

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 15-16 OCTOBER 2012

SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT, WATER, POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

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1	1.1: AGLC	McKenzie	Caring for our Country – community organisation engagement	By June 2013 Caring for our Country will have engaged with 500 community organisations in coastal and marine rehabilitation, restoration and conservation actions. 1. How is this engagement going? 2. What has been the feedback on this engagement?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
2	1.1: AGLC	McKenzie	Caring for our Country – next phase	Program deliverables under Caring for our Country include developing the next phase of Caring for our Country from 2013-14 to 2017-18 based on a review of the initiative in consultation with stakeholders. 1. Has the review of the consultation with stakeholders begun? 2. What is the next phase of development likely to entail?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
3	1.1: AGLC	Scullion	Indigenous expenditure – Working on Country	1. Please indicate whether the programs and measures listed below are still operating in 2012-13. If they are still operating, please provide by program/ measure the current allocation and expenditure year to date (please indicate in respect of any of these programs/measures if information has already been provided): a. Working on Country i. C4oC Initiative ii. NT iii. Regional iv. Flexible v. Trainees	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
4	1.1: AGLC	Siewert	Ongoing funding for NRM programs – Caring for our Country	1. What is the commitment to ongoing funding for NRM programs and the future of Caring For our Country program specifically? 2. Now that the Caring for our Country program has been split into two streams (environment / agriculture), how are you intending to ensure that there is consistency between those streams?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
5	1.1: AGLC	Macdonald	Reef Rescue	1. What is the spending allocation for Reef Rescue beyond 2013? 2. Can you confirm the amounts that have been allocated to Reef conservation through the Caring for Country program? 3. What proportion of the Caring for Country funding been frozen? 4. What programs are currently underway as part of the Reef Conservation components of the Caring for Country program? 5. From where and by whom are these programs being administered? 6. How are these organisational structures being funded?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
6	1.1: AGLC	Heffernan	Environmental Stewardship Program	Senator HEFFERNAN: Could you give me the details of when this lady applied for the grant? Was it before or after she bought the property? Mr Sullivan: I cannot give you that detail.	101 (15/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13

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				Senator HEFFERNAN: Can you take that on notice? Mr Sullivan: I can take it on notice. ... Senator HEFFERNAN: Can you give me the names of the people who visited the properties, on notice			
7	1.1: AGLC	Waters	AGLC – natural attrition of staff	Senator WATERS: ...Dr Grimes said that restrictions were going to be placed on replacing staff, so there is natural attrition. How many staff has your division not replaced if people have exited? Mr Sullivan: I would have to take that on notice.	110 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
8	1.1: MD	McKenzie	Caring for our Country – establishment of threat abatement plans	Caring for our Country also aims to establish threat abatement plans (as required) to guide efforts to address invasive species-related key threatening processes. 1. How many plans are expected to be developed? 2. How many plans have so far been developed? 3. What process is undertaken to develop such plans?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
9	1.1: MD	Siewert	AFMA and the application of precautionary principle	1. Following on from the issues surrounding the Small Pelagic Fishery, and statements made by the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities during Questions on the 13th of Sept 2012 which indicate some concerns with how AFMA has applied its legislation, what role is the Environment Department playing in reviewing fisheries management in Australia? 2. Will the review of AFMA and fisheries management have any implication for the ecological sustainability assessment process? 3. What responsibility does this Department have to ensuring that other agencies are performing their environmental management or protection duties effectively?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
10	1.1: MD	Boswell	Australia's sustainable fishing industry	1. Do you agree that Australia has one of the best managed and most sustainable fishing industries in the world?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
11	1.1: MD	Boswell	Marine Parks - compensation to effected business	1. Commercial fishing sector business lenders are obviously aware some of their customers will soon face significant income reductions when product volume dries up. There are no open fishing grounds left to move to, due to all the state and commonwealth reserves. The security value of their fishing boats will take a huge drop. Some of the banks moved quickly to wind up fishing businesses and recover their debts during the GBRMPA "RAP" process. Some fishers facing lock outs under these new reserves won't be able to borrow; others will soon face pressure to liquidate assets at their annual finance review. If they have a major break down and need to spend \$60,000 on new engines and equipment, they may not be able to secure finance. Where do they turn? What is the Government doing to help businesses continue to operate, get support from their banks, and remain solvent during the 18 month wait for the marine parks to take effect? 2. The Environment Minister, Tony Burke and the Fisheries Minister Senator Ludwig indicated that approximately \$100 million would be set aside for compensation for the fishing related businesses. a. How was that \$100 million figure calculated?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				b. Where in the budget is there provision for the fisheries adjustment package? 3. Queensland has most of the Ports that ABARES say will bear the brunt of the new reserves, Mooloolaba, Cairns and Karumba. The exact impact can't be known yet, as SEWPAC doesn't know how many vessels will ultimately be removed due to reserve impacts (by licence and permit buy outs and also by resulting commercial pressures). However ABARES have documented that these Ports will be hardest hit. The Draft Fisheries Adjustment Package contains this statement: "Assistance for businesses upstream and downstream of directly impacted fishing businesses are not within the scope of the package. Such businesses have a demonstrated capacity to adjust to changing market conditions without government intervention." a. What economist evidence is there to prove this claim? b. How can such a broad statement be accurate in the context of each of Queensland's fishing Ports, given ABARES research saying some ports will hardly be affected and others will take major hits c. How can specialist seafood infrastructure businesses "adapt to changing market conditions" without help, if many of the boats that used the infrastructure in a Port are gone, and there are no boats to replace them? d. The commercial fishing infrastructure providers in Mooloolaba (and presumably other heavily impacted Ports) have seen the capital value of their specialist commercial fishing infrastructure and plant and equipment decline significantly since the reserve announcement and Coral Sea closure. The businesses are now not saleable; buyers and banks are aware of the impending major decline in seafood harvest and vessel numbers. Future expansion opportunities have been ruled out; there can be no growth in such businesses when there are few boats and nowhere left to expand fishing operations. The special plant and equipment is not usable in other sectors, so diversification is not possible. Given these large impacts, poor prospects of recovery and nil future growth opportunities, why are they excluded from adjustment assistance? 4. Isn't the "world's biggest marine reserve network" a major Government market intervention that must distort the orderly operation of the market in these specific Queensland ports, rather than just a minor change to market conditions matter that businesses might be able to handle alone? 5. The draft package suggests that fishing businesses might only be given 60% of the annual gross income they have historically earned from the lock out areas. a. Is there any economist evidence that verifies that such a small (taxable) payment will adequately overcome this permanent loss of income and permit a fishing business to remain commercially viable and profitable into the future? b. The capital values of commercial fishing boats and plant and equipment have already collapsed due to the new reserves announcements. Supply of fishing vessels now exceeds future demand, resulting in evitable large capital losses. Why is there no package component that adjusts these large capital losses, as in many cases a			

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				substantial part of a fisher family's life savings are invested in the fishing boat? 6. Will the Government bear the claimant's cost of legitimate appeals? 7. Will claimant's appeals be independently assessed? 8. Is it true that the appeal process will be limited to the appeal reviewer checking whether the mathematics (gross catch multiplied by a percentage) was calculated correctly?			
12	1.1: MD	Boswell	Coral Sea Marine Park – discussions with GBRMPA	1. Have there been any formal discussions with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority in relation to the management of the Coral Sea marine Park?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
13	1.1: MD	Boswell	Coral Sea Marine Park – foreign policy implications	1. Has the Government received any legal advice regarding the foreign policy implications of closing the Coral Sea to Australian commercial tuna fishing? What impact will this policy have on our relationship with our Pacific neighbors?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
14	1.1: MD	Boswell	Coral Sea Marine Park – management and budget	1. How will the 989,842 square kilometres of the Coral Sea be policed? 2. How does the Government intend to manage effectively 3.1 million square kilometers and has the cost been budgeted for in the forward estimates? What is that figure?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
15	1.1: MD	Siewert	Dieback Threat Abatement Plan	1. What is the status of the Dieback Threat Abatement Plan & what are the plans for funding and resourcing the plan?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
16	1.1: MD	Boswell	Draft management plans	1. When will the draft management plans be available? 2. What is the cost of preparing a management plan?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
17	1.1: MD	Colbeck	EPBC Amendment (Declared Commercial Fishing Activities) Bill 2012 – expert panel	1. Who is or will the Minister taking advice from on the composition of the expert panel? 2. What is the likelihood that the expert panel maybe only one person? 3. What thought has been given to the Terms of Reference for the expert panel? 4. What thought has been given to the manner in which the expert panel is to carry out the assessment?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
18	1.1: MD	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – acceptable considerations	1. If the boat had less than 2000 tonnes storage would it be acceptable to fish for small pelagic fish in Commonwealth waters? 2. If the boat were less than 130m in length would it be acceptable to fish for small pelagic fish in Commonwealth waters? 3. If the boat did not have on board processing facilities would it be acceptable to fish for small pelagic fish in Commonwealth waters?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
19	1.1: MD	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – assessment of operations	1. What advice did the Department give the Minister to help him come to his original decision regarding the additional requirements to be applied to the FV Abel Tasman: "require the super trawler to adopt worlds-best practice methods to avoid listed species, particularly seals, dolphins and sea birds being killed or injured during its trawling operations". 2. In Minister Burke's media release of 4 September, he also stated that these conditions were "based on a rigorous assessment" by the Department of the potential environmental impact of a large mid-water trawl freezer vessel. How was this "rigorous assessment" undertaken? 3. If the original additional requirements were based on a rigorous assessment and were in line with worlds best practice why did the Minister feel compelled to seek further ways	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				to prevent the FV Abel Tasman from fishing in Commonwealth waters? 4. When did the Minister ask the Department to start looking at other options to prevent the FV Abel Tasman from operating in Commonwealth waters? 5. What was the Minister's justification for asking the Department to find other methods for preventing the FV Abel Tasman from operating in Commonwealth waters?			
20	1.1: MD	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – considerations for uncertainty	1. How does the size of the boat affect the potential for the boat to have negative interactions / catch seals or dolphins or have a negative impact on sea birds? 2. How does the fact there is on-board fish processing facilities affect the potential for the boat to have negative interactions / catch seals or dolphins or have a negative impact on sea birds? 3. How does the storage capacity for fish or fish products in excess of 2,000 tonnes affect the potential for the boat to have negative interactions / catch seals or dolphins or have a negative impact on sea birds?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
21	1.1: MD	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – dolphin and seal interactions	1. Has the Minister or any Departmental officers been on board the FV Abel Tasman? 2. Has the Minister or Department considered the comments of the skipper of the FV Abel Tasman regarding dolphin interactions in coming to a decision regarding the uncertainty of environmental impacts with regard to this marine mammal? 3. Has the Minister or Department considered the comments of the skipper of the FV Abel Tasman regarding seal interactions in coming to a decision regarding the uncertainty of environmental impacts with regard to this marine mammal? 4. If the Minister has not considered the comments of the skipper of the FV Abel Tasman, why not?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
22	1.1: MD	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – environmental impact	1. How can the uncertainty of environmental impact from the FV Abel Tasman be addressed through a literature review? 2. What additional research is planned to address the Minister's uncertainty regarding the FV Abel Tasman and who will pay for this?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
23	1.1: MD	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – instructions provided by the Minister to the department	1. What instructions did the Minister provide the Department regarding the FV Abel Tasman? 2. When were these instructions given? 3. Did the Minister ask the Department to investigate specific issues related to his "uncertainty about the environmental impacts" of the FV Abel Tasman? If so, when was this request made?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
24	1.1: MD	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – primary concern	1. Given the Minister has stated that his concerns are primarily that the vessel could cause a "localised major bycatch issue" how does that sit with the consideration of "total impact over the entire geographic area affected and over time"?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
25	1.1: MD	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – provision of advice to the Minister	1. What advice did the Department provide the Minister regarding the FV Abel Tasman? 2. When was this advice provided? Provide details of each advice and date this was provided to the Minister. 3. Where did the Department go for advice or information to address specific issues related to the "uncertainty about the environmental impacts" of the FV Abel Tasman?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				4. How long did the Department have to provide this advice or information?			
26	1.1: MD	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – provisions to overcome uncertainty	1. Did the Minister consider move-on provisions as an alternative management strategy to overcome his uncertainty regarding the impact of the FV Margiris? 2. What other options did the Department provide to the Minister to overcome his uncertainty regarding the impact of the FV Margiris?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
27	1.1: MD	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – size of the net	1. Has the Department and the Minister decided that the size of the net is not the issue of concern for the Abel Tasman?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
28	1.1: MD	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – specific areas of uncertainty	1. What are the specific areas of uncertainty the Department and Minister have regarding the FV Abel Tasman?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
29	1.1: MD	Boswell	Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Proposal report – Karumba	1. On page 5 of the ABARES report, Final Commonwealth marine reserves network proposal report the impact on the town of Karumba is estimated at \$2023 per person. What is the government doing to alleviate such a large per person impact? 2. According to Australian Taxation Office data the average income is Karumba is \$52,500. That means this change is going to cause a 4 per cent drop in average income for people in Karumba. Does the Department regard that change as modest? 3. Does the Department agree with ABARES that this change could cost up to 111 jobs in the fishing industry?	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
30	1.1: MD	Colbeck	Fisheries Adjustment Policy – budget	1. How much money has been allocated to the Fisheries Adjustment Policy and associated package in the current budget? 2. How much money has been allocated to the Fisheries Adjustment Policy and associated package in the forward estimates? 3. Where is this documented in the budget papers?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
31	1.1: MD	Boswell	Food security modelling	1. Australia-wide, you are planning to lock up 3.1 million square kilometres of Australia's oceans. What modelling has the department done in relation to food security? How many tonnes of Australian seafood will be lost to the Australian people if the marine parks are extended? 2. If the extended marine reserves go ahead, the cost of Australian seafood will skyrocket because it will be in such short supply and people will have no option in many cases but to choose eating red meat over fish. What environmental modelling has the department undertaken into the impacts of replacing fish (because many Australians refuse to eat imported seafood) with red meat as the environmental impacts of producing red meat are considerable compared to the almost negligible impacts of harvesting seafood? a. This proposal will deny Australians access to 3.1 million square kilometres of oceans which produce a sustainable, renewable and high protein food source, why is Australian's health needs not a priority, particularly as it is not fishing that harming our waters?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
32	1.1: MD	Boswell	ABARES social and economic assessment of the Commonwealth	1. Are you aware of the independent review by Ernest and Young of ABARES's Social and Economic Assessment of the proposed Commonwealth Marine Reserves that found that the assessments were inadequate for the task of informing a major new policy. Why	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13

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			Marine Reserves	was a full cost benefit analysis not undertaken?			
33	1.1: MD	Boswell	Management of proposed marine parks	1. What negotiations or meetings has the Commonwealth had with state Government agencies in relation to the declaration and the management of the proposed Marine parks?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
34	1.1: MD	Edwards	Management of South Australian marine reserves	1. With reference to Question on Notice 011 (May Budget Estimates 2012) are there any service arrangements undertaken with South Australia with regard to the management of marine reserves/parks? 2. Have there been any discussions in the last 12 months with the South Australian Government on marine parks? What have those discussions involved? What have been the outcomes of those discussions? 3. Has the Commonwealth provided the South Australian Government with any funding for marine parks? If so, how much and for what purpose?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
35	1.1: MD	Boswell	Marine Bioregional Plans – Get the Facts advertising	1. How long did the Government's Get the Facts advertising campaign on the Commonwealth Marine Reserves run for? Which newspapers did the Department place ads in? 2. What was the total cost to produce and place advertisements in daily and community newspapers? 3. Wasn't this costly advertising campaign quite presumptuous given that nothing has been finalized and that the Director of National Parks report containing the comments received during the consultation and his recommendations are yet to be considered by the Government?	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
36	1.1: MD	Boswell	Marine Bioregional Plans – Regulatory Impact Statement	1. How is it possible for the Government to produce a Regulatory Impact Statement on the proposed marine reserves network that does not include any costings at all and completely lacks assessment, or even proper identification of risks?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
37	1.1: MD	Boswell	Marine Bioregional Plans - submissions	1. What was the number of submissions the department received? 2. How many were not template computer generated submissions?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
38	1.1: MD	Xenophon	Marine parks - South Australia	1. How many times have Commonwealth and South Australian State Environment met to discuss and co-ordinate marine parks planning in State and Commonwealth waters? 2. Has an economic and social impact assessment been done on the combined effects of State and Commonwealth marine parks on the important commercial fisheries of South Australia, such as rock lobster, abalone and tuna? If yes, what was the conclusion of that study? If no, why haven't assessments on the combined impacts on important fisheries that operate in both Commonwealth and State waters been undertaken? 3. Are Commonwealth and South Australian State marine parks processes based on the same principles? In particular, are both processes based on the National Representative System of Marine Protected Area (NRSMPA) and the subsequent NRSMPA Strategic Plan of Action developed in 1999? 4. What steps have been taken to ensure a consistent interpretation of the NRSMPA between the Commonwealth and the South Australian State Government?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				5. In the light of an agreed national approach to marine parks, why are two separate marine parks processes being pursued in Commonwealth and South Australian state waters? Further, is this a necessary duplication of meeting COAG's requirements of establishing a representative national system of marine parks under the NRSMPA?			
39	1.1: MD	Siewert	Marine Protection for the waters around Christmas Island and the Cocos	1. Were these regions considered in the reserve network planning stages? If yes, why were they ultimately not included? If no, why weren't they considered, and can we expect them to be assessed and included in the near future?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
40	1.1: MD	Boswell	Marine reserves – non-fishing hazards	1. Marine reserves do not mitigate against a large number of non-fishing hazards and risk. As it is pollution and introduced organisms that are harming our waters, not fishing, why are you proposing to extend the marine reserves?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
41	1.1: MD	Colbeck	Potential compensation for Seafish Tasmania Pelagic	1. What budget provisions have been made for the potential for compensation to be sought by Seafish Tasmania Pelagic?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
42	1.1: MD	Siewert	South Australia Gillnet Fishery	According to an ABC news report fishers from South Australia are moving to the gillnet fishery in WA as a result of the closures and restrictions in SA; 1. Are you aware of this report and can you confirm if this is the case? 2. Is the Department monitoring this issue? 3. Can you confirm if this is the case? 4. many gillnet vessels previously fishing in SA are now fishing in WA and where in WA waters these gillnet vessels are now operating? 5. Can the Department explain why the SA and WA gillnet fisheries are being treated differently for conditions posed on export approval when the industry has publicly stated they are going to now fish in WA where they are unrestricted?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
43	1.1: MD	Boswell	Sustainable fishing practices	1. The Government is locking Australian fishers out of most of the Coral Sea – in fact an area that is more than half the size of Queensland. Other nations – Korea, China, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands will still be able to fish in their part of the Coral Sea. Do you agree that some of those countries fishing practices are not nearly as sustainable as Australian fishers?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
44	1.1: MD	Whish-Wilson	Threat Abatement Plan – impacts of marine debris on vertebrate marine life	1. How is the threat abatement plan for the impacts of marine debris on vertebrate marine life progressing? 2. How much Commonwealth money has been budgeted for the Threat Abatement Plan and the actions outlined in it over the forward estimates? In reference to Action 2.1, has this commenced? How much money has been budgeted to carry out this project? What is the breakdown of Commonwealth and State and Territory contribution to this project? 3. Can a written summary of how each action is progressing under the plan be provided? 4. How are any changes being measured against the criteria set out in the plan? 5. What baseline data is being used for these measurements and what is its source 6. Can you identify any particular sticking points with the States and Territories in negotiations for actions outlined by the plan?	109 (15/10/12) and Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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45	1.1: MD	Siewert	Great White Sharks	Senator SIEWERT: ...The language about immediate threat in Western Australia is not as precise as was in the past. Because there has not been a definition available in Western Australia, has there been a discussion with you or have you defined what an immediate threat or a significant threat would be? Mr Oxley: There has not been a discussion, to my knowledge, on that subject between departments at this point in time. Senator SIEWERT: Between departments or within your agency to better define these concepts? (Page 109) Mr Oxley: I do not think we would have come back to that subject in recent times. I suspect that we will have had a view on that previously. If that is the case, we would share that and we can provide that to you on notice. Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated, including the method to take.	108-109 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
46	1.1: MD	Waters	Snubfin dolphin	Senator WATERS: ...Moving now to the snubfin dolphin, if we have the appropriate folk at the table for that. Is the department currently collecting data on the snubfin dolphin for the purposes of determining whether its status of 'migratory' is in fact correct? Dr Dripps: I am sorry; I think the appropriate officials were in the marine division, who were here last night. Senator WATERS: Then I will put that on notice for them. Dr Dripps: I will take that question on notice.	19 (16/10/12)	07/02/13	28/02/13
47	1.1: MD	Colbeck	EPBC Act amendments – expert panel	Senator COLBECK: ... Minister, I am trying to work through a process and how fair it is for somebody who is potentially going to have this section of the act applied to them to not know what the process is going to be. Senator Conroy: I am happy to take that on notice for you, Senator Colbeck. Senator COLBECK: Thank you so much for your intervention, Minister. It is extremely helpful. Don't you think it is fair, Minister that somebody who is going to have an act of parliament applied to them should have some understanding of what the process is? That is effectively what I am trying to get an understanding of. You do not think it is fair that somebody should have an understanding of the process that might be applied to them? Senator Conroy: As I said, I am happy to take it on notice, to seek a view from the minister. As you know, it is not my portfolio area. Senator COLBECK: No, but I am asking you as the representative minister hear whether you think it is fair that people understand how things go. Senator Conroy: I said I am happy to take it on notice to see what the minister would like to put on the record for you.	20 (16/10/12)	07/02/13	28/02/13
48	1.1: MD	Siewert	Keep Australia Fishing campaign - submissions	Senator SIEWERT: Are you aware of how many submissions you got that were initiated by this particular website, and those that may have received an inducement to get a submission in? Mr Oxley: We got quite a number of submissions. I would have to take on notice exactly how many, but I think we could confidently provide it to you. Keep Australia Fishing ran two campaigns under the title Don't Lock Us Out. I cannot tell you tonight how many we	107-108 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				received through that organisation's campaign. Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice? Mr Oxley: Certainly. ... Senator SIEWERT: Are you aware whether this has been brought to the minister's attention? Mr Oxley: I would have to take that on notice. Senator SIEWERT: If you could that would be appreciated, and could you look at whether the department will in the future issue terms of reference or instructions that indicate that this sort of inducement may not be desirable.			
49	1.1: PAD	Scullion	Indigenous Protected Areas Program	Please indicate whether the programs and measures listed below are still operating in 2012-13. If they are still operating, please provide by program/ measure the current allocation and expenditure year to date (please indicate in respect of any of these programs/measures if information has already been provided): 1. Indigenous Protected Areas Program	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
50	1.1: PAD	Macdonald	Christmas Island – funding for eradication of Yellow Crazy Ants	1. Yellow Crazy Ants have been located on Christmas Island – can you give details of the eradication program, including the cost, for dealing with the Yellow Crazy Ant infestation on Christmas Island?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
51	1.1: PAD	Waters	Parks Australia - ecologists	1 How many field ecologists does the Australian national parks service employ - ie ecologists involved in ecological research relevant to conserving diversity in Commonwealth parks?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
52	1.1: PAD	Birmingham	Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park – filming requests	1. Are quotas, by month or similar, applied to allowed or permitted instances of filming in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park? If so, is this applied simply on a 'first come' basis or by some other means? How early is the quota reached in each instance (e.g. if monthly, by which date of each month in 2011-12 had the quota been reached)? 2. If a monthly or similar quota is applied, are estimates maintained of how many applications have been rejected, and how many requests have otherwise not even progressed to the making of an application, as a result of the quota being applied? 3. How many requests to film were approved in 2011-12 and how many were rejected? On what grounds were requests or applications rejected? 4. Which people or organisations received filming approval in 2011-12? Are film-makers charged? If so, on what basis are they charged?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
53	1.1: PAD	Siewert	Christmas Island - biosecurity	Senator SIEWERT: I am interested in knowing how far they are kept from the island in terms of quarantine basis and making sure that nothing, including those ships, is able to gain access to the island. Mr Cochrane: I would have to take that on notice because how far they remain off island would depend a little on weather conditions. Senator SIEWERT: Please take that on notice. But you are confident that each one is inspected for quarantine hazards? Mr Cochrane: That is my understanding but let me get back to you.	99 (15/10/12)	15/01/13	07/02/13

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54	1.1: PAD	Siewert	Christmas Island – cat eradication	Senator SIEWERT: In terms of cat eradication, can you tell me whether that program is still running. ... Senator SIEWERT: Is funding being maintained? Mr Cochrane: I believe so. Can I take that on notice, because it does depend on funding from several sources, as you might recall.	99 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
55	1.1: PAD	Siewert	Updated National Reserve System figures	Senator SIEWERT: ...I want to move to the broader NRS program and perhaps ask you to take on notice...an update on the number of hectares we now have in the reserve system.	100 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
56	1.1: PAD	Siewert	Fitzgerald River nomination	1. What is the progress on the renomination of the Fitzgerald River area as a Man and the Biosphere Reserve?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
57	1.2: PCD	Birmingham	Whales – Japan's views on the Southern Ocean Research Partnership	Senator BIRMINGHAM: ...Through that scientific committee, have Japan expressed any opinions, be they endorsements, reservations or otherwise, on the work of the partnership? Ms Petrachenko: I will have to take that on notice to provide the detail and look through the scientific committee reports, but from what I can recall I am not aware of any area of concern that was raised.	113 (15/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
58	1.2: PCD	Birmingham	Whales – parties to the Southern Ocean Research Partnership	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Can you remind me again which other countries are engaged in the Southern Ocean Research Partnership? ... Ms Petrachenko: ... Apart from us, there is New Zealand, the United States, France, Norway, Chile, Argentina and South Africa, and the rest I have to take notice.	113 (15/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
59	1.2: PCD	Birmingham	Whales – population estimate of Minke whales	Senator BIRMINGHAM: A 30 per cent decline—I missed over what period of time. Ms Petrachenko: That would be going back to the seventies, but I will have to take on notice any more precision than that.	112 (15/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
60	1.3: AGLC	Birmingham	Biodiversity Fund – review of project plans	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Has the department managed to finalise review of some of those project plans or are they all still a work in progress? (Page 115) Ms Lane: No, I believe some of them have been finalised, but some clarification of information on some may still be underway. Senator BIRMINGHAM: And they are all being reviewed internally? Ms Lane: Yes. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Some you have had to seek clarification on but you do not necessarily have data to give me an indication of how many that may be. Ms Lane: I would have to take that on notice.	114-115 (15/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
61	1.3: AGLC	Birmingham	Biodiversity Fund – provision of progress reports	Senator BIRMINGHAM: When did they have to be provided by? Ms Lane: I will have to take that detail on notice.	114 (15/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
62	1.3: AGLC	Cameron	Biodiversity Fund – Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority	CHAIR: The round one funding: one of the largest grants is the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority grant. It says: A broad consortium of natural resource management organisations and individuals has developed a vision for an increase in connectivity and agricultural productivity across the	115 (15/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13

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			project	eco-climatic gradients in Northern NSW. Can you give me some feedback on where that is up to? Ms Lane: I do not have the details of that specific project with me; I am happy to take it on notice.			
63	1.3: AGLC	Birmingham	Biodiversity Fund – offset potential of projects	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Do you have any estimates as to the offset potential that these projects are going to generate? Ms Lane: I would have to take that on notice.	115 (15/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
64	1.3: AGLC	Birmingham	Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund - applications	Senator BIRMINGHAM: The guidelines have been finalised pending announcement by the minister or someone to release it. What sort of timeline are we looking at for inviting applications for the program? Ms Lane: I will have to take that on notice.	116 (15/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
65	2.1: EQD	Whish-Wilson	COAG – commissioning of a RIS for Container Deposit Scheme	In light of the August 24 COAG Standing Council on Environment and Water meeting commissioning a decision regulation impact (RIS) statement in regards to a National container deposit scheme. 1. The decision RIS includes three further options apart from ones looked at in the Consultation RIS Can you outline the process to include these further options? 2. Why weren't they included in the consultation RIS? 3. Is it unusual to include extra options in a decision RIS? 4. Do you have any indication when the decision RIS will be considered by the Standing Council? When is the next meeting of the Standing Council? 5. Does Queensland's decision to withdraw from the process have any impact noting they have said they won't be funding any further work?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
66	2.1: EQD	McKenzie	Impact of carbon pricing on refrigerants	1. Dr Diana Wright from the Environment Quality Division confirmed the department has not done any modelling on the impact of carbon pricing on apple and pear coolstores. Why was this industry, heavily reliant on refrigerant to cool coolstores, overlooked by the department? 2. What feedback has the department received from people in this industry affected by the price hike in refrigerants? 3. Has there been any consultation since with the industry?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
67	2.1: EQD	Whish-Wilson	Tyre waste	1. Is the Department aware of the continuing export of baled tyres overseas? 2. Has the Department provided any advice to the Minister on remedies to this trade outside the work being done on the voluntary product stewardship scheme for tyres?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
68	2.2: SPAD	McKenzie	National Action Plan for Education for Sustainability	The Australian Government has a National Action Plan for Education for Sustainability called Living Sustainably. 1. How much has it cost to implement this plan? 2. Considering the aim of the plan was to equip all Australians with the knowledge and skills required to live sustainably, how many people so far have received that knowledge through the plan? How is this assessed? 3. Has a network of "sustainability champions" been set up in departments and agencies to promote sustainability in government policy?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13

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				4. How much money has been given to fund the National Plan for Education for Sustainability?			
69	2.2: SPAD	McKenzie	Shire of Melton sustainably designed business hub – cost and key performance indicators	1. How much did it cost to build a sustainably-designed business hub for the Shire of Melton? 2. How have the KPIs for 2012-13 been modified to reflect departmental reorganisation of operational areas?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
70	2.2: SPAD	McKenzie/ Cameron	Suburban Jobs – carbon footprint of the Shire of Melton sustainably designed business hub	Senator McKENZIE: Do we have an estimation of the carbon footprint of that project? Mrs Wiley-Smith: No, I do not. Senator McKENZIE: But we know it is sustainably designed. Mrs Wiley-Smith: I will have to take that on notice. Senator McKENZIE: I appreciate it. CHAIR: Could you also give us on notice some estimate of the savings on carbon for people who would be employed there and not travelling long distances. Has that been looked at? Mrs Wiley-Smith: I am sure that it probably has, so we will certainly take that on notice.	123 and Written (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
71	2.2: SPAD	McKenzie	Suburban Jobs – funding for the Shire of Melton	Senator McKENZIE: Could you let me know how much of that component of funding is for the sustainably designed business hub? Mrs Wiley-Smith: I can, but I will have to take that on notice.	123 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
72	2.2: SPAD	McKenzie	Suburban Jobs – location of projects	Senator McKENZIE: I have a follow up on that, Chair. Are those three projects—the Western Sydney, the Penrith and the Blue Mountain Coalition—in Labor held or coalition seats? Mrs Wiley-Smith: I do not know. Senator McKENZIE: Please take that on notice. Mrs Wiley-Smith: Certainly.	123 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
73	2.2: SPAD	Ludlam	Affordable commercial space	Senator LUDLAM: ...Apologies if you submitted this and I missed it, but I asked you about whether affordable commercial space was being looked at as being made a priority, particularly in areas where there are empty spaces as is the case in many even suburban town centres and high streets, such as shop top spaces that are empty. I did not see any sign of an answer. Can you check whether that was provided and if not please provide an answer. It seems to me that at a relatively low cost we could bring a lot of commercial space in suburban areas into use. I am perplexed as to the reasons why that is not happening. I was in Sydney at the weekend and all through the inner city space is vacant at the same time as we have a housing affordability crisis and a lot of businesses that cannot get into these areas. Mrs Wiley-Smith: We can certainly check on that.	124 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
74	2.2: SPAD	Ludlam	Sustainability indicators	Senator LUDLAM: ...I am now going to fire a whole lot of questions which you will probably need to take on notice. You would be aware I generally ask about indicators, consultation data sources to underpin the headline indicators. Mr Sullivan, is that still your domain? Mr Sullivan: Temporarily it is. Senator LUDLAM: Please provide us on notice, in terms of funding, what is left in the	124 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				bucket and what kinds of resources the indicators will measure and provide us with an update on what is happening there. One of the largest threats to biodiversity is obviously land clearing. Please tell us how you think land clearing, both in urban and regional areas, will be included in your indicators and whether they will tell us, for example, what we have left and what needs to be protected, particularly in urban areas where we are down to the last little bits and pieces of urban diversity. How will you be working with the states and territories on these indicators? Even though we have spoken on this at some length in various sessions, I am still— CHAIR: Senator Ludlam, I think you can put the others on notice.			
75	3.1: AAD	Singh	Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence	1. Can you explain the success (or not) of the trial around the UV sterilisation of effluent? 2. How much does AAD currently spend on such waste disposal? Where does it currently end up?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
76	4.1: OWS	Joyce	Office of Water Science - staffing	1. How many staff are employed in the area of the Department that takes care of the “Science Based Framework for Coal Seam Gas and Coal Mining Impacts on Water” at the moment? How many staff do you expect to employ in this area over the next year?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
77	4.1: OWS	Joyce	Independent Expert Scientific Committee - budget	1. What are the Departmental expenses over the forward estimates from the costs of this area of the Department? Please provide the data for each year of the forward estimates. 2. Are these Departmental costs all being funded from the \$150 million put aside for the Independent Expert Scientific Panel? 3. What are the costs of the Panel itself, the costs of meetings, wages, etc? Please provide the data for each year of the forward estimates. 4. How much of the \$150 million will be left for funding independent research after taking out the departmental costs, the costs of the panel and any other costs not related to funding research?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
78	4.1: WED	Joyce	Water programs	Can the Department please provide a list of expenditure under each of the following programs for all financial years beginning 2007-08, and include the most up to date spending for the current financial year. Can the Department also provide forecast or projected for these programs over the forward estimates? 1. Restoring the Balance. 2. Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure. 3. National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns. 4. National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative. 5. Green Precincts Fund.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
79	4.1: WED	Joyce	Purchase plan	1. In the advice the Department gave to the Minister after the election it proposed to announce a refined “purchase plan” as soon as the Guide is released. Was that purchase plan released? Does the government plan to release a refined “purchase plan” in the future? If so when?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
80	4.1: WED	Joyce	Infrastructure investment	1. Of the 2,750 gigalitres of water that is planned to be diverted from productive to environmental use in the Murray-Darling Basin, how much will be acquired via infrastructure investment and how much via entitlement purchase?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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81	4.1: WED	Xenophon	ANAO Report - Administration of the Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program in New South Wales	In June 2012, the Australian National Audit Office report Administration of the Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program in New South Wales, raised some serious concerns regarding the operation of this program, which is a key component of the Federal Government's \$5.8 billion Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program. The ANAO's report concluded that all applications from funding rounds 1 and 2 of the NSW program "did not contain sufficient detail to facilitate a thorough assessment, particularly in relation to addressing the economic/social criteria, environmental criteria and the projects' cost-benefit analyses". That amounts to \$649 million of taxpayer dollars to projects that have not undergone a cost-benefit analysis. 1. Can the Department provide any advice or indication as to why cost-benefit analyses weren't conducted for some of these applications? 2. Will the Department acknowledge that, given the abovementioned concerns expressed by the ANAO, irrigators in the Riverland have been understandably upset by their inability to access funds (as acknowledged by the Minister)?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
82	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Condamine-Balonne catchment – sale of water	1. Has the Commonwealth received offers during its tender processes or otherwise for water for sale in the Condamine-Balonne that it has rejected?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
83	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Cubbie Station	1. Has the Commonwealth at any stage enquired about purchasing entitlement from Cubbie?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
84	4.1: WED	Xenophon	Irrigation efficiency	I refer to Minister Burke's media release of 18 July 2012, which announces \$1.2 million funding to explore proposals to improve irrigation efficiency in South Australia. The funding is for a feasibility study and a business case for the South Australian River Murray Improvements Program. 1. What are the rationale and objective of this feasibility study? 2. Can you please indicate how this feasibility study is progressing? In this release, the also Minister states "the high efficiency of so many South Australian irrigators has made it difficult for many of them to access previous rounds of funding." 3. Can the Department please provide an indication of how much funding has been allocated to South Australia projects in the past 5 years? 4. What percentage of total funding is this?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
85	4.1: WED	Macdonald	Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance	1. What is the total amount of Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance funding available under the Planning Assistance Program? 2. How much of the Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance funding was allocated in 2011/12? 3. How much of the Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance funding is earmarked for allocation in 2012/13? 4. How much Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance funding in total currently remains to be allocated? 5. How many individual funding grants have been made under the Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance Program? 6. How many of these funding grants have been made to agriculture interests in	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13

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				Queensland? 7. How many of these funding grants have been made to agriculture interests in the Northern Territory? 8. How many of these funding grants have been made to agriculture interests in Western Australia (excepting the South West region)?			
86	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Menindee Lakes Joint Evaluation Team	1. Has the Evaluation team come to a final position on works to upgrade Menindee Lakes? 2. Has the Team produced any interim reports? If so, please provide a copy. 3. When is the Team expected to report? 4. What progress has been made? What roadblocks currently exist? 5. How many times has the Team met? Have any meetings been refused or cancelled? How many meetings are scheduled? 6. Have any options for works been ruled out? If so, which? Why? 7. Has the MDBA completed hydrological modelling in the area? What were its findings? 8. How has this modelling informed the work of and issues faced by the team?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
87	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Northern Victorian Irrigation Renewal Project – Stage 2	1. Please provide the business case for this project. 2. What social and economic studies were done prior to approval of this project? 3. Was any analysis of potential job losses from reduced water entitlements conducted – if so, please provide copies. 4. What programs are in place to address any economic or community impacts arising from the NVIRP? 5. How will the Government measure its commitments as outlined under point 5 of the heads of agreement? 6. What is the total entitlement returned to the Commonwealth under this program to date. What further entitlements are expected? 7. How much has been paid to the Victorian Government under each of the 6 components of NVIRP Stage 2? 8. How will water acquired by the Commonwealth under NVIRP Stage 2 be accounted for under the Basin Plan – will it be credited towards particular catchment SDL targets? 9. What process does the Commonwealth have in place if the required amount of water is not delivered by the Victorian Government? 10. Is the Commonwealth aware of suggestions that funds were transferred from the NVIRP project funding account to Goulburn Murray Water to cover the waived termination fees for surrendered delivery shares? 11. Is the Commonwealth aware of claims by locals that native animals including koalas, kangaroos and platypi, as well as stock animals, have drowned in NVIRP funded plastic lined channels? How does the Commonwealth intend to address this issue?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
88	4.1: WED	Edwards	Port Pirie Community Water Reuse Project	With reference to question number 091 (May Budget Estimates 2012), the Department stated that a strike caused a delay in the completion of the project. 1. Was the 30 June 2012 deadline for completion for all elements of the project met? If not, why not? 2. If the project was not completed on 30 June when was or when will the project be	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				completed?			
89	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Private Irrigators Infrastructure Operators Program – New South Wales	1. Has the Government recently signed off on a \$180m project with MIL? 2. How much water will this project return to the environment?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
90	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Private Irrigators Infrastructure Program – South Australia	1. In regards to QoN 71 and the Private Irrigators Infrastructure Program South Australia – is it still the case that there remains some \$95m left unallocated? 2. Where are discussions at in regards to this program? 3. How many applications were received vs approved? 4. What further scope is there to ensure South Australian irrigators can access this program?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
91	4.1: WED	McKenzie	Restoring the Balance – water recovery	1. The MDBA website list the progress of water recovery under the Restoring the Balance in the Murray-Darling Basin program. These figures are reported on a catchment by catchment basis. Please provide a further break-down of water purchase for all irrigation districts contained within those catchments.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
92	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Small Block Irrigators Exit Program	1. When was the last grant under this program provided? 2. How many per year, covering what area of land, were provided? 3. What is the rationale for locking in the ‘swish cheese’ impact of these grants? 4. Have any exemptions to the ban on irrigation on these properties been provided?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
93	4.1: WED	Macdonald	Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program	1. How much funding has been allocated to date under the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure program? 2. How much of the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure funding was allocated in 2011/12? 3. Where was it allocated and on what? 4. How much funding under the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure program is earmarked for allocation in 2012/13? 5. Where will this funding be spent and on what? 6. How much of the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure funding has been provided to Northern Australian agriculture? In what locations? 7. How much Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure funding in total currently remains to be allocated?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
94	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program - expenditure	1. Please provide a breakdown of expenditure (incurred and committed) under the SRWUIP detailing expenditure on each project and categorised by projects in the Murray-Darling Basin returning water in the commonwealth, projects in the Murray-Darling Basin where water savings are retained in the region and projects, programs or other expenditures without a water-saving component within the Murray-Darling Basin. Please also detail the volume of water savings arising from each project. 2. How much do you expect to spend on non-water saving projects under SRWUIP? 3. How much will the federally funded study to examine how efficient SA irrigators can access infrastructure grants cost? Who is the federal Government paying to undertake	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				the study? From what program is this study being funded? When is the study due to report? Will the report be presented to the federal or state Government or both simultaneously? Will be released publicly? Will both the federal and state Governments have to provide consent for it to be released? How will the study be used?			
95	4.1: WED	Joyce and Heffernan	Restoring the Balance – value and class of water purchased	Senator JOYCE: What was the value of all the water in that survey—the value of the water you purchased? Ms Harwood: I would have to take that on notice in terms of adding up the entitlements of all the sellers, but it was a survey of over 500 sellers. Senator HEFFERNAN: If you take it on notice, could you also add the class of the water? Obviously your chief modeller does not know the difference of the classes and the impact. Ms Harwood: Yes.	25 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
96	4.1: WED	Joyce	SRWUIP – average cost of water per megalitre	Senator JOYCE: What has been the average cost per megalitre of the infrastructure water you have got thus far? Ms Harwood: I would have to take the precise figure on notice.	26 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
97	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Adelaide Desalination Plant – implementation plan	Senator BIRMINGHAM: If I look at the implementation plan for augmentation of the desal plant, it indicates that a milestone was expected to be reached by 1 May 2012 that involved a payment of \$53.2 million, which appears to be what one would describe as milestone 4, looking at the payment schedule. Are you aware of the implementation plan for the augmentation, which details five payments? Ms Harwood: I do not have the implementation plan with me, but the later milestones relate to the additional environmental water, with a framework to be negotiated between the South Australian government and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. That has yet to be finalised and a substantial payment is contingent on that being completed. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Perhaps just get us some information on that, please, Ms Harwood.	30 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
98	4.1: WED	Joyce	SRWUIP investments	Senator JOYCE: Is it under contract for amounts that will be part of the returning 600 gegalitres? Ms Harwood: Yes. About half of the 600 gegalitres is already under contract. Senator JOYCE: Of the \$5.8 billion—half of 3.6 is 1.8, so let us say 1.8 away from 5.8 is 4—are you saying that \$4 billion is going to get you back 600 gegalitres? Ms Harwood: I do not feel comfortable doing the maths on the run. I can give you the total investment in infrastructure projects and the yield from that, but I would like to take that on notice.	35 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
99	4.1: WED	Joyce	Irrigation Infrastructure works - cost	1. How much does water recovery from irrigation infrastructure works typically cost at the moment?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
100	4.1: WED	Joyce	Irrigation Infrastructure	1. What cost per megalitre does the MDBA or SEWPAC expect the 600 GL to come from at the moment?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
101	4.1: WED	Joyce	Adelaide Desalination Plant - usage	1. Will the South Australian Metro-Cap incorporate the ability of the SA Government to use the desal plant?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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102	4.1: WED	Joyce	Adelaide Desalination Plant – final project report	1. Has the Final Project Report for this project been completed? 2. Will the Final Project Report “evaluate the Project, including assessing the extent to which the objective has been achieved and explaining why any aspect were not achieved” as required by the implementation agreement?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
103	4.1: WED	Joyce	Setting of SDLs	1. What volume of water entitlements has been secured for the Murray-Darling, to go towards the sustainable diversion limit set by the basin plan, to date via infrastructure projects? 2. How much has been spent on infrastructure projects which have delivered or are expected to deliver water savings into the Murray-Darling to contribute towards the SDL set by the basin plan?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
104	4.1: WED	Joyce	SRWUIP – funded projects and programs	1. Can you please provide a breakdown of every project or program funded under the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure program? Please provide amounts that have been funded by financial year since the inception of the program and forecast amounts over the forward estimates for each program or project.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
105	4.1: WED	Joyce	Water buyback and efficiency in Queensland	1. What progress has been made on water buyback and water use efficiency (healthy headwaters) projects in Queensland? What money has been spent in Queensland to date?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
106	4.1: WED	Joyce	Targeted Water Purchase Initiative	1. How many of the 117 gigalitres from 375 applications for the Targeted Water Purchase Initiative in Southern Murray-Darling Basin were taken up? How many applicants were successful?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
107	4.1: WED	Joyce	Strategic Sub-System Reconfiguration	1. Has the Department finished guidelines for the Strategic Sub-System Reconfiguration program?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
108	4.1: WED	Joyce	On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program - tenders	1. Can you give an update on the tender process for the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program tenders for which closed on 26 July 2012. How much water has been recovered or is planned to be recovered under this program? What is the average cost per megalitre of the water recovered?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
109	4.1: WED	Joyce	Menindee Lakes	1. What is the status of negotiations between the government and the NSW government on works on Menindee Lakes? 2. How much water are works at Menindee expected to contribute towards the sustainable diversion limit set by the basin plan?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
110	4.1: WED	Ruston	Infrastructure improvements in the Murray-Darling Basin	1. The 2012-2013 Federal Budget included \$200 million over four years to identify water savings from infrastructure improvements in the Murray Darling Basin. Have any infrastructure projects been identified and when will they commence? 2. Will SEWPaC continue purchasing water entitlements while this investigation goes ahead?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
111	4.1: WED/Corporate: CSD	Macdonald	Water for the Future	1. How much funding in total has been allocated to date under the Water for the Future program? 2. How much of the Water for the Future funding was allocated in 2011/12? 3. Where and on what was this funding been spent? 4. How much of the Water for the Future funding is earmarked for allocation in 2012/13?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				5. Where and on what will this funding been spent? 6. How much Water for the Future funding in total currently remains to be allocated?			
112	4.1: WED	Bilyk	Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Program – Derwent Park, Hobart	Senator BILYK: I was after an update on how the stormwater harvesting and reuse program is going. I am specifically interested in any information on how the program in Derwent Park in Hobart is going. Ms Harwood: The Derwent Park project received a total of \$2.6 million in Australian government funding. The project will collect stormwater from the sites' stormwater detention facilities and then treat it in an existing water treatment plant designed to remove heavy metal contamination. The project will increase the water storage capacity at the zinc smelter and construct a reverse osmosis plant and water distribution infrastructure. The additional infrastructure will enable treated water to replace potable water usage at the location by up to 32 per cent. In summary it basically reduces potable water usage at the zinc smelter by up to 32 per cent and it reduces demand for potable water by over 800 megs a year. It reduces the impact of run-off from the site into the Derwent River. Senator BILYK: Can carbon offsets address the carbon impact of any of those projects? I am happy for you to take that on notice. Ms Harwood: Yes.	37 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
113	4.1: WRD	Birmingham	Funding for Lake Albert and the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth	1. What progress is being made in discussions with the South Australian Government regarding proposals to reduce salinity in Lake Albert? 2. In regards to the dredging of the Narrung Narrows are there further payments to the South Australian Government in addition to the \$300,000 already provided? 3. Has funding for a feasibility and environmental impact study into a connector between Lake Albert and the Coorong been agreed upon? 4. Has the South Australian Government submitted any proposals for funding to improve water quality in Lake Albert? 5. How much of the \$200 million designated for projects to restore the health of the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth has been spent? On what projects? How much was spent in 2011/12? How much is expected to be spent in 2012/13?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
114	4.1: WRD	Birmingham	Correspondence between the South Australian Premier and the Minister	1. Please provide a copy of the letter received by Minister Burke from Premier Weatherill mentioned in QoN 93 regarding the independence of the MDBA and any response or further correspondence on the matter.	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
115	4.1: WRD	Birmingham	Legal advice and budget	1. Has the Government received any advice specific to current or threatened legal challenges to the Water Act or Basin Plan? 2. How much is the Government budgeting to defend the Water Act and/or the Basin Plan in the high court?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
116	4.1: WRD	Birmingham	Water Act Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012	1. How does the Government expect to finance any increased SDL reduction? 2. Please indicate which stakeholders sought this adjustment? 3. Which stakeholders were consulted on the proposed legislative changes? 4. How were they consulted and when? 5. Will you do an estimate on the potential flood damage arising from increased frequency	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				and duration of moderate to major flood events before an adjustment is made? 6. Will compulsory private land acquisition or retirement be part of any bid to remove system constraints? 7. Will there be compensation for any resulting land devaluation caused by an adjustment? 8. Will there be compensation for profit downgrades associated with a farming business' inability to access part of its property due to increased inundation which may be caused by an adjustment? 9. Will you undertake an assessment on the impact of erosion of land arising from increased velocity, duration and elevated river flow levels in specific catchment regions before an adjustment is made? 10. Have you consulted with – or will you consult with – local shire councils and relevant industry associations in a bid to understand localised impacts before an adjustment is made?			
117	4.1: WRD	Birmingham	Water for the Future review	1. Was a 'Review' actually undertaken? 2. Precisely who undertook it? 3. What were the terms for the review? 4. When will it be released? 5. Was it provided to Cabinet? If so, when?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
118	4.1: WRD	Joyce	3,200 gegalitre scenario – water buybacks	Senator JOYCE: Can any upwater from the 2,750 come from adjustment mechanisms and water buybacks? (Page 36) Ms Harwood: The resources that we have available for the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program and the Restoring the Balance funds in totality—the task of those funds and those programs is to get us to recovery of the 2,750 that is in draft Basin Plan. The construct and the funding for the 450 that you have been discussing—the criteria and the legal machinery for that is what is in play at the moment. Senator JOYCE: I don't understand what that answer means. Does that mean you can get it from water buybacks or not? Ms Harwood: You are asking a very specific question about the additional water and I do not feel in a position to answer that. Senator JOYCE: So we do not know whether we can get it from water buybacks? Senator Conroy: We are happy to take it on notice. Senator JOYCE: It is such a simple question. Senator Conroy: We are just not all as smart as you, Senator Joyce, but we are happy to take that on notice and come back to you.	35-36 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
119	4.1: WRD	Waters	Ramsar wetlands – bird populations	Senator WATERS: Is that the same for bird populations? Are they steady or fluctuating along with water availability? Mr Slatyer: There is usually a pretty direct correlation, but we do not have specific details with us on bird numbers. Senator WATERS: Perhaps you could take that on notice. Mr Slatyer: In doing that, since it was such a broad question, could you be a little more	34 (16/10/12)	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				specific about what you are asking on notice? Senator WATERS: Yes. I am interested in the trends of bird populations in Ramsar wetlands—not every wetland or everything on the national inventory, just Ramsar listed sites—and whether those trends are steady, increasing or declining and whether it is solely related to rainfall or whether there are any other parameters that may be influencing the shape of those trajectories. Mr Slatyer: We will answer that with reference to the data that we can access on that particular matter.			
120	4.1: WRD	Joyce	Water Act Amendment Bill	1. What level of consultation did you have with State governments on the Water Act amendment Bill currently before the House? When did they first see a version of the Bill?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
121	4.1: WRD	Joyce	Water Act Amendment Bill	1. Have you received legal advice on whether protections against an adjustment worsening economic or social outcomes can be in the Water Act Amendment Bill currently before the House? If so, what was the nature of this advice, who prepared the advice, when was it received and how many pages did it amount to?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
122	5.1: HWD	Macdonald	Little Mulgrave National Park – funding for eradication of Yellow Crazy Ants	In answer to questions regarding Yellow Crazy Ant infestation in Little Mulgrave National Park the department has identified that this is a state responsibility. Prior to the recent Queensland election, however, the Commonwealth provided \$5.4 million in funding towards this problem. 1. Has the full \$5.4 million been allocated to the Crazy Ant problem? 2. What additional funding is the Commonwealth planning to provide to combat Yellow Crazy Ant infestations?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
123	5.1: HWD	Scullion	Indigenous Heritage Program	Please indicate whether the programs and measures listed below are still operating in 2012-13. If they are still operating, please provide by program/ measure the current allocation and expenditure year to date (please indicate in respect of any of these programs/measures if information has already been provided): 1. Indigenous Heritage Program	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
124	5.1: HWD	Ludlam	Australian Heritage Council's report - Dampier Archipelago	1. On what date was the Australian Heritage Council's report on the World Heritage values of the rock art of the Dampier Archipelago handed down to your department. 2. Will the Minister be making a formal response to Australian Heritage Council's (AHC) emergency assessment of the outstanding universal values of the Dampier Archipelago (including the Burrup Peninsula). 3. The Report found there is adequate existing research and data to justify that the heritage of the Dampier Archipelago meets the threshold of Outstanding Universal Value against World Heritage Criterion i - The Dampier Archipelago represents a masterpiece of human creative genius. What is the Ministers response to this? 4. The Report also found the Dampier Archipelago may also meet Criterion iii - The Dampier Archipelago bears a unique or at least exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilisation which is living, but that further work is required with Ngarda-Ngarli people to document the relationship between their beliefs and practices, and the images on the Dampier Archipelago. How will the Minister facilitate this work?	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13

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				The report listed four categories of potential threats to the heritage values of the Dampier Archipelago site exist, these being: - Industrial development; - Knowledge, management and engagement of the Ngarda-Ngarli people. - Secondary impacts from industrial development; and - Recreation, tourism and vandalism. - Of these four categories the first two present the highest risk threat to the heritage values. How is the Minister actively working to reduce those threats? - Please outline the nature and details of engagement with the WA government on the issue of World Heritage Listing of the Dampier Archipelago including the Burrup Peninsula, to date. - Please provide an update on any progress on a management plan between the WA Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC).			
125	5.1: HWD	Ludlam	Consideration of heritage projects for 2013	1. Is the Minister currently considering which world heritage projects he should undertake next year?	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
126	5.1: HWD	Ludlam	Heritage and Wildlife Division – budget	- How has the department been affected by the efficiency dividend. - In particular, please outline the number of staff, programs or line items that have been cut? - Please provide a history of funding to Heritage since 2000 to date, including FTEs, changes to the operating budget, and grants.	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
127	5.1: HWD	Rhiannon	Kangaroos – removal of data from department website	The Department of Environment website previously had publically available kangaroo survey data, and quota and take data across Australia from various dates ranging from 1975 to the present, however earlier this year the historical datasets from 1975 to 1998 were removed from the website. - Whose decision was it to remove the data, and was the data removed at the request, concern or recommendation of any kangaroo industry affiliated individuals, researchers, or government agencies? And if so, whom and what are the details? - On what date was the data removed from public access, and when was that data originally made available on the website? - The Acting Director of Wildlife Trade Assessments in DSEWPac advised a researcher who accesses and refers other investigators to the now removed data, that “earlier statistics were omitted because adding them would unnecessarily complicate the spreadsheet and web usage statistics showed that there were very few people accessing these older pages”. - By what process was it determined that researchers and the public found the data tables removed too complicated? - Given the complicated nature of, for example, ABS datacubes and spreadsheets, why are kangaroo researchers and interested investigators deemed as not capable of understanding the removed data which were presented in very clear and simple	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				tables? 4. Has the data been removed because the industry and government does not wish to make public that the government's own data shows severe historic decline in kangaroo populations and the actual numbers of species shot over the years? 5. In the interests of transparency and the importance of public knowledge and access to data, what is the process that would enable the removed data to be reinstalled on the website as excel spreadsheets – given the ease of converting tables into such databases and the little webspace a number of such clearly labelled spreadsheets would take up? 6. May I have a copy of the web usage statistics from 2002 until the time the data was removed from the website, regarding access to the national and state based “historical tables” (data) that have been removed. 7. Would the Minister agree the removal of the historical data now available misrepresents historical fact? 8. With the previous question in mind, the now available datasets on the website list a total of 803 whiptail wallabies being shot in Queensland from 2001 to 2003. However the removed data lists another 451,508 whiptail wallabies shot from 1975 to 1999. a. Please provide the population data for all macropods subject to shooting across Australia, for all years where data exists. b. Has the correlation between the numbers of whiptail wallabies shot in Queensland historically and the trendlines in population estimates over time been analysed? i. If not, why not given the potential seriousness of any declines, and the ease of calculating such basic scientific data? 9. In the pdf version of the datasets currently available on the department's website, now without its historical pre 2001 data, it is stated that “prior to 2008, a small number of whiptail wallabies were commercially harvested in Queensland but are not included in this table” (p13): please explain how the historical total of 451,508 shot from 1975 to 2001 represents a “small” number of animals shot? a. Would the Minister or department describe the 54,000 whiptail wallabies shot in 1979 alone as “small” compared to the data which remains on the website indicating 803 shot between 2001 to 2003? b. What was the process, and on whose advice was this strongly deceptive language used?			
128	5.1: HWD	Di Natale	Leadbeater's Possum recovery plan – public consultation and review	The Department's answer to this question also claimed that the Recovery Plan has completed a period of public consultation and has been reviewed by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee. 1. Please provide details of when, where and with whom public consultations occurred in this context, including who was consulted and over what period of time. 2. What date was the Plan shown to the Commonwealth Threatened Species Scientific Committee?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
129	5.1: HWD	Di Natale	Leadbeater's Possum recovery plan –	2012 Budget Estimates Question 120 to the Department asked what action was being undertaken in relation to the Commonwealth's Leadbeater's Possum recovery plan. The	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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			response to Budget Estimates question on notice 120	Department advised that The Commonwealth recovery plan for Leadbeater's possum is being revised. This answer appears to conflate the Victorian Action Statement under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act with the federal Recovery Plan under the EPBC Act. The Victorian Action Statement has been under revision for 3 years, since August 2009 but a revised version has not yet been completed or approved. It appears that the Commonwealth recovery plan is not in fact being revised independently of the Action Statement. 1. Did the Department's previous answer conflate the Victorian Action Statement under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act with the federal Recovery Plan under the EPBC Act? 2. Is the Department aware of whether the Commonwealth recovery plan is being revised independently of the Victorian Action Statement? If so, please provide details of this process, including particularly timelines, parties involved and details of any public consultations which have occurred or are planned. 3. Is there any difference between the proposed Victorian Action Statement under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act and the federal Recovery Plan as currently proposed? If yes what are these differences?			
130	5.1: HWD	Ludlam	National Heritage Strategy	1. Further to 95 submissions being received by 15 June 2012, please outline the expected timeline from here and when it is expected that the Strategy will be released. 2. What will a National Heritage Strategy mean in concrete terms for Australian heritage. 3. How will the successive cuts to the Heritage department impact on the ability for national oversight of any strategy.	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
131	5.1: HWD	Siewert	Obligate Seeding Proteaceae	1. What is the status of the assessment of the Obligate Seeding Proteaceae as a threatened ecological community & what are the plans for funding and resourcing the protection of this Threatened Ecological Community?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
132	5.1: HWD	Di Natale	Predator control in the Central Highlands	In 2012 Budget Estimates Question 120 to the Department, the Department advised that Recovery Actions under the current plan that are being implemented by the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment include \$1 million invested over four years for predator control in the central highlands. Please provide details of this program, specifically: 1. Can the Department provide any final, progress or interim reports, or any other documentation of this kind relating to this program? Are any such documents publicly available? 2. What predators were/are targeted by this program? In what geographic areas? 3. Was this program supported by any research into predation of Leadbeaters Possum specifically? What were the intended Outcomes of this Program? Was it designed specifically and solely to protect the Leadbeater's Possum? If the program was not specifically or solely targeted at protecting the Leadbeater's Possum, how many other species were intended to be protected by the program? 4. How was the program implemented? Which agency or agencies implemented it? 5. Please provide a breakdown as to how this \$1 million was spent. How much was spent	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				on staffing? 6. Is this funding now exhausted? If so when did funding conclude and have any other predation control programs taken its place?			
133	5.1: HWD	Rhiannon	Sustainability of kangaroo - harvesting	The federal government requires kangaroo management plans be developed before kangaroo products may be commercially exported and which must demonstrate the harvest of kangaroos is ecologically sustainable and does not have a detrimental impact either on the harvested species or their ecosystems. The government also states that the biology, population sizes and trends of the species are “carefully examined”: 1. Is the Minister aware that NSW survey data shows unrelenting downward trendlines for all species of large kangaroos from 1975 to current? 2. Is the Minister aware that the four large macropods have been nominated to the NSW Scientific Committee, based on these trends and a review of the population ecology and biology of these species? If not, why not given the commitment to “careful examination” of trends and biology of species? a. Will the Minister requesting review of those findings and the concerns expressed in that paper, given the issuing of export licenses is dependent on “careful examination” of trends and sustainability? b. Will the Minister ensure any such review is independent and not carried out by researchers who have been or are funded by the RIRDC or the KIAA, which have explicitly stated bias towards supplying research that only supports the commercial shooting of kangaroos? c. Will or has the Minister applied the precautionary principle in granting export licences for all macropods given the concerns in that nomination are relevant to all population estimates of kangaroos across Australia?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
134	5.1: HWD	Rhiannon	Sustainability of kangaroo - quotas	With reference to the government’s “careful examination” of the sustainability of commercial kangaroo shooting: 1. How is a 15 – 20% quota justified as sustainable when the population growth rate of kangaroos is biologically only 3 - 8%, and that in good seasons only? 2. How is the shooting of kangaroos during drought justified as sustainable when you have up to 25% adult mortality per annum and no juvenile recruitment leading up to a 35% population reduction pa? 3. With reference to the department’s website claim that since 2001 the percentage of the quota “used” has been averaging less than 65%, how does this correlate with actual counts of populations within each kangaroo management zone since 1975 or the earliest datasets for population estimates, quotas and takes (kangaroos actually shot). 4. In early 2012 the labelling of the quota data on the Dept Environment website was changed to “sustainable quota”. On what and whose advice was this label changed to include the word ‘sustainable’, and was this part of a marketing exercise given the government’s commitment to building overseas markets for kangaroo products?	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
135	5.1: HWD	Waters	Threatened species – threat abatement plan	1. For how many listed threatened species and ecological communities has a threat abatement plan been developed?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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			development	2. What has been the average time between listing of a threatened species or ecological community and the development of a recovery plan? 3. How are recovery plans actually implemented? Who is obliged to comply with them, who funds their implementation, what change have they affected for the predicament of the subject species or ecological community? 4. How often are recovery plans updated to take account of the best available science?			
136	5.1: HWD	Waters	Threatened species – Key Threatening Process nominations	1. How many nominations for KTPs have been submitted to the Department since 2007? For each please detail: a. When was the nomination received? b. Was it listed? If so, when? c. If not, on what grounds was the nomination not supported? d. If not listed due to lack of adequate information, what steps has the Department taken to get adequate information to allow assessment in future?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
137	5.1: HWD	Waters	Threatened species – nominations	1. How many nominations for threatened species and ecological communities have been submitted to the Department since 2007? For each please detail: a. When was the nomination received? b. How far did the nomination progress? (PPAL/ FPAL) c. Was it listed? If so, when? d. If not, on what grounds was the nomination not supported/ not proceed for full assessment? e. If not listed due to lack of adequate information, what steps has the Department taken to get adequate information to allow assessment in future?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
138	5.1: HWD	Waters	Threatened species – staffing and budget	1. Provide the budget for and number of staff (equivalent) working on assessment of KTP nominations. 2. Provide the budget for and numbers of staff (equivalent) working on assessment of threatened species and ecological communities nominations. 3. Provide the budget for and number of staff (equivalent) working preparing or reviewing or revising recovery plans. 4. Provide the budget for and number of staff (equivalent) working preparing or reviewing or revising threat abatement plans. 5. Provide the budget for implementing recovery plans (or amount spent on recovery plans as part of caring for country funding).	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
139	5.1: HWD	Waters	Threatened species recovery plans	1. Please identify all threatened species or ecological communities listed under the EPBC Act that have been upgraded (ie to a lower protection level) or delisted due to the successful implementation of a recovery plan under the EPBC Act? [Note: this is not to include those changed due to better information about a species' status.] 2. How many key threatening processes now have a reduced impact on Australia's biodiversity due to successful implementation of a threat abatement plan under the EPBC Act? If any, which ones? Identify documents that evidence the reduced impact. 3. Have any audits of threat abatement plans been undertaken, what were their findings?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
140	5.1: HWD	Ludlam	World Heritage listing	1. Is the Minister considering placing the Dampier Archipelago/Burrup Peninsula on the	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13

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			- Dampier Archipelago/Burrup	Tentative list? If not, why not. 2. Is the Minister aware that the Aboriginal custodians of the Burrup, represented by the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation, voted unanimously for World Heritage listing earlier this year.			
141	5.1: HWD	Ludlam	World Monuments	1. What's the Minister or Department's response to the fact that the Burrup has been included three times on the World Monuments Fund's list of 100 most Endangered Sites and has attracted much international anxiety over the years about its shocking neglect? 2. There are seven areas of land on the Burrup still zoned for potential industrial development. 3. What action is or will the Department undertake to make sure any further approvals are rigorously scrutinised to ensure that no further damage is done to rock art? 4. How can it be that industries which only last 20-25 years are allowed to do such irreparable harm to ancient, possibly as long as 30,000 year old record of human development, potentially the oldest on the planet? 5. Is the Minister aware that the WA government is currently considering the building of a sealed road up to the northern part of the Burrup, through National Heritage protected land rich in rock art?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
142	5.1: HWD	Birmingham	Timelines for the completion of heritage assessments	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Are there timelines set against those priorities for the completion of assessments? Ms Stone: When an assessment goes onto the finalised priority assessment list an initial timeframe for completion is set and we are able to extend that time line accordingly. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Perhaps you can give us on notice, as presumably it is an extract from the business plan, the list of priorities and the timelines that relate to them and any variations that have been made to those timelines. Ms Stone: We can provide that.	7 (16/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
143	5.1: HWD	Birmingham	Melbourne Royal Exhibition Building – funding agreement	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Does the museum have an obligation to report anything back to the department, or do you simply have a right to look at a monitoring program? Ms Stone: I would need to take those exact details on notice.	8 (16/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
144	5.1: HWD	Waters	UNESCO Monitoring Mission report	Senator WATERS: ...Perhaps you could take on notice the specific answer to that question of whether the government agrees with UNESCO that those particular areas north of Gladstone are existing major port areas or not. My interest is in establishing whether the government agrees with that assessment.	10 (16/10/12)	15/01/13	07/02/13
145	5.2: EACD	Siewert	Whales – James Price Point	Senator SIEWERT: ...The ongoing use of the area offshore from James Price Point and the nursery off there. Have you done any monitoring recently about the use of that area by whales or provided any advice to the assessment process for James Price Point development? Ms Petrachenko: I am going to have to take that one on notice and check with our scientific group. Senator SIEWERT: Okay. Have you reviewed the environmental impact assessment document that Woodside have produced? Did you do a review of that document? If you did, have you provided advice to the assessment—	111-112 (15/10/12)	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				Ms Petrachenko: I can answer generally, and I will have to take on notice the specifics of the case...you have mentioned.			
146	5.2: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point T3 Approval	1. Money allocated to GBRMPA as conditions of approval for T3 terminal and was described at Senate Estimates by GBRMPA Chair Russell Reichelt as a part of the Government's offset policy. Is this correct? 2. What specific harms or impacts are these monies designed to offset? 3. According to the Government's offset policy, offsets must be "informed by scientifically robust information". What scientific information was the basis for the seagrass offset condition in the T3 approval? 4. How will the programs to which these monies have been allocated improve the environment as per the Government's offset policy? 5. According to the Government offset policy, "The Government will not consider offsets unless the intended measures to avoid and mitigate the anticipated impacts are presented at the same time, or good reasons are provided as to why avoidance or mitigation of impacts is not reasonably achievable." Please provide the reasons why avoidance and mitigation of impacts was not reasonably achievable for all offsets that are part of the T3 approval. 6. Please provide details of all bird surveys undertaken and bird survey reports prepared as part of the Cumulative Impact Assessment, including a. What was covered by each survey/ survey report? b. When did the Department receive copies of each survey/ survey report? 7. Do you consider the assessment of the impact of T3 on migratory and threatened birds in the Preliminary Documentation provided by Hancock Coal to be consistent with the results of the surveys of migratory and threatened birds undertaken for the Abbot Point Cumulative Impact Assessment? Please provide reasoning. 8. If the Department acknowledges that the two reports contains results and conclusions that are inconsistent, then how did the Department characterise and resolve these inconsistencies in its recommendations to the Minister?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
147	5.2: EACD	Siewert	Bremer canyon	With respect to the marine ecosystem in the Bremer Canyon sub-Basin of the Coast of Fitzgerald River National Park, particularly the hydrocarbon vent which is linked to a mineral-rich up-welling and a significant pod of Orcas; 1. Is the Department aware of the community concerns that depressurisation of the hydrocarbon reserve as a result of oil or gas extraction will permanently destroy this remarkable phenomena and the associated ecosystem? 2. Has the Department undertaken any research into the Bremer Bay sub-basin or does the Department have access to any research on this issue? 3. Has the Department been contacted by anyone about this issue, and how has that contact been handled? 4. Will the Department be undertaking or commissioning any research on this area? 5. Will the Department take steps to prevent any further oil and gas exploration, including the seismic surveying planned by Arcadia petroleum for this area, until research is	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				undertaken?			
148	5.2: EACD	Waters	EPBC Referrals-staffing	1. Please provide the budget for and number of staff working on administering and assessing referrals under the EPBC Act	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
149	5.2: EACD	Waters	FTE - EPBC assessment and approvals area	1. How many FTE (full time equivalent) staff currently work in EPBC assessment and approvals areas? Is this more or less than 12 and 24 months ago?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
150	5.2: EACD	Waters	Galilee Basin - Climate emissions	1. In its September 2012 report into the climate emissions from the Galilee Basin, Greenpeace calculated that total life cycle emissions emissions if all the coal mines in the Galilee Basin produced to maximum capacity would be 705 m tonnes of CO2. 2. Has the Department examined this figure and claim? 3. Does the Department's analysis support that of Greenpeace? 4. Has the Department prepared any documents on this issue? (please identify) 5. How many meetings were held between the Minister and/ or the Department and mining industry or mining company representatives following the announcement that a Strategic Assessment would be prepared for the Great Barrier Reef? Provide details of: a. when meetings were held b. Who attended c. Issues discussed d. Any documents tabled e. Any actions agreed to be taken by the Department 6. How many meetings were held between the Department and environmental NGOs regarding the same issue and over the same period?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
151	5.2: EACD	Waters	Gladstone dredging and turbidity	1. The dates for the wet and dry seasons for the purposes of the Western Basin Dredging Project (WBDP) approval arrangements were changed on 31 October 2011 by the Queensland Government. What effect do these changes have on turbidity measurements and exceedances for the WBDP? 2. Was the Department consulted before those changes occurred? 3. Is the Department aware that the dry season/wet season dates were changed at the request of the Dredge Technical Reference Panel? 4. What was the basis for the request for a change in dates? 5. What are the current Federal turbidity standard/limits for a) the dry season b) the wet season? 6. Are these standards/limits the same as those imposed by the Queensland Government? 7. On how many occasions since commencement of dredging in October 2010 until now have turbidity levels at each of the monitoring sites exceeded the 99th percentile? Please provide details of dates and time periods and turbidity levels for each exceedence. 8. On how many occasions since commencement of dredging in October 2010 have turbidity levels at each of the monitoring sites exceeded the 99th percentile for a period of 48 hours or more? Please provide details of dates and time periods and turbidity levels for each exceedence. 9. Please describe all response and management actions taken in response to each of these	Written`	15/01/13	07/02/13

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				exceedances by the Department, and the proponent. 10. What studies or research is currently being done by the federal government, the Queensland government or the proponents regarding fish disease and deaths in Gladstone Harbour? 11. What studies or reports into fish disease or kills have been completed since July 2012? 12. The Western Basin Dredge Management Plan identifies a request to permit amendment to the authority (Sea Dumping Permit) to dispose of dredge material at sea (p2). Were these amendments sought by the Gladstone Ports Corporation granted by the Department? 13. Please provide details of the original and current (as amended) permit: - Amount of spoil - Location of disposal sites - Conditions of the permit 14. Does the amended permit now allow offshore disposal of material previously designated for onshore disposal? 15. If yes to 14, under the Sea Dumping Act what are the reasons the Department permitted offshore dumping of material previously deemed viable to dispose of onshore? 16. Please describe the basis for these amendments and whether these amendments were sought on the basis that disposal onshore was no longer viable? 17. What is the status of the proposed 2nd shipping channel in Gladstone Harbour?			
152	5.2: EACD	Waters	Great Barrier Reef Strategic Assessment	1. According to document 1 in SEWPAC FOI release 040312, DRET was “working with companies and SEWPAC to mitigate the potential impact of the Strategic Assessment process on development”. What potential impacts were identified by DRET as requiring mitigation? 2. DRET met with SEWPAC regarding the Strategic Assessment on 24 January 2012 and 9 February 2012. Did any representatives of industry attend that meeting? If so, who? 3. Did the Minister attend those meetings? 4. Did any Departmental officials take notes at that meeting? 5. What representations regarding the Strategic Assessment were made by RET at those meetings? 6. What agreements were reached at those meetings? 7. What action points were agreed at those meetings? 8. What documents were tabled or distributed at those meetings?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
153	5.2: EACD	Edwards	Olympic Dam expansion – provision of advice	1. With reference to Question on Notice 7 (Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio May Budget Estimates 2012, Outcome Number: Cross, Topic: EPBC Act, Hansard Page: 28/05/2012 – CA25), what advice did FAHCSIA provide SEWPAC on the Olympic Dam expansion? 2. If this advice cannot be made available, why?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
154	5.2: EACD	Waters	Port Alma	1. The UNESCO reactive monitoring mission made it clear in their June report to the WHC, that they do not consider Port Alma and the North of Curtis Island to be part of any “existing or long-established major port area within or adjoining the property”.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				Please list all ports the Department considers to be "existing or long-established major port area within or adjoining the property". 2. Please advise the criteria used to determine the answer to (1).			
155	5.2: EACD	Waters	Threatened species – investigations and approvals	1. Provide the budget for investigations and enforcement of environmental conditions on environmental approvals. 2. What is the number of staff working on investigations and enforcement of environmental conditions on environmental approvals? How has staffing levels in investigations and enforcement changed over the last 5 years? 3. How many days/ year are spent on site visits by staff in compliance and enforcement, or consultants paid by the Department? 4. How many alleged, potential or actual breaches have been reported to the department in the last five years? Specify whether these have been reported either by the public, by proponents, or picked up through Departmental monitoring activities? 5. How many alleged, potential or actual breaches have been investigated? 6. How many have resulted in compliance proceedings (fines, prosecutions, remediation etc)?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
156	5.2: EACD	Ludlam	Yara Pilbara's compliance with EPBC	1. How closely has the Department been monitoring Yara Pilbara's compliance with EPBC conditions for their new ammonium nitrate plant (Burrup Nitrates Pty Ltd) on the Burrup? 2. There is currently no independent monitoring system in place to measure the toxic emissions from plants such as Burrup Fertilisers, the N-W Shelf Joint Ventures, Woodside's Pluto plant and the pending Burrup Nitrates plant. What action will the Minister take to speed up the process of re-instating the monitoring program. 3. Can the Minister provide a response to the Assessment Report prepared by the Western Australian EPA on the Yara Pilbara ammonium nitrate plant which concluded emissions from the proposed plant were 'unlikely to have a significant impact on the rock art'. 4. Is the Minister aware the Assessment report is under dispute by the organisation Friends of Australian Rock Art (FARA) because, among other reasons, the air monitoring stations operated for just four years and were disbanded in 2010, and monitoring was done during periods when Burrup Fertilisers was non-operational. 5. Burrup Nitrates recently applied for a Section 18 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act. Can the Minister outline whether this will involve the removal / destruction of any Aboriginal rock art protected under National Heritage listing.		07/02/13	28/02/13
157	5.2: EACD	Siewert	EPBC Act – sea dumping	Senator SIEWERT: ...What happens to them afterwards? Mr Cochrane: They are taken off to the deeper ocean and sunk. Senator SIEWERT: Is a permit required for that? Mr Cochrane: That is EPBC Act sea dumping matter. It is not something I am responsible for. Senator SIEWERT: Okay. I doubt I am going to get a chance to ask all my questions in that particular section. Could I ask that they be taken on notice. Mr Grimes: Certainly, Senator. We can confirm whether there were sea dumping permits	99-100 (15/10/12)	15/01/13	07/02/13

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				there or not. Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. Supplementary to that, are they all inspected and stripped of diesel and things like that before they are scuttled? (Page 100) Dr Grimes: We would have to take those details on notice. We are happy to do so.			
158	5.2: EACD	Waters	EPBC Act – regulatory burden under approvals bilaterals	Senator WATERS: ...My question is: what evidence is there that there is a regulatory burden at all on industry in relation to the EPBC Act that would justify surrendering those powers under an approvals bilateral? Dr Dripps: I would appreciate the opportunity to take that question on notice. ... Senator WATERS: Perhaps you could take on notice whether the department or the government is doing any of that work to assess whether there is in fact a regulatory burden. That would be great.	18 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
159	5.2: EACD	Waters	Offset policy – seagrass beds	1. During October Estimates hearings, the Chair of the GBRMPA identified the monies to be paid to GBRMPA as conditions of approval of the GVK mine as part of the Government's offset policy. According to the Government's offset policy, offsets must be "informed by scientifically robust information". What scientific information was the basis for the seagrass offset condition in the T3 approval? 2. Please describe how this satisfies the Government offset policy in light of the fact that seagrass beds within the GBRWHA are already nominally protected by virtue of their location within a World Heritage Area? 3. Please describe how the biodiversity offsets will satisfy the Government offset policy in light of existing protections for biodiversity in the GBRWHA?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
160	5.2: RRT	Waters	COAG communiqué – reducing red tape	The COAG communiqué in April 2012 agreed to a series of steps designed to reduce the regulatory burden on industry. Best practice according to COAG begins by "establishing a case for action before addressing a problem." 1. Please summarise the available evidence demonstrating: a. There are unnecessary and duplicative environmental regulations imposed on industry; b. These regulatory burdens do not provide any environmental outcomes; c. These regulatory burdens impose additional costs on industry; d. Which environmental regulations have been identified as 'cumbersome' and what criteria is used for identifying cumbersomeness; 2. Identify the justification for streamlining major developments by identifying: a. The delays to major projects caused as a result of failure by the Government to meet regulatory deadline b. Identify the costs to industry associated with those delays. 3. Identify the criteria that will be used to identify 'low risk, low impact developments' 4. What is considered to constitute an 'improved assessment processes'? 5. Identify data or studies that demonstrate that assessment processes are in need of improvement and the types of 'improvements' that are needed.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				6. When did the Department first receive a copy of the Business Council of Australia's discussion paper for the COAG Business Advisory Forum in April 2012? 7. Did the Department undertake any analysis of the claims in this paper prior to the Business Advisory Forum on 12 April 2012? 8. Has the Department undertaken any analysis of the claims in this paper at any stage since receiving this document? If yes, please outline the findings of this analysis			
161	5.2: SSD	Ludlam	Response to 2003 Senate Committee Report	Senator LUDLAM: ...Can I ask you to take notice any specifics you can provide, listed by recommendation, that your office is involved with or has been involved with since that report was tabled? For some context, it is my belief that that report has been almost entirely disregarded, that those recommendations have not been taken up at all by anybody. If you have a different view, could you provide us—I will put this to the minister in a moment because I recognise some of these are not in your domain—with any evidence at all from the OSS's point of view that any of those recommendations have been taken up? Mr Hughes: Did you have any specific recommendations that you would like to discuss? Senator LUDLAM: All of the recommendations in that report that relate to Kakadu. It was a comprehensive piece of work. Mr Hughes: We will need to take that on notice. ... (Page 12) Senator LUDLAM: Understood. Good morning, Minister. Some of this is out of Mr Hughes's bailiwick. Concerning the 2003 recommendations of the Senate environment committee inquiry into uranium mining in Australia, can I get a reading from the environment minister, through you, as to which of those recommendations have been disregarded and which were acted upon in the nine years since the report was tabled? Senator Conroy: I am happy to chase up to see what the government's response was and then where our government response is. I am happy to take that on notice for you, Senator Ludlam.	11-12 (16/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
162	6.1: CEWO	McKenzie	Location and volumes of environmental entitlements	1. Could you provide the committee with the location and volumes of the 'Bridging the Gap' and other environmental entitlements held throughout the Murray Darling Basin?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
163	6.1: CEWO	Joyce	Environmental Watering	1. Over what timeframe does the Federal Government propose to address the issues relating to a plan for implementing environmental flows and to compensate any landowners or any other affected parties as a result of that plan?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
164	6.1: CEWO	Joyce	Environmental Watering	1. What are the compensation mechanisms to address immediate and short business impacts that will continue subject to final decisions on how environmental flows are to be managed within known system constraints?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
165	6.1: CEWO	McKenzie	Carryover water	In reference to QON #155, in 2010-2011 65 GL of water was carried over, 2011-2012 331 GL and it is expected that in 2012-2013 615 GL will be carryover. 1. Given that Eildon has lost water from its spillable water account, is your carryover estimate of 615 GL for the 2012-2013 year still valid?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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166	6.1: CEWO	McKenzie	CEWH – water entitlements	The CEWO now owns water entitlement with the same characteristics as irrigator's water. 1. Is this water subject to the National Metering Standards for non-urban supply? 2. Could you list the all the metering points for delivering environmental water and list their in situ field accuracy? 3. Page 10 of the "WATER AUDIT MONITORING REPORT 2008–09" calculates that the basin wide error in water diversions is $\pm 10\%$. Is it a fair thing to say that "On average irrigators are meeting the requirements of the National Metering Standard with the delivery of their water share but the environmental own water share is not"? Explain. 4. Could you calculate the potential gain or loss of water in GL due to meter/measuring error applied to:- a. The CEWO water entitlements b. Irrigators entitlements for each state c. for the year 2010-2012?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
167	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	Charges incurred for water licenses	1. Please detail water charges incurred by the CEWO for water licences or storage held in 2011-12 and an estimate for charges likely to be incurred in 2012-13. Please breakdown by state and entitlement type.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
168	6.1: CEWO	Ruston	Commonwealth Environment Water – Basin watering strategy	1. What's the CEWH environmental watering strategy for all Basin catchments – that is, how are they going to apply environmental water to environmental assets in each valley?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
169	6.1: CEWO	Ruston	Commonwealth Environment Water – water market	1. CEWH is now entering temporary water market, in direct competition with private diverters. What steps are being taken to ensure CEWH's intervention in the water market is not distorting and putting up the price of water? Is there any evidence of price distortion in the market?	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
170	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	Commonwealth Environmental Water – banking of entitlements	1. In reference to QoN 157, Is there a 1 st in 1 st serve approach to caps on storage or do all get equal billing?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
171	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	Commonwealth Environmental Water – Gwydir catchment	1. What proportion of environmental water was used in the Gwydir? How much water is currently held? What limit is there on carryover water in this catchment? What plans does the CEWO have to use environmental water in the Gwydir this year? What environmental needs will this address? How would another wet year affect the CEWO's ability to use this water? Is this water in danger of spilling?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
172	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	Commonwealth Environmental Water – Lower Lakes	1. During 2011-12 how much environmental water was used in the Lower Lakes and Coorong? How much are you planning on using in 2012-13?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
173	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	Commonwealth Environmental Water – sites and purpose of allocation	1. On what sites and for what purpose has environmental water allocated this year been used?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
174	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	Commonwealth Environmental Water –	1. How much Environmental water flowed into South Australia during 2011/12? How much is expected to flow into SA during 2012/13?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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			South Australia	2. What were total flows on environmental water over the barrages? What is this as a % of water flowing through the barrages? 3. What were the tangible benefits to the lower lakes of this environmental water?			
175	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	Commonwealth Environmental Water - trading	1. Will the CEWH consider selling excess water to farmers this year? If not, under what conditions would water be sold? 2. What capacity does the CEWO have to engage in water trading? When can you buy? When can't you? When can you sell? When can't you? 3. Isn't it to your detriment if you can't top up? Wouldn't it better to sell water rather than let it spill? 4. In reference QoN 257 where that trading opportunities may involve selling in one area and buying in another – can you explain how potential impacts on irrigators will be considered?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
176	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	Commonwealth Environmental Water – usage and carry over	1. How is water being used this year? On what sites? How much do you expect will be carried over? What is the maximum that could be carried over? 2. What proportion of environmental water held in each catchment was used in 2011-12? 3. These last few years have been wet years – how wet would you classify them - In the top 5% of years? In average years, say 40-60%, how much do you estimate would be carried over?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
177	6.1: CEWO	McKenzie	Cost of ownership of water	1. Based on last year's Commonwealth Environment Water Holdings (2011), please provide for each individual irrigation district the cost of ownership of that water? That is, all tariffs and fees paid by the Commonwealth for holding this water and excluding the cost of delivery.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
178	6.1: CEWO	McKenzie	Total Commonwealth Environmental Water held in storages	Currently, what is the volume of water held by the CEWH that is not stored in dams or storages? (i.e. diversion water) 1. What is average price per mega litre paid for this water? 2. Is this water used in any way or does it just add to the run of rivers and streams? 3. Does the CEWH intend to purchase any more diversion water? If so how much?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
179	6.1: CEWO	McKenzie	Total cost of allocating water	1. What is the total cost to the Commonwealth of delivering the water held by the CEWH in the 2011 year? Also cite the total amount of CEW used or delivered in this period in GL. If possible also break down this cost to costs associated with each of the Basin States.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
180	6.1: CEWO	McKenzie	Volume of main public storages in the Murray-Darling Basin	During the May Senate Estimates, the CEWO reported: “the volume of the main public storages in the Murray-Darling Basin is 22,214 gegalitres”. 1. What is the long term average annual yield of these storages? 2. What is the long term average annual irrigation diversion for these storages? 3. What is the long term average annual diversion for entitlements other than irrigation for these storages? 4. What is the current total environmental entitlement (in LTCE, State and Commonwealth holdings) for these storages? 5. What would you estimate the total environmental entitlement (in LTCE, State and	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13

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				Commonwealth holdings) for these storages to be if the 2750 gigalitres of water was sourced entirely through water buybacks? 6. What is the current total urban entitlement (in LTCE, State and Commonwealth holdings) for these storages?			
181	6.1: CEWO	Joyce	CEWO – water-use option documents	Senator JOYCE: Multiple sites. So how many sites do those 10 documents encompass? Mr Parker: We would have to take that precise question on notice.	41 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
182	6.1: CEWO	Joyce	Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder - allocations	1. How much water that was allocated in 2011-12 was carried over into the 2012-13 year? 2. Did the government have any water allocated in 2011-12 that could not be carried over?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
183	6.1: CEWO	Joyce	Commonwealth Environmental Water Holdings	1. For the Commonwealth's environmental water holdings, could you please list the amount of water allocated, the carryover water and the amount of water delivered for 2011-12? 2. For the Commonwealth's environmental water holdings, could you please list the amount of water allocated, the carryover water and the amount of water delivered for 2012-13 (year to date)?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
184	Corporate: CSD	Waters	DSEWPaC consultancies	1. Have any changes been made to consultancies or other external services contracted/ purchased by the Department to reduce expenditure in this financial year? If so, what changes? What are the impacts for program delivery?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
185	Corporate: CSD	Waters	DSEWPaC - grants program	1. Have any changes been made to grants programs to reduce expenditure in this financial year? If so, what changes? What are the impacts?	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
186	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	DSEWPaC – efficiency dividend	1. What was the efficiency dividend allocated to, or required of, the Department in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 2. Identify how the efficiency dividend has been achieved 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 3. If it was not evenly applied, what cost centres were particularly targeted, and what cost centres were deliberately spared, or only lightly affected, and why? 4. In future years, how will any required efficiency dividend be achieved 5. If it is not to be evenly applied, what cost centres will likely be particularly targeted, and what cost centres will likely be spared, or only lightly affected, and why?	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
187	Corporate: CSD	McKenzie	DSEWPaC – electricity consumption	1. For the financial year 2011-2012, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume? What was the total cost? a. What does this cost work out to per employee? b. What increases in electricity costs has the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax? c. Given the department did not anticipate any significant cost increases associated with the carbon tax, how has this impacted the department? d. How has this changed the Department's spending pattern? What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs? 2. In reference to QON #188, what has the reduction in the department's electricity	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13

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				consumption been since the implementation of the carbon tax? a. Has the Department or is it planning to change its arrangements to reduce carbon emissions in any way with the advent of the carbon tax? b. What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had?			
188	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	DSEWPac – Government payment of accounts	1. What accountability and liability does the Department have for ensuring Government payment of accounts and interest on overdue accounts? 2. How is the interest rate determined and how much is paid on a monthly basis for the financial year 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
189	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	DSEWPac – lease arrangements	1. How many Department-owned premises are partly or wholly leased out to other users 2. What type business is leasing the office space and where is the office space located 3. In each case of leasing, identify the floor space in square metres being leased out. 4. What is the rental paid for each office space per square metre 5. Who is responsible for establishing the rental costs 6. Who manages the leasing arrangements and what are the related leasing management costs 7. Are any of these leased office spaces not earning a return 8. In each case, how much is being forgone per month/year and why 9. In each case, when is a lease expected to resume 10. If not, what type of business sub leases from the Department and what was the total annual leasing revenue per square metre 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date. 11. What financial penalties do lessees incur for breaking lease conditions of occupancy with the Department	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
190	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	DSEWPac – utilisation of office space	1. How many of the Department-owned offices are solely used by the Department and where are they located 2. Identify the locations of Department-owned offices currently used by the Department which are not being fully utilised 3. Identify the per square metres of these offices and advise why the space is not being fully utilised? 4. When will the area be fully utilised? 5. Identify the locations of Department-owned offices which are permanently unutilised? 6. Identify the per square metres of these offices and advise why the space is permanently unutilised 7. What is this unutilised space costing the Department per square metre 8. Identify proposals to return the space to commercial use	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
191	Corporate: CSD	Waters	DSEWPac – recruitment freeze	1. In hearings, the Departmental Secretary indicated that there is currently a freeze on hiring staff in the Department. Please advise: a. whether this freeze is across the Department? b. How long has it been in place and when it will be lifted? c. how many unfilled vacancies are currently in the Department due to this freeze? d. which program areas current vacancies are in and what are the anticipated impacts	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13

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				on program delivery?			
192	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Minister's and Parliamentary Secretary's offices – mobile devices	1. How many mobile devices are provided to the Minister's office and the office of the Parliamentary Secretary 2. What types of mobile devices are provided to these offices 3. What was the total cost of this equipment in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 4. What was the total usage cost in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 5. Who in these offices is entitled to mobile devices 6. Identify the limits on the type of use and monthly spend 7. Who in the these offices has accountability for monitoring the use of these devices by individual staff members	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
193	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – 2013 graduate training budget	1. How much is estimated to be spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Please provide details of what training is to be provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
194	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide – air travel	1. Provide the total spent by the Department/Group/Agency on all air travel for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date. 2. Identify the total number of domestic and international flights for 2011-2012 and 2012-2103 to date. 3. For domestic air travel, identify: a. the number of flights are budgeted for b. the average cost per flight c. First class travel – number of flights and average cost per flight d. Business class travel – number of flights and average cost per flight e. Economy class travel – number of flights and average cost per flight 4. For international air travel, identify: a. the number of flights budgeted for b. the average cost per flight c. First class travel – number of flights and average cost per flight d. Business class travel – number of flights and average cost per flight e. Economy class travel – number of flights and average cost per flight 5. What are the key purposes and destinations for the international flights 6. What level of staff generally undertakes these flights, and in what class 7. What are the guidelines to ensure correct flight entitlements are observed	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
195	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide – building maintenance	1. Identify the type and cost of maintenance required on each building owned by the Department/Group/Agency buildings for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 2. What formal agreements does the Department have with maintenance providers and what are the contractual costs 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
196	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide – cabcharge cards	1. What is the total expenditure for Department/Group/Agency cabcharge cards 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 2. Identify the level and numbers of staff with entitlement to use Departmental cabcharge cards 3. What is the spending limit for a cabcharge card at any one time	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				4. How many instances of misuse have been identified and how were these resolved in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 5. What are the guidelines for using Department cabcharge cards 6. What level of officer in the Department/Group/Agency is responsible for monitoring and enforcing correct and appropriate usage of cabs, updating guidelines and monitoring spending limits			
197	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – coffee machines	1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, please provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. 2. Why were coffee machines purchased? 3. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? 4. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in 2011-12 and how much this financial year to date? Please include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
198	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - consultancies	1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies. 2. 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. 3. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2011-12? 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
199	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – contractors 2011-12	For 2011-12: 1. 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). 2. 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). 3. 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). 4. 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).	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				5. 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). 6. 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). 7. 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). 8. 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). 9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).			
200	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – contractors financial year to date	For this financial year to date: 1. 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). 2. 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). 3. 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). 4. 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). 5. 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). 6. 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). 7. 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). 8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).			
201	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – corporate cars	1. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012): a. How cars are owned by each department/agency? b. Where is the car/s located? c. What is the car/s used for? d. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? e. How far did each car travel this financial year to date? 2. For 2011-12: a. How cars are owned by each department/agency? b. Where is the car/s located? c. What is the car/s used for? d. What was the cost of each car? e. How far did each car travel?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
202	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – credit cards	1. Please provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 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? Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 3. For 2011-12 how many instances of corporate credit card misuse were there? Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
203	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide – credit cards	1. Identify the level and numbers of staff in the Department/Group/Agency with entitlement to use corporate credit cards 2. What is the level of the staff member who allocates these cards 3. What are the guidelines for using corporate credit cards 4. What are the card spending limits for each card 5. What level of officer in the Department/Group/Agency is responsible for monitoring and enforcing correct and appropriate card usage, updating the usage guidelines and monitoring spending limits 6. How many instances of misuse have been identified and how have these been resolved in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 7. What measures are in place to prevent misuse	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
204	Corporate:	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide –	1. Has there been a change since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) to the	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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	CSD		education expenses	department/agency's guidelines on study? If yes, please provide details.			
205	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – education expenses FYTD	1. For this financial year to date, please detail all education expenses (i.e. in-house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Please 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). Please also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
206	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – education expenses 2011-12	1. For 2011-12, please detail all education expenses (i.e. in-house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Please 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). Please also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
207	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – efficiencies in the operations of the Australian Public Service	1. Please detail how the department/agency will achieve savings over the forward estimates through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (with reference to the media release issued by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State on 25 September 2012: http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html). In addition, please provide the following detail: 2. How will reductions in air travel spending be achieved? What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 3. What restrictions will be implemented for business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 4. How will the use of external consultants and contractors be reduced? How will this impact on the department/agency? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 5. How will the department/agency manage moving recruitment advertising online? Will all future recruitment advertisement be online only? If not, please explain why. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 6. How will printing costs be reduced? Please explain if and how the department/agency will reduce its printing costs by five per cent or, if it will not, why not? How will it be determined what documents will no longer be printed? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
208	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – electricity purchasing agreement	1. Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012). a. What were the department/agency's actual electricity costs for 2011-12, and what are the budgeted costs for 2012-13? b. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
209	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – executive coaching and leadership training	1. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12: a. Total spending on these services	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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			2011-12	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 (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. The names of all service providers engaged 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide: i. The name and nature of the service purchased ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification) v. The total amount spent on the service vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. 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			
210	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide – expenditure on services	1. What was the total expenditure for the Department/Group/Agency for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date for: a. Consultancies/outourcing b. Information technology c. Computing/upgrading/training/ongoing advice and support d. Accounting and auditing e. Legal advice f. Advertising g. Preparation and printing of department publications h. Public relations and program launches 2. Provide the program expenditure breakdown for each 3. Provide the expenditure breakdown, including administration and departmental costs, for cross-portfolio programs	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
211	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide – future office accommodation	1. Will additional office accommodation be purchased/leased this financial year? If so, why will it be purchased/leased and at what location 2. In each case identify: a. the total floor space is being acquired, and what is the budgeted cost per square metre and in total b. how many additional staff will be required	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				c. the total budgeted cost for staffing the additional space and by average per staff member d. the budgeted cost for relocating staff e. the budgeted cost for all other expenses f. the total budgeted cost of the new occupancy 3. Are any accommodation, staff and/or other costs being saved/relinquished? If so, in each case identify: a. the total floor space is being relinquished, and at what budgeted cost per square metre and in total b. how many staff will be moved c. the total budgeted for moving staff or their payouts and by average per staff member d. the budgeted cost for relocating staff e. the budgeted cost for all other expenses f. the total budgeted cost of the new occupancy 4. Identify the net effect of all these changes in terms of a. floor space (total square metres, average and total cost) b. staff - total numbers, average and total cost c. all other costs			
212	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – Government payment of accounts	1. 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? Please 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 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? 2. For 2011-12, did the department/agency pay its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a. If not, why not? Please 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/was interest being paid on overdue amounts and, if so, how much has been paid by the 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? d. Have all accounts from 2011-12 been paid? If not, why not?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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213	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – graduate recruitment	1. How much has been spent on 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. 2. Has any travel been incurred for 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
214	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – grants	1. Please provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date. Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 2. Have all grant agreement details been published on the department/agency's website within the required timeframe? If not, please provide details. 3. Please provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for 2011-12. Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 4. Were all grant agreement details published on the department/agency's website within the required timeframe? If not, please provide details.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
215	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – grants pause	1. To date, how much of the 2012-13 budget appropriations has your department/agency received? 2. For 2012-13 please list each grant program your department/agency administers, and the total funding of each program. 3. Please list each grant program that has not been paused as part of the Government- wide grants pause. 4. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has not been paused? 5. Please list each grant program that has been "paused" as part of the Government-wide grants pause. 6. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has been paused, and the total value of all grants paused? 7. On what date did your department/agency receive advice from the government to pause certain grants programs? a. How was the instruction received, and from whom was it received? 8. Please list the dates on which the Minister for Finance met with senior department/agency officials to discuss the grants pause and on which the Minister overseeing your department/agency met with senior department officials 9. From what date was your department/agency told to implement the grants pause? a. When did it do so? 10. Has your department/agency been provided with information regarding when the grants pause would end? a. If so, what was the date? b. Was your department/agency advised if it could communicate when the grants pause would end to grant applicants? 11. Please provide the advice your department/agency gave to Department of Finance regarding which programs should be included in the grants pause. 12. Did your department/agency receive advice/instruction from the Department of Finance	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				regarding how best to communicate the grants pause to grant applicants, the media and other external stakeholders? 13. What information has been provided to grant applicants regarding the grants pause? Please provide scripts if these have been given to call centres, or any other information sheets which have been used internally for discussing the grants pause with applicants. 14. Has your department/agency been advised by the Department of Finance of further grants pauses in the future? If so - When did you receive notification of future grants pauses? - What is the date of future grants to be paused? - Which grants programs will be paused? - What is total value of pauses in future grants programs? - When will notification of these future grants pauses be made public? 15. How many staff are employed to administer grant programs within the department? 16. During the Grants Pause, with what activities have these staff been involved? - Have staff been moved to other divisions during the grants pause? 17. During the Grants Pause, were decisions on grants being made, but applicants not alerted?			
216	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – hospitality and entertainment spend 2011-12	- What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. - For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2011-12. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. - What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. - For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for 2011-12. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
217	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – hospitality and entertainment spend financial year to date	- What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. - For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. - What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. - For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. - What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. - For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. - What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 9. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?			
218	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – internet	1. Has the department/agency experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
219	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide – mobile devices	1. How many mobile devices are provided to the Department/Group/Agency staff 2. What types of mobile devices are provided to the Department/Group/Agency 3. What was the total cost of this equipment in the Group/Agency in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 4. What was the total usage cost of these in 2011- 2012 and 2012-2013 to date 5. Who in the Department/Group/Agency is entitled to use these devices 6. Identify the limits on the type of use and monthly spend 7. What level of Departmental/Group/Agency officer has accountability for monitoring the correct use of these devices	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
220	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – office locations	Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: 1. Department/Agency; 2. Location; 3. Leased or Owned; 4. Size; 5. Number of Staff at each location and classification; 6. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; 7. If owned, the value of the building; 8. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; 9. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
221	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide – office locations, ownership and space	1. How many office buildings are occupied in part or whole, by the Department/Group/Agency and where are they located 2. How many of these are owned outright/leased by the Department/Group/Agency 3. What is the total square metre floor space for each of these owned/leased offices	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
222	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide – owned office space	1. What was the original purchase price per square metre of each Department/ Group/Agency owned office 2. What is the current retail value, per square metre of each Department/Group/Agency owned office 3. What are the annual rates paid per square metre for each Department/Group/Agency owned office 4. What is the current retail value per square metre of each office building 5. When was each Department-owned office last valued, and by whom	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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223	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – paid parental leave	1. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 2. For this financial year to date please 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. 3. For 2011-12 to date 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	12/12/12	07/02/13
224	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – protective security policy framework	1. Please provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
225	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – provision of electronic equipment	1. 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 what are the costs? 2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12? 3. Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, BlackBerry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes, please provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012): 4. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, please provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided. 5. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided, what are the costs and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12? 6. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of electronic equipment was provided, what were the costs and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12? 7. If electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, BlackBerry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) was provided to department/agency staff for 2011-12, please provide details of what was provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
226	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – recruitment advertising	1. How much was spent on recruitment advertising in 2011-12? How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising? 2. Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media. 3. How much has been spent on recruitment advertising this financial year to date? How	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising? 4. Please list where recruitment advertising was placed online and in print media.			
227	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – shredders	1. Did the department/agency purchase any shredders in 2011-12? 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. 2. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012)? If yes, please 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	12/12/12	07/02/13
228	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – staff amenities	1. What amenities are provided to staff? Please provide a list.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
229	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - staffing	1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 4. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? 5. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? 6. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? 7. How many ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? 8. How many non-ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? 9. How many contract staff left in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? What is the average length of their employment period? 10. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 11. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
230	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide - staffing	1. How many permanent staff are currently employed in the Department/Group/Agency 2. How does this number of permanent staff employed compare to 2011-2012 3. What was Department/Group/Agency budget for employee salaries 2011-2012 and how much is estimated for 2012-2013 4. Identify all financial precautions the Department/Group/Agency is taking to keep all types of staffing salaries on budget	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
231	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide - staff training	1. Identify the total costs paid for by the Department/Group/Agency for further training, professional development and education of staff; ie short courses, training allowances, tertiary or graduate programs paid for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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232	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide - enterprise agreements	1. How many enterprise agreements are presently operating within the Department/Group/Agency 2. What is the expiry date of each enterprise agreement within the Department/Group/Agency which is presently operating 3. Identify the percentage salary increases provided to all employees in the Department/Group/Agency in the most recent rounds of enterprise agreements	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
233	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide - efficiency dividend	1. Identify the financial impact of the Department's efficiency dividends on the employee numbers in the Department/Group/Agency and the total value of salaries for each in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 2. What types of changes has the Department/Group/Agency made as a result of meeting efficiency dividends in these two financial years 3. Identify the total financial savings that have been delivered to the Department/Group/Agency by the efficiency dividends in these two financial years	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
234	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide - redundancy packages	1. How many packages were taken from the Department/Group/Agency agencies in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 2. Identify the cost of these packages for the Department/Group/Agency 3. How many packages are proposed for 2012-2013 and how much will each cost the Department/Group/Agency	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
235	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide - Graduate and Cadet Programs	1. Identify planned changes to graduate and cadetship recruitment programs? 2. Why are the changes being made? If reducing intakes what is the target for the Department/Group/Agency?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
236	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide - unfair dismissal claims	1. Identify total costs to the Department/Group/Agency for all unfair dismissal claims in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 2. Detail the reasons and numbers for each type of compensation claim 3. Identify the level of staff making the claims	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
237	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide - part time and contract staff	1. How many part time staff/contract staff are currently employed in the Department/Group/Agency 2. Identify the salary levels and employment grades of all these staff in the Department/Group/Agency 3. Identify the numbers of part time/ contract staff who have been employed by the Department/Group/Agency for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, over 3 years 4. How many part time/contract staff are undertaking work which could be undertaken by full time 5. Identify the costs to the Department/Group/Agency of employing contract/part time staff	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
238	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – stationery requirements	1. 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? 2. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 3. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2011-12? 4. What were the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12?			
239	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – taxi costs	1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Please provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 3. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 4. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
240	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – training for portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretary	1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Please itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary was the training. 2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Please itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary was the training. 3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Please itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary was the training, and how many employees attended and their classification. 4. For 2011-12, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Please itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary was the training. 5. For 2011-12, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Please itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary was the training. 6. For 2011-12, how much has been spent on training designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Please itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary was the training, and how many employees attended and their classification.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
241	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – travel costs	1. 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 3. 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 the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. 4. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, please detail what lounge	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships. 5. 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. 6. For 2011-12, 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 7. For 2011-12, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).			
242	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Portfolio Wide - vehicles	1. How many vehicles are presently owned/ leased by the Department/Group/Agency 2. What is the breakdown in terms of makes, models and numbers owned/ leased 3. What is the total cost incurred by the Department for leasing all its vehicles 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date 4. How many owned/ leased vehicles are allocated specifically to staff members for his/her personal use and what are the storage arrangements for each vehicle 5. For the average vehicle leased identify: - the term of the lease (in years) - the basic conditions of the lease - the basic cost of the lease - the servicing and repair costs - other costs involved – if so, what are they, and how much extra for each vehicle, on average - on average the total cost of the lease 6. How many owned/leased vehicles are allocated for pooled use 7. Identify the numbers and employment level of staff entitled to use pooled vehicles 8. Identify when the vehicles are used and destinations 9. How is the type of usage defined 10. What is the level of staff member who has responsibility to ensure the pooled vehicles are used within the correct entitlement 11. Are these pooled vehicles stored on office premises 12. Identify the average storage/parking cost for these pooled vehicles in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date 13. How many vehicles are incorporated in staff salary packages 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to date		07/02/13	28/02/13
243	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Staffing level – John Gorton and Allara Street buildings	Senator JOYCE: ...How many staff do you currently have in the John Gorton building, just down the road? ... Ms Carlos: I do not have the exact number of staff in the John Gorton building. I do not	82 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				have that breakdown with me. We have approximately 2,000 people in that building, but I can come back on notice with the exact figure. Senator JOYCE: There are about 2,000 people in the John Gorton building? Ms Carlos: No, sorry, not that many. I do not have those exact figures with me, Senator. Senator JOYCE: Can you take that on notice. I want to find out how many people you have in the John Gorton building. How many staff do you have at 33 Allara Street? Ms Carlos: Once again, I do not have the exact figure. Senator JOYCE: Can you take that on notice.			
244	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Appointed or Government paid vehicles	Senator JOYCE: How many appointed or government paid vehicles are there across the 2,576 staff? Ms Carlos: I do not believe I have that information with me. I will have to take that on notice.	84 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
245	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Average cost of remuneration	Senator JOYCE: What is the average remuneration over the 2,576— Ms Carlos: Our average salary is in the order of about \$105,000. Senator JOYCE: Is that the total cost or the average salary? Ms Carlos: That is average salary. Senator JOYCE: Do you have the average cost? Ms Carlos: No. I could take that on notice.	84 (15/10/12)	07/02/13	28/02/13
246	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Average remuneration for staff of the Office of Water Science	Senator JOYCE: I have some questions about the science brake framework for coal seam gas and mining impacts on water. How many staff are currently employed in that area at the moment? Ms Carlos: In the Office of Water Science we have currently 36.4 FTE but there might be other areas— Senator JOYCE: What is the average remuneration for those? Ms Carlos: I do not have that information. I can take that on notice.	84 (15/10/12)	07/02/13	28/02/13
247	Corporate: CSD	Joyce/ Heffernan	Personal leave	Senator JOYCE: ...What is the longest sick leave you currently have on the books for any employee? Ms Carlos: I could not tell you that. Senator JOYCE: Can you take that on notice? Ms Carlos: I can take that on notice. ... Senator HEFFERNAN: Can you also take on notice how much sick leave is given up in retirement, if any? It begs the question: why would you— ... Ms Carlos: We can have a look at that but it might be rather difficult to ascertain.	84 (15/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
248	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Budget outlook	1. In respect of each of the programs; a. 1.1 Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment; b. 1.2 Environmental Information and Research; c. 1.3 Carbon Pollution Reduction – Land Sector Initiatives; d. 2.1 Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants; e. 2.2 Sustainable Communities;	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				f. 3.1 Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence; g. 4.1 Water Reform; h. 5.1 Conservation of Australia's Heritage and Environment; i. 5.2 Environmental Regulation; and j. 6.1 Commonwealth Environmental Water. What is the breakdown of sub-programs, and their respective administered and departmental costs for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, and (iv) 2015-16? 2. In respect of Program 1.1, for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, and (iv) 2015-16, what is the breakdown of program expenditure? 3. In respect of Program 1.2 for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, and (iv) 2015-16, what is the breakdown of program expenditure? 4. In respect of Program 1.3 for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, and (iv) 2015-16, what is the breakdown of program expenditure? 5. In respect of Program 2.1 for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, and (iv) 2015-16, what is the breakdown of program expenditure? 6. In respect of Program 2.2 for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, and (iv) 2015-16, what is the breakdown of program expenditure? 7. In respect of Program 3.1 for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, and (iv) 2015-16, what is the breakdown of program expenditure? 8. In respect of Program 4.1 for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, and (iv) 2015-16, what is the breakdown of program expenditure? 9. In respect of Program 5.1 for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, and (iv) 2015-16, what is the breakdown of program expenditure? 10. In respect of Program 5.2 for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, and (iv) 2015-16, what is the breakdown of program expenditure? 11. In respect of Program 6.1 for (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14, (iii) 2014-15, and (iv) 2015-16, what is the breakdown of program expenditure?			
249	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – media subscriptions	1. Has there been any change since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) to your pay TV subscription? a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 2. Has there been any change since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) to your newspaper subscriptions? a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Has there been any change since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) to your magazine subscriptions? a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 4. What was the 2011-12 cost for: a. TV subscriptions	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				b. Newspaper subscriptions c. Magazine subscriptions 5. Does the department/agency provide any media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries? If yes, provide details of what is provided and the cost this financial year to date and for 2011-12.			
250	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – social media	1. Have there been any changes since May 2012 Budget Estimates to department/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 discussion forums and blogs? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued. 2. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media? a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example, details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks) b. If no, will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? 3. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Please provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
251	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - Executive Coaching and Leadership Training – financial year to date	1. 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 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide: i. The name and nature of the service purchased ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification) v. The total amount spent on the service vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. 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 (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification)	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
252	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – printing costs	- How much was spent on printing 2011-12? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? - How many documents (please include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online? - Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost? - How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? - How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
253	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – media training 2011-12	- In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12: - Total spending on these services - The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification - The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification) - The names of all service providers engaged - For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide: - The name and nature of the service purchased - Whether the service is one-on-one or group based - The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) - The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) - The total amount spent on the service - A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) - Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: - The location used - The number of employees who took part on each occasion - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) - Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
254	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – board appointments	- Please list all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. - What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? - Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date. - Please list all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members for 2011-12.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				5. What was the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio for 2011-12?			
255	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – commissioned reports	- How many reports were commissioned by the Government in the department/agency in 2011-12? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, terms of reference and committee members. - How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental/agency staff were involved in each report and at what level? - What is the current status of each report? Did the Government report within the required timeframe? If not, when is the Government intending to respond to these reports? - How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, terms of reference and committee members. - How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental/agency staff were involved in each report and at what level? - What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
256	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – community cabinet meetings	- How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? Please list dates and locations. - 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? Please list travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? Please list dates and locations. - What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? - How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? Please list dates and locations. - How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? What was the total cost of this travel? Please list travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? Please list date and location. - What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
257	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – freedom of information	- Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? - What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for 2011-12? How many FOI requests did the department/agency receive in 2011-12? How many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department/agency fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				3. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 4. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department/agency failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?			
258	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – Government advertising 2011-12	1. What was the total cost of all advertising for 2011-12? 2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Please provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. 3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Please provide details of each advertising item. 4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Please provide details of each advertising item. 5. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Please provide the details for each advertising item. 6. Please provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services, that was undertaken in 2011-12.	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
259	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – Government advertising financial year to date	1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. 3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Please provide details of each advertising item. 4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Please provide details of each advertising item. 5. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Please provide the details for each advertising item. 6. Please provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 7. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking and/or planning to undertake?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
260	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – legal costs	1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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				from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 5. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 6. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 7. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 8. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			
261	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – media and communications staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following, by department or agency: a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
262	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – media monitoring	1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc 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 services for the year 2012-13? c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc 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 services for the year 2012-13? c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? d. Media Monitoring 3. What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc provided to the Minister's office for 2011-12? a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12? 4. What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings,	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				electronic media transcripts etc provided to the department/agency for 2011-12? a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12? c. Social Media			
263	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – media training financial year to date	1. 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 2. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (d), please provide: i. The name and nature of the service purchased ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification) v. The total amount spent on the service vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. 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	07/02/13	28/02/13
264	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – provision of briefing to the Australian Greens	1. Have any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include: a. How are briefings requests commissioned? b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c. Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. d. How long is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Please provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 2. Were any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens in 2011-12? If yes, please include: a. How are briefings requests commissioned? b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c. Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				the briefings were and why it could not proceed. d. How long is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.			
265	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – provision of briefing to the Independents	- Have any briefings been provided to Independents? If yes, please include: - How are briefings requests commissioned? - What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. - Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. - How long is spent undertaken briefings for the Australian Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. - Were any briefings been provided to Independents in 2011-12? If yes, please include: - How are briefings requests commissioned? - What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. - Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. - How long is spent undertaking briefings for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
266	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - reviews	For this financial year to date: - How many reviews are being undertaken? - Which reviews have been concluded and when? - For each of those reviews that are still ongoing, when are they expected to be concluded? - Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? - When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? - Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? - What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? - What reviews are planned? - When will each of these reviews be concluded? For 2011-12: - How many reviews were undertaken? - Which reviews have been concluded and when? - For each of those reviews that are still ongoing, when are they expected to be concluded? - Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? - Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? - What was the estimated cost of each of these reviews? - For any ongoing reviews, when will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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267	Corporate: PCD	Ludlam	Extension of the role of the Supervising Scientist	Senator LUDLAM: Minister, on notice: could the environment minister provide us an update as to the current status of discussions regarding the potential extension of Mr Hughes's role and that of his office to cover uranium mining operations nationally? Senator Conroy: I will take that on notice and see what the minister would like to add.	13 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
268	Corporate: PCD	Joyce	DSEWPac – potential fraud investigation	1. Can you provide details of the three suspected fraud cases referred to the Australian Federal Police in 2010-11? Have any charges been laid as a result of these referrals? If so, what are the details of these charges?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
269	GBRMPA	Macdonald	2011/12 revenue streams generated by licensing and enforcement in the GBRMPA	1. What were the total revenue streams generated by licensing and enforcement in the GBRMPA in 2011/12? 2. What are the total estimated revenue streams to be generated by licensing and enforcement in the GBRMPA and extended Marine Park Zones in 2012/13? 3. What are the total estimated revenue streams to be generated by licensing and enforcement in the GBRMPA and extended Marine Park Zones in 2013/14? 4. What was the cost of enforcement in the GBRMPA area and associated Marine Parks in 2011/12? 5. What was the projected cost of enforcement in the GBRMPA area and associated Marine Parks for 2012/13? 6. What was the estimated projected cost of enforcement in the GBRMPA area and associated Marine Parks for 2013/14?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
270	GBRMPA	Waters	Great Barrier Reef Strategic Assessment	72% of submissions on the Great Barrier Reef Strategic Assessment (“GBRSA”) asked for an immediate moratorium on individual approvals/processes while the GBRSA was being undertaken. In addition, UNESCO’s recommendations relating to the GBRSA included: <i>The mission considers that the development of new ports or other types of large infrastructure, ahead of addressing demand through strategic planning and management within the existing port facilities would create a significant and largely irreversible negative impact on the OUV of the property. The mission considers further that an extension of the footprint of development outside of currently industrialized areas would clearly present a significant threat to the OUV and integrity of the property. Such decisions would entirely pre-empt the Strategic Assessment the State Party has committed to put in place, and thus undermine its effectiveness.</i> In June 2012, the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session passed decision 36 COM 7B.8, which included the following requests of Australia: <i>further requests the State Party to not permit any new port development or associated infrastructure outside of the existing and long-established major port areas within or adjoining the property, and to ensure that development is not permitted if it would impact individually or cumulatively on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;</i> 1. Does GBRMPA agree that the development of new ports or other types of large infrastructure, ahead of addressing demand through strategic planning would a. “create a significant and largely irreversible negative impact” on the GBRWHA and b. undermine the effectiveness of the Strategic Assessment? 2. What documents were prepared in response to these (and other similar) statements from UNESCO? 3. In developing the terms of reference for the Strategic Assessment, did GBRMPA advise	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13

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				stopping the clock on new development approvals pending completion of the Strategic Assessment? 4. If yes, did GBRMPA make a recommendation to amend the terms of reference in order to address individual approvals? 5. What was the response to that recommendation? 6. Did GBRMPA recommend approval of the T3 development at Abbot Point? 7. Despite the large number of submissions relating to individual approvals, the GBRMPA consultation report does not have any response to this issue. Provide details of any documents prepared in relation to this issue as part of the finalisation of the terms of reference.			
271	GBRMPA	Waters	Snub Fin Dolphins	1. Is GBRMPA undertaking or commissioning any research into the snub fin dolphin? 2. If yes, please describe the research or other work being done, when it is likely to be completed and what funding has been allocated to the research.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
272	GBRMPA	Macdonald	GBRMPA - 2012-13 Financial Year Surveillance and Enforcement budget	Senator IAN MACDONALD: On notice, could I get you to again indicate what your current financial year forecast or budgeting is for surveillance and enforcement, and where those funds come from? I understand that Queensland makes some contribution—is that correct? Dr Reichelt: Yes, that is correct. Senator IAN MACDONALD: Is there any suggestion that that will change in the Queensland budget at all? Dr Reichelt: The forecast projections for this year were in the Queensland budget papers. ... Senator IAN MACDONALD: Yes, that is why I put that one on notice.	93 (15/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
273	GBRMPA	Waters	Abbott Point T3 Project	Senator WATERS: So you did express your opinions on the impact of the values of the World Heritage area from T3 going ahead. Dr Reichelt: Yes— Senator WATERS: What was the substance of that advice to the minister or that opinion that you expressed? Dr Reichelt: I do not have those with me. Senator WATERS: Perhaps you could take that on notice.	94 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
274	GBRMPA	Waters	GBRMPA – receipt of funds from proponents	Senator WATERS: Could you take those on notice and provide the details of those contributions to date, including any information, if you have it, as to whether that is expected in future, just from your knowledge base? Dr Reichelt: Yes, I am happy to take that on notice.	95 (15/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
275	GBRMPA	Cameron	Reef in Brief publication	CHAIR: I am having a look at your <i>Reef in Brief</i> publication and there is a Mr Terry Hudson from Southern Cross Sailing Adventures under the heading 'Climate action good for business'. Please explain what that report is about. Dr Reichelt: You caught me unprepared on that one. CHAIR: ...I am happy for you to take it on notice.	95 (16/10/12)	21/12/12	07/02/13
276	GBRMPA	Boswell	Proceedings of the National Academy of	1. I also refer to the critique of the study by Walter Starck (with assistance from Dr. Bob Carter) entitled, “Reef Alarmists Jump The Shark, published 9 October 2012 on the	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13

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			Sciences of the USA study of the Great Barrier Reef – critique of the study	“Watts Up With That” (WUWT) website – the world’s most viewed site on global warming and climate change. Is the Environment Dept aware of this critique of the PNAS study? If so, what were the Dept’s initial impressions? 2. The critique reveals how the PNAS study presents the results of its surveys of coral cover over the last 27 years with great precision (to hundredths of a per cent) without any qualifying explanation as to the high margins of error that such visual surveys contain, which are also highly surveyor-dependent (based on experience and learned expectations). Is the Environment Dept concerned by this lack of scientific and statistical transparency? 3. The critique also reveals how, “... the reported sudden decline in coral cover in the last couple of years is almost certain to have been exaggerated by surveys made to assess the damage from severe cyclones crossing the reef in 2009 and 2011, with few of no surveys in unaffected areas in those years.” If only parts of the reef can be surveyed each year, and survey efforts tend to choose parts of the GBR ravaged by recent cyclones, is it little wonder that overall results of such surveys are so dramatic and alarming, and vulnerable to end-point bias, even manipulation? 4. The PNAS study states that, “Cyclone intensities are increasing with warming ocean temperatures...”. Yet as the critique of the study points out, “This statement is unsubstantiated and contrary to available evidence. The most definitive recent studies find no increase in tropical cyclone frequency or intensity. On the GBR, severe cyclone activity for the past century has also been well below the level for the preceding century.” s the Environment Dept aware of how quite the world and GBR cyclone activity has been this century relative to the past, contrary to what climate models and consensus has been telling us all along? 5. The PNAS study also states that, “The recent frequency and intensity of mass coral bleaching are of major concern, and are directly attributable to rising atmospheric greenhouse gases.” Yet as the critique of the study points out, “No evidence exists for this claim. The mass-bleaching events of recent decades have coincided with surface water warming resulting from periods of extended calm associated with strong El Nino events. This impedes normal evaporative cooling as well as wave driven mixing. There is no evidence of any increase in the frequency or strength of El Nino events, and climate models project increased wind speeds from warming, not more calms. What is the Dept’s view on the many and varied risks that may contribute to coral bleaching? 6. Why don’t strong La Ninas, which deliver some of the warmest Pacific waters to our GBR (for example, in 2010 11), cause mass coral bleachings? Compared with the La Nina boom years for GBR coral (unless damaged by cyclones that are more likely in the area during La Ninas), aren’t the calms of the El Nino years more testing for GBR coral due to: weaker trade winds and evaporation, allowing the build-up of local heating and hot spots near the surface; slightly lower sea levels relative			

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				to the La Nina and neutral years, due to the trade winds and currents, exposing or stressing the growth from the boom years; and less flow over of outer and deep Pacific ocean nutrients, again relative to the La Nina boom years? For GBR coral, are La Ninas and El Ninos not unlike the rains and droughts that these systems bring to the Australian mainland, causing proliferation in the good seasons and die-backs in the bad? 7. The critique also calls into question the PNAS study's claim that sedimentation rates and nutrient loads since European settlement have increased 5 to 9 fold, on the basis that the 1870s staring point estimate is dubious? Overall, does this study constitute little more than policy based evidence that, with just a little scepticism and scrutiny, raises more questions than it answers – about how science is increasingly being done under public funding nowadays, as opposed to what it is uncovering? Might it be just another example of activism and over-reach – a naked grab for attention and further funding in this area that is being increasingly challenged and scrutinised? 8. The critique estimates that the level of government funding across all sources has been around \$200 million per year, yet half the coral cover has been lost in that time. If the effect of research and restrictions on economic and other practices in relation to the reef is a halving of the coral in a quarter of a century, has the research and restrictions been an abject failure and a terrible waste of time and money? If the reef is on such a death spiral, shouldn't we just withdraw all funding of research, and all enforcement of restrictions, on it and just enjoy the reef to the fullest in its last few palliative years? Or are there things we are missing here?			
277	MDBA	Joyce	Purchase of easements	1. Can you please provide an update on negotiations to purchase easements between Hume Dam and Lake Mulwala? When does the expect these negotiations to conclude?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
278	4.1: WRD	Joyce	Water for the Future program	1. Please provide an update on the Water for the Future program review. When is it due for completion?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
279	MDBA	Birmingham and Joyce	Native Fish Strategy	1. Why was the Native Fish Strategy cut? 2. What programs have replaced it to combat the threats of invasive fish species? 3. Have any new plans to combat invasive fish species been presented to Basin Ministers? 4. If not, when is there likely to be new plans presented? 5. Is this likely to increase or reduce overall funding levels for management of invasive fish species? 6. Was any expert advice provided on the future of the Native Fish Strategy? If so, please provide copies. 7. Did the Government receive advice from the Threatened Species Scientific Committee stating that the EPBC Act should be amended to include in the list of key threatening processes "The introduction of native or non-native fish into Australian inland waters that are outside their natural geographic distribution"? What response has the Government given? 8. What impact does the government expect this decision will have on the number of carp	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				in the system?			
280	MDBA	Birmingham	Environmental Watering Plans	1. What progress is being made on developing environmental watering plans? 2. Have any state Governments expressed concerns or raised potential problems with their role or ability to produce plans on time? 3. How do you view the EWP and state based plans underneath it actually working? 4. What exactly are the guidelines states are being given in developing their plans? 5. Were there set volumes of environmental water per area that states had to work with? What happens if a state returns a plan that does not use all environmental water allocated to an area? 6. Can a state reduce its SDLs by refusing to use all environmental water allocated to a particular area? 7. Who makes actual environmental watering decisions – as in gives the final go ahead to each individual watering decision as it occurs? When is the final decision made? At the time, in the days leading up to, a month before, at the beginning of the year? 8. What ability will the decision maker have to alter plans to reflect changes in on the ground conditions? 9. Could it be possible if rigidity in rules is tight, that environmental watering plans could exacerbate flood events if there is insufficient ability to amend plans at short notice?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
281	MDBA	Joyce	2,750 GL scenario	1. Will any bridges or roads be flooded or need to be redesigned as a result of the 2750 GL scenario? 2. Does the government expect any roads to be flooded for any duration under the 2750 GL scenario? 3. Does the government expect any homes to be flooded for any duration under the 2750 GL scenario?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
282	MDBA	Xenophon	Basin Plan - Determination of water allocation	I note the purpose of the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement (contained in Schedule 1 to the <i>Water Act 2007</i>) is “to promote and co-ordinate effective planning and management for the equitable, efficient and sustainable use of the water and other natural resources of the Murray Darling Basin”. 1. Can the Department advise how the water allocation for each Basin State (as prescribed by the Murray-Darling Basin Plan) is determined to be equitable	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
283	4.1; WRD	Birmingham	Basin Plan – cost impacts for states	1. In reference to QoN 260 – how is it possible that the Basin plan will result in ‘no net costs’ for States considering requirements like developing Environmental Watering Plans? Are states being paid to carry out such work? From what funding pool?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
284	MDBA	Birmingham	Basin Plan independent scientific modelling – South Australian Government statements	In regards to the independent scientific modelling undertaken by the MDBA and provided to Basin States that showed the Milang salinity target would be met 99% of the time: 1. Is Minister Caica’s statement true that under the current proposed Basin Plan “The Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth remain at risk of ...high salinities which will have serious consequences for the aquatic animals and plants in this region”? 2. Is Minister Caica’s statement true that “Under the proposal, there will still be insufficient flows to export salt out of the Basin and ensure the Murray Mouth will remain open during times of drought.”?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13

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				3. Is Premier Weatherill's statement true that, in respect to salinity levels at least that if "we want a plan based on science and the science is irrefutable - 2750 gigalitres is not enough for a healthy river."?			
285	MDBA	McKenzie	Enacting watering plans by delivery partners	In relation to the following: <i>"Delivery partners are constrained in their ability to release and distribute environmental water by their legal obligations not to cause damage to third parties. They could be held liable under the private flooding provisions of the Water Act 1989 (Vic), or under the common law of nuisance or negligence, for causing water to flow onto private property in a way that causes personal injury, property damage or economic loss"</i> (p.3, Victorian EDO and Environment Victoria Submission in response to Performance Audit of Commonwealth Environmental Watering Activities, "Limitation – Liability for Private Flooding") 1. Does the MDBA agree with the Victorian EDO and Environment Victoria's assessment of potential liability in enacting environmental watering plans by delivery partners? 2. In Victoria the river operator (and thereby a delivery partner) is Goulburn Murray Water. Are there other delivery partners in Victoria, such as Catchment Management Authorities or other water authorities? 3. Goulburn Murray Water is largely funded by irrigators (~80%), however, receives some monies from the Commonwealth and Victorian Government for other services it provides, which includes the delivery of environment water. If a successful liability claim was brought against Goulburn Murray Water and the Victorian Government refused to cover that claim, would the MDBA cover this cost? Failure to do so would leave irrigators unfairly burdened.	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
286	MDBA	McKenzie	Flood easements	The recently release report "Hydrologic modelling of the relaxation of operational constraints in the southern connected system: Methods and results, October 2012" refers to "obtaining flood easements" as a method for easing system constraints to deliver higher volumes of environmental water. 1. Has the MDBA identified the area of land that would be affected and needing flood easements under the 3200 GL relaxed constraints model? 2. If the answer is no to question one, could the authority give an order of magnitude estimate of the land that would be affected? 3. Will the latest version of the Basin Plan (version 4, 2750 GL) require the acquisition of flood easements to implement Environmental Watering Plans? 4. Who will pay for the associated costs in securing flood easements presuming they are needed in the final Basin Plan? 5. Could the authority give an order of magnitude estimate of the total cost of removing "system constraints" to achieve outcomes described by the 3200 GL relaxed constraints model? i.e. Would the cost be greater than \$1, \$2 or \$5 billion dollars?	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
287	MDBA	McKenzie	Flood warning mechanisms	The Environmental Watering Plan objectives at specific indicator sites in the Lower Goulburn River Floodplain (flows gauged at McCoy's Bridge on the Goulburn River) would require "25,000ML/day for a median duration of 5 days between June and November for 70% of years" and 40,000ML/day for a median duration of 4 days between June and	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13

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				November for 40% of years to ensure floodplain and wetland communities are sustained in a healthy condition (The Proposed” environmentally sustainable level of take” for surface water of the Murray Darling Basin: Method and Outcomes-November 2011 p 211) To achieve a maximum, manipulated environmental flow of 40,000ML/day every 2.5 years at McCoy’s Bridge, requires being able to employ peak flows from the upper Goulburn tributaries at times of high rainfall events and connect these flows with environmental releases, as the maximum environmental releases from Eildon are constrained to 10,000-12,000ML/day. It is acknowledged that due to these constraints, it is ONLY in conjunction with peak flood flows from the tributaries of the Upper Goulburn, that is the Yea, Murrindindi, Acheron, that the environmental releases of the above magnitude can be achieved The ability to maximise the impact of environmental releases by coinciding them with peak flows from the unregulated tributaries requires the ability to accurately predict peak flows from the unregulated tributaries. Yet, as the Alluvium Final Recommendations Determination of Environmental Flow Requirements for the Yea River Feb 2008, states: “The ability to accurately model the hydrology in a catchment the scale of the Yea River is heavily compromised due to the paucity of stream flow gauges”. Only 43% of the combined UPPER catchment of the Murrindindi and Yea Rivers (the second largest tributary to the upper Goulburn) is gauged by one real time telemetry stream flow gauge. <i>“Flood forecasters rely heavily on real time data about rainfall and river water levels as well as rainfall forecasts” (Comrie Flood Report Dec 2010 P. 33)</i> It seems all the floodplain landowners along the Goulburn River and indeed in the many upper river sub-catchments will be subject to manipulated flood inundation in a vastly increased flooding regime, so I ask the following questions: 1. Does the MDBA concede that the number and locations of real time stream flow gauges in tributaries of the upper Goulburn catchment will need to be reviewed to achieve increased environmental flows at acceptable risk? 2. If it is decided more real time stream flow gauges are need, who will pay for installation and maintenance of these gauges? 3. Who will be responsible for warning the hundreds of floodplain landowners in the upper Goulburn Catchment of impending flooding caused by environmental releases so that they have time to move stock, pumps and other infrastructure? This is important in relation to the extremely short time frame available (6-12 HOURS in the upper catchment), 4. With or without real-time telemetry gauges, how will the unpredictability of rainfall be overcome, particularly in headwaters of the upper catchment where annual rainfall in the headwaters of the forested Murrindindi catchment is 2,000mls/p.a. and in the headwaters of the Yea River it is 1600mls/p.a.? 5. Currently in the upper Goulburn Catchment flood warning systems are based on urban			

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				flood overlays, not on farming floodplain enterprises. Will a flood warning service be put in place to alert floodplain landowners of impending flooding from environmental releases? 6. Will the MDBA either fund fully or partially any revised flood warning system?			
288	MDBA	McKenzie	MDBA public meetings	1. How many MDBA support staff attended the latest round of MDBA public meetings held in Victoria? 2. Can you the give a cost of running these meetings?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
289	MDBA	Birmingham	Murray-Darling Basin Plan - budget	1. Would it be correct that over \$100 million has been spent on the Basin Plan to date? What is the current total? 2. How much has NSW reduced its contribution to the MDBA by? Have other states or the Commonwealth altered their contribution? If so, who and by how much? 3. What activities will be cut as a result of reduced funding to the MDBA?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
290	MDBA	Xenophon	New water modelling	I refer to last week's release of new water modelling for the 3200GL figure. It shows that returning 3200GL to the environment and removing constraints would meet 94 per cent of 18 key floodplain and river channel environmental flow targets. This compares to the current approach, which would only see 61 per cent of targets being met. 1. Given the Water Act requires the plan to act on the best available science, surely given the release of the 3200GL modelling – which shows a distract improvement in environmental outcomes for SA – surely the Minister cannot proceed with the 2750GL/year figure?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
291	MDBA	Birmingham	Operation of barrages	1. How much water is estimated to leak through or under the barrages each year? 2. What flaws in the operation of the barrages have been identified? How much water is lost via sub-optimal operation? 3. What would be required to upgrade the barrages?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
292	MDBA	Birmingham and Joyce	MDBA - Potential fraud investigation	1. Has the potential fraud investigation referred to in QoN 222 been resolved? Was the potential fraud by a water user or staff member? What was the outcome?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
293	MDBA	Birmingham	Reviews	1. What impact does the decision not to proceed with the 2015 review have on the environmental review planned for 2017 or water markets and water management review planned for 2016? 2. What other reviews will be occurring before the Basin Plan is next reviewed in totality? When will such a comprehensive review take place?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
294	MDBA	Xenophon	Murray-Darling Basin - Senate Inquiry	I refer to the recently released second interim report for the Senate inquiry into the management of the Murray Darling Basin. Among other things, the report said that the MDBA had “repeatedly ignored the major flaws in the Basin Plan, identified by virtually all relevant stakeholders including farmers, rural communities, scientists, environmentalists...” 1. Can the Authority comment on what is clearly a very damning assessment on the way it has gone about implementing this plan so far?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
295	MDBA	McKenzie	Studies on the viability of irrigation supply	1. Have there been any studies which have studied the viability of irrigation supply companies or water authorities? If no why not? If yes, please provide detailed	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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			companies or water authorities	information about these studies.			
296	MDBA	Birmingham	Water regulated flows	1. In reference to QoN 217: How accurate is metering? Are there areas where metering is better/worse? What is the point of info if it isn't based on best data?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
297	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – Culgoa floodplain	Senator JOYCE: Can you just enlarge on what you mean by 'taking into account'? Does that mean you have done a study on it and you now know how much needs and there is some paperwork on it we could see? Mr Parker: That particular question should be directed to the authority. I am happy to take it on notice; I am sure they would be delighted to provide all the information. Senator JOYCE: Okay. Can you take this on notice: what is the process for the assessment of how much water is required by the Culgoa floodplain, how much does it already get and how are you going to manage it in the future. Mr Parker: Certainly.	40 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
298	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA - establish economic or social outcomes	1. How will the MDBA establish that economic or social outcomes will not be worsened by an increase in the amount of water recovered under the adjustment mechanism? Will it commission modelling? Who will do that modelling?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
299	MDBA	Joyce	Water Act Amendment Bill - Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment	In an email from Tony Bigwood of the Department sent on 10 September he states that: 1. This enables the Authority to make a determinative adjustment to the SDL, making the adjustments significantly less vulnerable to legal challenge. 2. How do the amendments in this Bill make the adjustments “significantly less vulnerable to legal challenge”? 3. Can any “up” water under the adjustment mechanism come from water buybacks? What legal protections exist to prevent further buybacks occurring? 4. Where in the amendment Bill does it state that any extra water for the environment should come from irrigation efficiency upgrades? 5. How will the MDBA determine the viability of more irrigation efficiency upgrades when it has never been in charge of assessing these types of projects before? 6. Section 23A(2)(c) of the Water Amendment bill requires the MDBA to “seek and consider” advice from the Basin Officials Committee. What does “seeking and considering” advice from the Basin Officials Committee involve? Can the MDBA act against that advice? 7. What other consultation will the MDBA seek? Will it seek submissions from the community? 8. What if a State disagrees with an adjustment? How will the MDBA take that into account? 9. The Bill states that the MDBA can suggest adjustments to the SDL in a range of 5%. Taking the current SDL and the resulting water recovery of 2750 GL, what will this range be in GL per year terms under the existing Basin Plan? 10. Are there any protections against more than 5% of any additional water recovered from one catchment or one area? 11. Does the MDBA expect adjustments to occur only in the southern basin, or in both the	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13

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				southern and northern basins?			
300	MDBA	Joyce	3,200 GL modelling	1. How much would it cost to remove the eight constraints that the MDBA identified its modelling of a 3200 GL outcome? 2. How many years would it take to remove these constraints? 3. Can you explain what are the constraints at Gundagai? 4. What kind of flooding would occur at the moment if 50,000 ML per day when through Gundagai? 5. How does the Water Act require you to deal with constraints in calculating the environmentally sustainable level of take? 6. How much extra land would be flooded or made in accessible between Hume and Yarrawonga by increasing flows from 25,000 ML per day to 40,000 ML per day? How much would it cost to buy easements over this land?	Written	15/01/13	07/02/13
301	MDBA	Joyce	Environmental works and measures	1. It has been widely reported that around 650 GL may come from environmental works and measures. Where will these come from? 2. Will the 650 GL of environmental works and measures be “apportioned” between states or catchments? Or will the 650 GL come from whether they can? 3. Will environmental works and measures come from the northern Basin as well? If so, will these projects go towards crediting water recovery targets in the northern basin? 4. Will the environmental works and measures only go towards crediting water recovery against the shared reduction target, or could they be credited against the local reduction amounts as well?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
302	MDBA	Joyce	Northern Basin Advisory Committee	1. Why did the MDBA decide to appoint Mr John Clements to the Northern Basin Advisory Committee? 2. My understanding is that Mr Clements remains on the staff of Mr Tony Windsor. Is it appropriate that a political staffer is placed on a panel that is meant to provide non-partisan advice to the government? 3. Is Mr Clements being paid a wage or an allowance of any kind for being on this committee?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
303	MDBA	Joyce	Basin Plan - Regulatory Impact Statement	1. Has the MDBA completed the Regulatory Impact Statement that will be included with the Plan? Does the RIS include a cost-benefit analysis on whether the Plan is worthwhile?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
304	MDBA	Joyce	Living Murray Initiative	I refer you to your answer to question no. 171 from additional estimates in February on the Living Murray Initiative, where you state that: Further work is required to determine how they might be used in conjunction with the additional water available to the environment under the Basin Plan, and what contribution they might make towards achieving the environmental outcomes of the Basin Plan. 1. Has the MDBA progressed this work and how might the Living Murray Initiative projects contribute towards achieving environmental outcomes?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
305	MDBA	Joyce	Murray-Darling Basin Plan – costs and	1. How much has the Authority spent on the Basin plan to date? 2. How many staff does the Authority have working on the Basin plan?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13

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			staffing				
306	MDBA	Joyce	Indigenous Employment Strategy	1. How much has the MDBA spent on its Indigenous Employment Strategy? Have you employed any Indigenous people yet	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
307	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA - staffing	1. How many people do you employ outside of Canberra and what are the locations of their employment?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
308	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA Annual Report 2011-12	1. In your 2010-11 annual report you refer to one "potential fraud" being under investigation. Can you provide details on what this investigation covers and has the investigation concluded? What has been the outcome of the investigations?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
309	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – ministerial meetings	1. Could you please provide the Committee with a list of the briefings the MDBA has given to the Minister for Water or his staff, and the Prime Minister, or her staff, since 20 May 2012?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
310	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – record keeping	1. Could the Authority please provide this Committee with all the decisions it has made since 20 May 2012 in accordance with Section 198 of the Water Act which requires the Authority to keep records of all of its decisions?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
311	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – minutes of meetings	1. Could you please provide the minutes to any of the meetings the Authority has held since 20 May 2012?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
312	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA - South Eastern Australian Climate Initiative	1. When will Phase 2 of the South Eastern Australian Climate Initiative be completed?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
313	MDBA	Joyce	Sustainable Rivers Audit report to the Natural Resource Management Committee	1. Has the MDBA distributed the Sustainable Rivers Audit report to the Natural Resource Management Committee, the Basin Officials Committee or any other committees? Was the Sustainable Rivers Audit report submitted to the Ministerial Council meeting in June as required? If not, why not? 2. When will the Sustainable Rivers Audit be released?	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
314	MDBA	Joyce	Living Murray Initiative	1. How much of the 402 GL allocated under the Living Murray was used in 2011-12? 2. Has any water allocated not been able to be used or carried over under the Living Murray Initiative for 2010-11 and 2011-12? If so how much water has not been used or carried over? 3. How much water under the Living Murray Initiative has been carried over to 2012-13? 4. How much water do you expect to be allocated under the Living Murray Initiative in 2012-13 and how much do you expect to use?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
315	MDBA	Joyce	Cap models for South Australia and the ACT	1. When does the MDBA expect that cap models for South Australia and the ACT might be concluded? Will it be before the finalisation of the Basin Plan?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
316	MDBA	Joyce	Annual inflows into the Murray-Darling	1. Can you please provide the Committee the modelled annual inflows into the Murray-Darling for every year since 1895? Please include up to the latest year possible.	Written	21/12/12	07/02/13
317	MDBA	Joyce	Advisory Committee on Social, Economic and Environmental Sciences	1. Has the MDBA appointed members to the Advisory Committee on Social, Economic and Environmental Sciences yet. If so who has been appointed?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
318	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA - easement	1. Can the MDBA please provide a list of all of the areas where they are currently seeking	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13

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			purchases	or negotiating to purchase additional easements for environmental watering purposes? How much land is the MDBA seeking access to? How much has the government budgeted to conclude these easement purchases?			
319	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA - operational deficits	1. Why has the MDBA sought Ministerial approval to run operational deficits over the forward estimates? 2. How much do these operational deficits amount to? 3. Could you provide the brief provided to the Minister titled "Approval for the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to Incur Revised Operating Deficits in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15"?	Written	07/02/13	28/02/13
320	NWC	Joyce	Atlas of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems	1. How much funding did the NWC provide towards the Atlas of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems? 2. How much ongoing funding is the NWC providing towards the Atlas of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems if any?	Written	12/12/12	07/02/13
321	NWC	Joyce	NWC – cost of leased premises	Senator JOYCE: How many floors do you have? Mr Cameron: Three. Senator JOYCE: Are they fully occupied? Mr Cameron: No. Because the commission has reduced its staffing levels, it is consolidated on two of those floors. Senator JOYCE: Have we tried to sublease the other floor out? Mr Cameron: There have been some informal discussions with our landlord, but at this stage nothing has eventuated. Senator JOYCE: What is it costing us? Mr Cameron: I would have to take the specific costs on notice.	43 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
322	NWC	Joyce	NWC – Water Act 2007	Senator JOYCE: That March date—that is for the amended act, not for the original act. The original act passed would have to have an audit by September. Mr Cameron: I would have to take on notice your suggestion that September is the correct commencement date. My advice is that— Senator JOYCE: That was when the original act was passed. There was an amendment passed in March. But September 2007 is when the act was passed. Mr Cameron: As I said, my advice is that it is 3 March. I am happy to take on notice the provision of further information about the basis on which we believe that to be so.	43 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13
323	NWC	Cameron	NWC – annual report 2011-12 knowledge and adaptive management	CHAIR: On page 10, under 'Knowledge and adaptive management', you say: The Commission has long held that water planning decisions should be based, and be seen to be based, on the best available scientific evidence and socioeconomic information. We have run out of time, so could you take on notice to give us a brief on how you achieve your best available scientific evidence and can you also give us a brief on how you achieve your socioeconomic information? Mr Cameron: Happy to take that on notice.	46 (16/10/12)	12/12/12	07/02/13