would take immigration figures, but do you know what sort of composition they assume? Dr Parkinson: We would have to take that on notice.	Thursday 31 May, page 44	17/10/2012	29/11/2012
1328	Cormann	MG	NBN – Wholesale Network	Senator CORMANN: Lowest price for consumers. There is obviously a range of elements across a continuum that make up the ultimate retail price and obviously the wholesale arrangements are a significant part of that. So, if you have got a monopoly at the wholesale end, whatever the competition at the retail end, you have got a floor along the way, do you not? Mr Murphy: Yes, but my understanding was that there is going to be sort of a fixed price at the wholesale end, but I would have to check on that. Senator CORMANN: Like a government fixed price? Mr Murphy: I think NBN had to, but I will have to check on that.	Thursday 31 May, page 71	05/09/2012	20/09/2012
1329	Bushby	CSSG	'Bank on a Better Deal' Campaign	Senator BUSHBY: Did you do any post-campaign research or before-and-after research to see how effective it had been in a quantitative sense? Mr Lonsdale: I can come back on that. There will be people in our corporate area that administered this and will give a more detailed answer than I can. I am happy to come back on that.	Thursday 31 May, page 84	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
1330	Waters	PC	Productivity Growth	Senator WATERS: I want to move now to some broader productivity questions. I raised some of these with	Thursday 31 May, page	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

				Treasury earlier today, and I am interested in your take. What do you see as the major reasons for the slowdown in productivity in recent years? Senator Wong: Productivity growth. Mr Banks: Productivity growth, yes. Senator Wong: That is important. Mr Banks: As I was saying earlier, we have been doing quite a bit of work in this area. If I had to encapsulate it in a sentence, structural change and the kind of transitional adjustments that are occurring in the economy is an important part of what we are observing in terms of productivity. The slowdown has actually been very dramatic and more dramatic than you could explain by normal events. So there is the massive increase in the terms of trade, what has been going on in the mining sector, the major capital expansion in electricity, gas and water and so on and the drought problems that my colleague talked about. A mixture of things that have been responsible has come into play. So we have written this down in a couple of publications, one of which came out just quite recently, which we can make available to you. Senator WATERS: Thank you. I will look at it. In the longer term, what are the main drivers of productivity? How important is education, for example, in your view? Mr Banks: There is a lot of discussion about drivers of productivity. We have tried to provide a framework for people to think about that. Earlier reference was made to a submission that we made to the House of Representatives review in relation to productivity a couple of years ago. We set that framework out there. Essentially it is a framework that has both enablers and drivers of productivity. That picks up the incentives for firms to be more productive, the flexibility that they have to respond to such pressures and incentives and then the capability they have, particularly through the human capital and organisational capital, to respond. The point we have made is that all three of those—the drivers and the enablers—are very important and they all interact. So education, obviously, is very important to capability and to human capital. But if you had very inflexible work arrangements et cetera where you could not get the best	103		

				out of your people, obviously that would not be as productive as if you had the opportunity for those people to be used in the most productive way. Again, that is a submission which I could make available to you where we set that out.			
1331	Waters	PC	Productivity Boom in the 1990s	Senator WATERS: ………….. How do you respond to some claims by Professor John Quiggin that there has not, in fact, been any productivity slowdown because there was not really significant productivity acceleration in the 1990s? He says that the use of productivity cycles has no theoretical basis and effectively says that the stats are misrepresenting the situation. What is your response to that? Mr Banks: We have a rich dialogue with Professor Quiggin and it is ongoing. It occurs at different levels. We have certainly taken into account the points he has made. Some of those points go back quite a long way and have been picked up in earlier work we have done. Again, I might defer to one of my colleagues who is closer to the particular arguments. Dr Gordon: There was a very big debate with the former branch head, Dean Parham, who did a lot of work on productivity. He looked at the effect of the reforms and ICT, which is one of the points that Professor Quiggin made, in trying to explain the productivity boom of the 1990s in terms of what actually happened. Professor Quiggin's main point is that work intensity is important, which is quite hard to measure but, in fact, is a major source of productivity growth. If people work smarter and work harder while they are at work, that will improve productivity. So it is cutting the fat of organisations, I suppose you could call it. The other point is that people are working longer hours. But the way the productivity measurement is done takes account of the hours of work. That is actually data collected through ABS surveys of individuals reporting the hours that they work. So we could measures hours properly. It is hard to measure work intensity. It does appear and it is a source of productivity growth. Senator WATERS: I am sure everybody thinks they work very intensely.	Thursday 31 May, page 105-106	02/08/2012	23/08/2012

				Dr Gordon: So we were in full agreement with that. So the debate was settled back in the mid-2000s. That was the last time that Professor Quiggin was writing an academic article on that. I was having a look. He has since written a number of opinion pieces on it. He has a strong view on this and is perfectly entitled to that view. There is a question about what the data actually tells us with productivity numbers. As we pointed out, there are some difficulties with them. They do not always capture all the quality improvements. They do not always capture some of the inputs that might be measured as well, such as environmental inputs. So there are some challenges with the numbers. But I think the world pretty much accepts productivity cycles as the best way to try and control for this variation in utilisation of capacity. This is the peak to peak that Mr Banks was referring to earlier. That is the best way. We have a very nice paper that we did looking at different cycles in different industries. We found that there is the general market cycle, and manufacturing tends to follow the same peak to peak. But some of the other industries follow quite different cycles. That makes using the market cycle for those industries a little misleading in terms of the measurement of productivity over that period. So they are some of the complexities that our research program looks at and tries to understand. Senator WATERS: Can you provide me a link to some of those papers? Dr Gordon: I am certainly happy to do so.			
1332	Joyce	PC	Childcare reforms	Senator JOYCE: I want to ask a question about early childhood development in the workforce. I refer you to page 37 of that report, which references the increased costs that are likely to come from government childcare reforms. You say, and I quote: ... modelling conducted by the Commission ... suggests that ... out-of-pocket fees are likely to be higher than they would be without the reforms. How much was this increase? Can you provide the increase in dollar per day terms? Ms Gropp: We actually did not give a number in dollar-per-day terms. My recollection was we talked about a 15	Thursday 31 May, page 111	10/10/2012	11/10/2012

				per cent increase. But there is a number that was subsequently reported in the media that did not come from our report. I think someone took the 15 per cent and applied it to a base that was in our report on government services. But we thought that number was higher than we would think it would be. Senator JOYCE: What share of these increased costs of child care would the government bear? Ms Gropp: I am not sure. There is a subsidy, obviously applying to those increases. I am not sure of the exact rate of the subsidy. I could come back to you on that.			
1333-1334	Wright	ABS	Suicide Prevention	1333. Is it true that the Australian Bureau of Statistics and other public agencies which collect health data records and track suicide occurrences and attempted suicides do not record or track such information in relation to people under 15 years of age? 1334. Why is this the case, and has consideration been given to changing this circumstance so that such information can be recorded and tracked in relation to those under 15 years of age?	Written, transferred from the Department of Health and Ageing on 22 June 2012	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
1335	Joyce		Unfunded public sector super	What discount rate is used for valuation of the government’s public sector superannuation liabilities? What is the justification for the use of this rate? How much of the government’s public sector superannuation liabilities will come due in the next 10 years? What discount rate has the government used to value public sector superannuation liabilities due over the next 10 years? If a rate higher than the current 10-year government bond rate has been used, what is this justification for using this higher rate?	Written, transferred to the Department of Finance and Deregulation	n/a refer to the Finance and Public Administration Committee's index	n/a refer to the Finance and Public Administration Committee's index
1336	Bushby		Cigarettes Plain Packaging	Can the Department please state the following in regards to the newly implemented plain-packaging on cigarettes: • Whether it has received any representations from small business retail associations on concerns that they have on the government’s implementation timeframe for plain packaging;	Written, transferred to the Department of Health and Ageing on 21 June 2012	n/a refer to the Community Affairs Committee's index	n/a refer to the Community Affairs Committee's index

				• What the Department's response was to these concerns; • Whether the Department has provided any advice to the health minister or small business minister in regards to this; • If so, on what date was this advice given? Under the relevant legislation, licensed tobacco retailers caught selling non-mandated plain packaged tobacco products after the 1st of December 2012 will be liable for a fine of up to $220,000 despite the Christmas period being the busiest period for retailers. Can the Department please advise whether: • The Department will be enforcing fines for breaches by retailers? • Will any exemption period be provided to small retailers who sell tobacco, given that some retailers who are smaller and are located in regional areas will experience a lower turnover and would be able to use the Christmas period as a time to remove the old stock? • Has the Department provided any advice to the minister on this issue? • What was the date of that advice?			
1337	Waters		Fly in fly out workforces	What is the impact in both economic and social terms of the use of 'fly in fly out' workforces? How does it affect families and communities in areas where the miners' families live and where they work?	Written, transferred to the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport on 22 June 2012	n/a refer to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee's index	n/a refer to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee's index