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Budget Estimates 2011-2012, May 2011

Answers to questions on notice

Climate Change and Energy Efficiency portfolio

Outcome:	1	Question No:	74
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Staffing		
Hansard Page EC:	EC 3		

Senator Abetz asked:

Mr Comley: In the department we did reduce the staff numbers a little with respect to carbon pricing, but a core was maintained within the department.

Senator ABETZ: How many? What is 'a little'?

Mr Comley: I can take your question on notice, but my recollection is that we would have taken 10 or 15 staff out of—

Answer:

The number of Australian Public Service employees within the Emissions Trading Division of the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency reduced from 49 in January 2010 to 36 in June 2010, an overall reduction of 13 staff.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	75
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	ASCD		
Topic:	Climate Change Foundation Campaign		
Hansard Page EC:	EC 63		

Senator Birmingham asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Can you take me through those consultancies that have been undertaken as part of the foundation campaign to date?

Ms Sidhu: I do not have all the details in front of me but I am happy to provide that on notice.

Answer:

As of 23 May 2011, the Department had contracted market research, advertising, and independent advisory services to support the delivery of the Clean Energy Future national advertising campaign. Contracted consultants include:

- Hall and Partners Open Mind – market research services;
- Smart Melbourne – creative agency services;
- Ogilvy Earth – independent advisor services for procurement; and
- Essence Communications – independent advisor services for procurement.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	76
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	ASCD		
Topic:	Climate Change Foundation Campaign		
Hansard Page EC:	EC 63		

Senator Birmingham asked:

Ms Sidhu: There is always a benchmark report that we start any of these processes on. But I am not sure how many reports we have done with respect to the information campaign dimension—whether there have been any others since then. I think there have been a couple of others since.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: If you could provide details on notice, that would also be welcome.

Answer:

Baseline research was conducted in October/November 2010, with a follow up study conducted in May 2011.

As of May 2011, four qualitative studies had been undertaken to firstly select a creative agency, and then to refine the preferred advertising concept, as is required by the Government's advertising guidelines.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	77
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	ASCD		
Topic:	Climate Change Foundation Campaign		
Hansard Page EC:	EC 65		

Senator Birmingham asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM: So it has been with the department for some time. Have particular proposals been put forward to the minister or to cabinet for advertising campaigns or other specific campaigns in relation to the foundation that have not gone ahead?

Ms Sidhu: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department provided advice to the Minister on the Clean Energy Future advertising campaign and community engagement program, which is identified in the Department's Portfolio Budget Statement as the *Climate Change Foundation Campaign*. No proposals were put on this campaign by the Department which have not gone ahead.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	78
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	ACCRA Staffing		
Hansard Page EC:	EC 8		

Senator Birmingham asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM: I know that you touched on this with Senator Abetz, but you will just have to remind me. There were estimates of what the regulator would have been under the CPRS. In fact, there was an active and aggressive recruitment campaign taking place for a period of time. What was the expected staffing requirement for the regulator?

Mr Comley: I can take on notice the precise number. My recollection is that it was in the order of \$50 million or \$60 million a year. That is the order of the regulatory costs.

Answer:

The estimated staffing requirement for the regulator was between 250 and 275 staff.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	79
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Contracts – Asa Karin Wahlquist, Parker and Partners		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Birmingham asked:

For each of the following contracts listed on the AusTender website, please specify what the tender/contract was for, and what work and/or outcomes are expected as a result. With which programs or functions of the Department are these contracts assisting?

- a) CN389282 with Asa Karin Wahlquist
- b) CN383622 with Parker and Partners
- c) CN383650 with Parker and Partners

Answer:

The Department procured services from both Asa Karin Wahlquist and Parker and Partners to assist in the development of supporting materials for the communications and public engagement strategy which includes the Clean Energy Future national advertising campaign.

- CN389282 – Asa Karin Wahlquist

Provision of editorial services to support the development of the Clean Energy Future website.

- CN383622 – Ogilvy Public Relations (listed on AusTender as Parker and Partners but changed 12 August 2011)

Provision of independent advisory services to assist with the procurement of ongoing market research services for the Department.

- CN383650 – Ogilvy Public Relations (listed on AusTender as Parker and Partners but changed 12 August 2011)

Provision of social market research study to support the development of Departmental communication and public engagement programs.

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Outcome: 1 **Question No:** 80
Program: Corporate
Division/Agency: ASCD
Topic: Climate Change Foundation Campaign
Hansard Page EC: Written

Senator Birmingham asked:

Please detail all expenditure to date under the Climate Change Foundation Campaign, including what the money has been spent on and to whom funds have been paid, including any third parties. Please provide a similar breakdown on budgeted future spending.

Answer:

Following government savings measures in the May 2011 Budget, \$13.7 million (\$15,070,000.00 including GST) was left in the Climate Change Foundation Campaign budget for 2010-11 and 2011-12.

As of 23 May 2011, a total of \$1,455,503.15 including GST has been incurred for community engagement and campaign associated activities from this Climate Change Foundation Campaign funding allocation. An outline of incurred expenditure is below.

Climate Change Foundation Campaign Expenditure (GST inclusive)			
	Current Expenditure	Future Expenditure	Service Provider
Campaign Development	\$1,115,742.37	\$2,625,000.00	
- Creative Development	\$430,916.67		Smart
- Pitch Fees	\$49,924.19		Various
- Consultants	\$16,943.01		Essence Communication Ogilvy Public Relations
- Market Research	\$617,958.50		Hall & Partners Open Mind
Website	\$192,930.10	\$159,000.00	
- Development	\$184,717.50		Smart OSKY Stamford Interactive
- Content	\$8,212.60		Asa Karin Walquist

Community Engagement	\$146,830.68	\$10,830,000.00	
- National Schools Competition	\$38,500.95		Willet Marketing
- Australian Football League	\$88,000.00		AFL
- Contractors	\$1,411.49		
- HRG	\$6,094.62		HRG
- Call Centre Services	\$12,823.62		Excelior

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	81
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Funding		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Birmingham asked:

Has the Department provided any funding to any of the following organisations in the current financial year or in any of the previous three financial years? If so, please detail when it was provided and for what purpose.

- a. Australian Conservation Foundation
- b. Australian Council of Trade Unions
- c. Australian Youth Climate Coalition
- d. Climate Action Network Australia
- e. The Climate Institute
- f. Environment Victoria
- g. GetUp!
- h. Greenpeace Australia Pacific
- i. World Wildlife Fund Australia

Answer:

The Department has made payments to the following organisations in the current financial year or any of the previous three financial years:

Climate Action Network Australia
2009-2010

- \$7,700 – Gold sponsorship climate action 2010: Building capacity post Copenhagen.

The Climate Institute
2010-2011

- \$70,000 – Grant for effective price of carbon in major economies research project.
- \$2,495 – Reimbursement of travel expenses for Prime Minister's Task Group on Energy Efficiency.

World Wildlife Fund Australia
2010-2011

- \$278 – Reimbursement for flights to attend the Energy Efficiency Task Force Meeting.
- \$354 – Reimbursement for flights to attend the Energy Efficiency Task Force Meeting.

2009-2010

- \$387 – Reimbursement for flights to attend the Energy Efficiency Task Force Meeting.

The Department has not made any payments to the following organisations in the current period or in any of the previous three financial years:

- Australian Conservation Foundation;
- Australian Council of Trade Unions;
- Australian Youth Climate Coalition;
- Environment Victoria;
- GetUp!; and
- Greenpeace Australia Pacific.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	82
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	ASCD		
Topic:	Communications and Public Affairs		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Birmingham asked:

How many staff are employed, and at what levels, in the Department's Communications and Public Affairs Branch? What is the Branch's total budget?

Answer:

As at 30 June 2011, 35 staff were employed in the Department's Communications and Public Affairs Branch. Those staff were employed at the following levels:

SESB1	1
EL2 or equivalent	8
EL1 or equivalent	15
APS6 or equivalent	9
APS5	1
APS4	1

The Communications and Public Affairs Branch budget for 2010-11 totalled \$7.072 million.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	83
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Conferences		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Birmingham asked:

What is the total expenditure on conferences both:

- a. in-house, that is, held within the department; and
- b. external, held by the department on a month-by-month basis since July 2010?

For conferences fully funded by the Department and costing in excess of \$30,000:

- i. where was the venue;
- ii. what was the reason for each conference;
- iii. how many participants registered;
- iv. were consultancy fees paid for the organisation of each conference;
- v. to whom were the consultancy fees paid; and
- vi. what was the cost of each consultancy.

Answer:

- a. Nil.
- b. Nil.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	84
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Conferences		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Birmingham asked:

For conferences part-sponsored or part-funded by the Department and costing the Commonwealth in excess of \$30,000:

- a. what was the cost to the Department;
- b. what was the proportion of Commonwealth funding as against the total cost of the conference;
- c. what was the rationale for the sponsorship or part-funding;
- d. what was the venue;
- e. how many participants registered;
- f. did the Commonwealth contribute to any consultant organising the conference; if so, who was the consultant; and
- g. how much was the Commonwealth's contribution?

Answer:

The Department part funded one conference, the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit.

- a. \$45,000.
- b. The organiser of the conference was the Indian Government. The Department is not aware of the total cost of the conference.
- c. To help facilitate an exchange of views on providing long term solutions for sustainable development.
- d. New Delhi, India.
- e. 900.
- f. No contribution was made to any consultant by the Department.
- g. Please refer to the response to part (f).

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	85
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	ASCD		
Topic:	Advertising		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. What communications programs has the department undertaken, or are planning to undertake FYTD?
- b. For each program, what is the total spend?

Answer:

As of 23 May 2011, a total of \$1,455,503.15 (including GST) was spent to develop and implement a range of communication and public engagement programs including:

- **Clean Energy Future national advertising campaign** **\$1,115,742.37**
 - Creative Development \$430,916.67
 - Pitch Fees \$49,924.19
 - Consultants \$16,943.01
 - Market Research \$617,958.50
- **Clean Energy Future website** **\$192,930.10**
 - Development \$184,717.50
 - Content \$7,212.60
- **Climate Change Public Engagement Strategy** **\$146,830.68**
 - National Schools Competition \$38,500.95
 - Australian Football League \$88,000.00
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Outcome:	1	Question No:	86
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Staffing		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. How many permanent staff have been recruited this FYTD?
- b. What classification are these staff?
- c. How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?
- d. This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

- a. 166 ongoing employees have been appointed in the 2010-11 financial year (to 23 May 2011).
- b. The classification and numbers at each level are as follows:

APS Level 3	16
APS Level 4	21
APS Level 5	10
APS Level 6	27
Executive Level 1	53
Executive Level 2	19
Public Affairs Officer 1	3
Public Affairs Officer 2	3
Public Affairs Officer 3	3
Research Scientist Level 1	2
SES Band 1	5
- c. No temporary positions exist or have been created this financial year (to 23 May 2011).
- d. 167 employees have been employed on non-ongoing contracts for the 2010-11 financial year (to 23 May 2011). The average length of the employment period is two months.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	87
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? If so, where and at what classification?
- b. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
- c. What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.

Answer:

- a. Staffing numbers have not been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts.
- b. There are no plans for staff reduction.
- c. The Department intends to increase the number of graduates recruited for 2012.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	88
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Hospitality and entertainment		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD?
- b. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- c. Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs.
- d. What is the Department's entertainment spend FYTD?
- e. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

Answer:

- a. The Department's total hospitality spend financial year to date (1 July 2010 to 23 May 2011) is \$143,780. This figure includes entertainment and catering costs.
- b. The Department's hospitality spend relates to 259 events. The Department does not retain details of hospitality relating to the date, location and purpose of events. Preparing this information will require an extensive manual exercise to identify and consult with relevant staff, some of which no longer work in the Department. Accordingly, in the context of existing workloads the request is considered an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- c. The catering costs of the hospitality spend is \$34,274. The Department is unable to provide a breakdown of spending on food, beverages and alcohol as per the response to part (b).
- d. The Department does not separately identify spending on entertainment. These costs are included in hospitality spending. Details of the Department's hospitality spend are provided in the response to part (a).
- e. Please refer to the response to parts (b) and (d).

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	89
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Hospitality and entertainment – MO and PSO		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD.
- b. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- c. Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs.
- d. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spends FYTD.
- e. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answer:

- a. The Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and the Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency's Offices have incurred no expenditure on hospitality financial year to date (FYTD) (1 July 2010 to 23 May 2011).
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Not applicable.
- d. The Minister and Parliamentary Secretary's Offices have incurred no expenditure on entertainment FYTD (1 July 2010 to 23 May 2011).
- e. Not applicable.

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Outcome: 1 **Question No:** 90
Program: Corporate
Division/Agency: CSD
Topic: Board Appointments
Hansard Page EC: Written

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
- b. Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.

Answer:

a.

Board or body	Ratio Male:Female
Low Carbon Australia Limited	4:2
Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee	5:2
Coasts and Climate Change Council	3:5
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	10:3

- b. Please refer to Attachment A.

Name of the board or body	Person	Gender	State	Position	Period of appointment	
					Commencement date	Expiry date
Low Carbon Australia Limited	Professor Robert Hill	M	SA	Chair	14 January 2010	13 January 2012
Low Carbon Australia Limited	Mr Tony Coleman	M	NSW	Director	14 January 2010	13 January 2012
Low Carbon Australia Limited	Mr Don Matthews	M	VIC	Director	14 January 2010	13 January 2012
Low Carbon Australia Limited	Mr Martijn Wilder	M	NSW	Director	14 January 2010	13 January 2012
Low Carbon Australia Limited	Ms Tanya Cox	F	NSW	Director	1 June 2011	1 June 2014
Low Carbon Australia Limited	Ms Linda Bardo Nicholls	F	VIC	Director	1 June 2011	1 June 2014
Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee	Mr Duncan McGregor	M	NSW	Chair	11 October 2010	
Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee	Ms Shayleen Thompson	F	ACT	DCCEE Member	11 October 2010	
Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee	Dr Brian Keating	M	NSW	CSIRO Member	11 October 2010	
Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee	Mr Mark Dangerfield	M	NSW	Member	11 October 2010	
Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee	Professor Annette Cowie	F	NSW	Member	11 October 2010	
Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee	Mr Rob Fowler	M	NSW	Member	11 October 2010	
Coasts and Climate Change Council	Professor Bruce Thom AM	M	NSW	Chair	October 2009	December 2011
Coasts and Climate Change Council	Ms Sam Mostyn	F	NSW	Member	October 2009	December 2011
Coasts and Climate Change Council	Professor Barbara Norman	F	ACT	Member	October 2009	December 2011
Coasts and Climate Change Council	Councillor Paddi Creevey OAM	F	WA	Member	October 2009	December 2011
Coasts and Climate Change Council	Councillor Genia McCaffery	F	QLD	Member	March 2011	December 2011
Coasts and Climate Change Council	Councillor Lorraine Pyefinch	F	QLD	Member	July 2010	December 2011
Coasts and Climate Change Council	Mr Andrew Beatty	M	VIC	Member	March 2011	December 2011
Coasts and Climate Change Council	Dr Andrew McCowan	M	VIC	Member	March 2011	December 2011
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	The Hon Julia Gillard MP	F	VIC	Chair	October 2010	
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	The Hon Greg Combet AM MP	M	NSW	Co Deputy-chair	October 2010	
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	Senator Christine Milne	F	TAS	Co Deputy-chair	October 2010	
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	The Hon Wayne Swan MP	M	QLD	Member	October 2010	

Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	Senator Bob Brown	M	TAS	Member	October 2010	
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	Mr Tony Windsor MP	M	NSW	Member	October 2010	
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	Mr Robert Oakeshott MP	M	NSW	Member	October 2010	
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	The Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP	M	VIC	Observer	October 2010	
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	Mr Adam Bandt MP	M	VIC	Observer	October 2010	
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	Professor Ross Garnaut	M	VIC	Expert Adviser	October 2010	
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	Professor Will Steffen	M	ACT	Expert Adviser	October 2010	
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	Mr Rod Sims	M	NSW	Expert Adviser	October 2010	
Multi-Party Climate Change Committee	Ms Patricia Faulkner	F	VIC	Expert Adviser	October 2010	

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	91
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	LSB		
Topic:	Freedom of Information Requests		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

Has the department received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?

Answer:

The Department processes freedom of information (FOI) applications in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, FOI Regulations, and the FOI Guidelines available from the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC). Departmental representatives have undertaken a range of professional development and training on FOI, including attending the FOI Practitioner's Forum hosted by the Australian Government Solicitor and the Information Contact Officer Network meetings hosted by the OAIC.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	92
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	LSB		
Topic:	Freedom of Information Requests		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. How many FOI requests has the Department received?
- b. How many have been granted or denied?
- c. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

Answer:

- a. In the 2010-11 financial year, the Department has:
 - received 82 new freedom of information (FOI) applications made under section 15 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act);
 - received five applications for internal review under section 54 of the FOI Act;
 - accepted transfer of 11 applications from other Commonwealth agencies under section 16 of the FOI Act; and
 - processed seven consultation requests from other Commonwealth and state agencies.
- b. In the 2010-11 financial year, the Department has:
 - granted access in full in 15 FOI cases;
 - granted partial access in 20 FOI cases; and
 - refused access in 12 FOI cases.

During the period:

- 26 applications were withdrawn,
- five applications were processed concurrently with other applications, and
- seven consultation requests were answered.

These 38 applications did not result in a decision to grant or deny access.

The remaining 20 cases are still being processed by the Department.

- c. No conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI applications received by the Department.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	93
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Community Cabinet		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. What was the cost of the Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD?
- b. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel?
- c. How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel?
- d. What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's office?

Answer:

There have been four Community Cabinet meetings held in the 2010-11 financial year. These were:

- Petrie, Queensland – 2 December 2010;
- Perth, Western Australia – 30 March 2011;
- Makin, South Australia – 19 May 2011; and
- Solomon, Northern Territory – 29 June 2011.

The meeting attendance costs of the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, the Hon Greg Combet AM MP, and the Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP, and their staff were met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency sent one senior departmental officer to accompany the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary to each meeting. A table of travel costs for the senior departmental officer accompanying the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary is below.

Senior Departmental Officer Travel Costs

Meeting Date/Location	Travel Costs*
Petrie, Queensland – 2 December 2010	\$1,198.54
Perth, Western Australia – 30 March 2011	\$4,104.40
Makin, South Australia – 19 May 2011	\$2,176.35
Solomon, Northern Territory – 29 June 2011	\$4,626.39

*Cost of flights and accommodation

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	94
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Reviews		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. How many Reviews are currently being undertaken by the department?
- b. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
- c. What reviews have been concluded FYTD?
- d. What further reviews are planned for 2010 - 11 FY?
- e. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- f. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- g. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?

Answer:

There are currently two reviews being undertaken by the Department. Details can be found at [Attachment A](#).

ATTACHMENT A

	When will each review be concluded	What reviews have been concluded FYTD?	What further reviews are planned for 2010-11 FY?	Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?	When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?	What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
Departmental Travel Review	31/8/2010	This review is completed	Nil	Nil	Not applicable	\$40,000
Local Adaptation Pathways Program	30/6/2011	This review is currently underway	Nil	Nil	Not applicable	\$80,000
Home Insulation Program Compliance and Debt Recovery	30/6/2011	This review is currently underway	Nil	Nil	Not applicable	\$86,000
P3M3 Assessment	30/4/2011	This review is completed	Nil	Nil	Not applicable	\$49,000

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	95
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Consultancies		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD?
- b. Please 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).
- c. Please also include total value for all consultancies.

Answer:

- a. 76 arrangements.
- b. Details of consultancies can be obtained from the AusTender website at:
www.tenders.gov.au.
- c. The total commitment value of consultancy contracts is \$7,653,170 including GST.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	96
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Consultancies		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. Does the department stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website?
- b. Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain.
- c. Are up to date with reporting requirements?

Answer:

- a. Yes.
- b. No.
- c. Yes.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	97
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Consultancies		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?
- b. Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not?
- c. In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

Answer:

- a. The Department will assess business requirements and departmental outcomes on as needs basis to determine if consultancy services are required.
- b. There are no forecasted consultancies currently published in the Department's Annual Procurement Plan. The Department will utilise existing panel arrangements as required in line with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines and the Department's Chief Executive's Instructions.
- c. Not applicable.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	98
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	ASCD		
Topic:	Media Monitoring		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

- a. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office FYTD?
- b. Which agency or agencies provided these services?

Answer:

- a. Media monitoring activities for parliamentary offices are provided as part of the Department's wider media monitoring contract and receive the same services as the Department. The contract with Australian Associated Press Pty Ltd (AAP) allows for a certain number of transcripts and clips to be made available within a set monthly cost. Requests for additional items outside of these set limits are charged to the appropriate offices. In the financial year to date, Minister Combet's Office has been charged \$741.20 and the Parliamentary Secretary's Office has been charged \$43.32.
- b. On 17 January 2011, an Official Order was enacted with AAP as an addition to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Standing Offer SON183611. Prior to this, media monitoring services were provided by Media Monitors Australia.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	99
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Media Subscriptions – Pay TV		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

Does the department subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.

Answer:

The Department subscribes to Foxtel for the Sky News Australia and Sky News Business channels. Access to this service is provided to the Department's Executive and Communications and Media staff, which allows them to view and monitor live news and be across current issues as they occur.

The cost of the subscription for 2010-11 as at 23 May 2011 is \$7,246.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	100
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Media Subscriptions – Newspapers		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

Does the department subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.

Answer:

The Department subscribes to a number of newspapers to keep up to date with current events, to monitor media for climate change related issues to assist in the development of policy and to support the Australian Government. The Department subscribes to the following newspapers:

- *The Australian Financial Review;*
- *The Age;*
- *The Australian;*
- *The Sydney Morning Herald;*
- *The Canberra Times;* and
- *The Daily Telegraph.*

The total cost of newspaper subscriptions for 2010-11 as at 23 May 2011 is \$35,290.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	101
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Media Subscriptions – Magazines		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator Fisher asked:

Does the department subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.

Answer:

The Department subscribes to a number of magazines. The purpose of the subscriptions is to ensure that staff are kept informed and up to date with key issues that relate to their area of responsibility. The Department subscribes to the following magazines:

- *The Economist*;
- *Ad News*;
- *B&T Magazine*;
- *Creative Magazine*;
- *Nature Journal*;
- *Harvard Business Review*;
- *Nature*; and
- *The New Scientist Magazine*.

The cost of the subscriptions for 2010-11 as at 23 May 2011 is \$6,741.