

RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO
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<i>Climate change</i>						
<u>SR-1</u>	Boswell	DRET	<p>What if any steps have been taken to estimate the costs of the government's response to climate change including the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme for every department, agency and program within this portfolio?</p> <p>What are the costs and estimated costs identified (reported separately)?</p> <p>Have any costs been included in forward estimates and if so where?</p>	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	
<i>New destination campaign</i>						
<u>SR-2</u>	Bushby	Tourism Australia	<p>1. To what extent was Qantas involved/consulted in the development of the new \$40million marketing campaign intended to replace the "Where the bloody hell are you?" campaign?</p> <p>2. To what extent is Qantas supporting the campaign in its own promotional activities?</p> <p>3. Given the current world financial situation, the potential for worldwide recession and plummeting confidence by people about the security of their jobs and income, what risk, is there that our intended targets for this marketing campaign will be less responsible due to a significantly lower likelihood of international travel.</p> <p>4. Given the challenges presented by the financial situation, why is it considered prudent to persist with the campaign, if the results might be less than successful?</p>	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	
<i>Funding to various organisations</i>						
<u>SR-3</u>	Siewert	DRET	<p>1. How much funding has been provided by the department or any of its agencies to the following organisations for the financial years 2005/6, 2006/7 and 2007/8?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation Pty Ltd; • Cape York Land Council; • Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership; • Indigenous Enterprise Partnerships; • Cape York Partnerships Pty Ltd; 	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape York Corporation Pty Ltd; • Cape York Financial Management Services Pty Ltd; • Cape York Indigenous Environment Foundation; • Cape York Aboriginal Charitable Trust 			
<i>Australian Tourism Development Program</i>						
<u>SR-4</u>	Ronaldson	DRET	<p>The Government will reduce funding to the Australian Tourism Development Program (ADTP), and will focus the program on project with greater community benefits. Funding of 6.5 million in 2008-09, \$4.0 million in 2009-10 and \$4.0 in 2010-11 will be retained to provide competitive, merit-based grants to tourism projects across Australia, including election commitments and projects that promote tourism development for Indigenous communities and in drought-affected areas of regional Australia.</p> <p>What analysis or investigations were conducted or undertaken by the Department of Energy, Resources and Tourism to determine what impact cutting funding for ATDP would have on tourist dispersal?</p>	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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<i>Impact of the global financial crisis on the tourism industry</i>								
SR-5	Ronaldson	DRET	23/10/2008	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Minister, will you be making a statement in relation to the likely outcome for the tourism industry now that you have had this advice?</p> <p>Senator Carr—I think I should correct you. I am here representing the minister.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Will the government be making a statement to the tourism industry?</p> <p>Senator Carr—I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Given that there has been advice—and there are positives, which is obviously good news—that there are negatives, is it not reasonable for the industry to be aware of the expert advice that the government has been given in relation to this matter?</p> <p>Senator Carr—I will take that matter on notice and discuss the matter with the minister.</p>	E92	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	
<i>Ministerial travel</i>								
SR-6	Bushby	DRET	23/10/2008	<p>Senator BUSHBY—Are you aware of which hotels the minister stayed in on each of those trips?</p> <p>Dr Boxall—We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Carr—These are all published with the finance reports.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY—That does not mean I cannot ask them.</p> <p>Senator Carr—We are not going to go around and around</p>	E94	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				<p>with what the minister had at the minibar, are we?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—You might not have a choice about that. It is not published where they stayed, as you well know.</p> <p>Senator Carr—That is what I am saying; they are all published—</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—No, I said it is not published where they stay.</p> <p>Senator Carr—The costs and all the rest of it are.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—The costs might be, but where they stay is not.</p> <p>Dr Boxall—We can take it on notice.</p>				
<i>Staff numbers in Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>								
<u>SR-7</u>	Bushby	DRET	23/10/2008	<p>Senator BUSHBY—As at 13 February; that would be a good starting point. We will come back to the 12-month-ago thing in a minute.</p> <p>Ms Rose—Sorry, I have made an error. There were 362 staff members at 2 October.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY—And comparing that with February?</p> <p>Ms Rose—Three hundred and thirty-three.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY—So it has gone up?</p> <p>Ms Rose—Yes.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY—Are you able to break down areas within the department, such as the tourism, the bit that looks at energy, and so on, and do a comparison? How many are there in each of those areas within the department?</p> <p>Ms Rose—I am not sure I have that easily available. I can come back to you later with that.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY—Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Rose—Yes.</p>	E94-E95	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				<p>Senator BUSHBY—Presumably those subareas did exist in other departments prior to this department being put together the way it is. Could you do a comparison with the numbers 12 months ago?</p> <p>Ms Rose—We will have to seek the assistance of another agency to do that but, yes, we can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY—I understand and appreciate that.</p> <p>Dr Boxall—Just to be clear: you would like us to give the breakdown between the different divisions at this point compared with 12 months ago?</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY—Yes, that is exactly right. Well said.</p> <p>Dr Boxall—Thank you.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY—That is probably all I have at this point.</p> <p>Dr Boxall—Madam Chair, I would just like to clarify that two staff members accompanied the minister to East Timor.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY—Thank you.</p>				
<i>Changes to international capacity at Australian airports</i>								
<u>SR-8</u>	Ronaldson	DRET	23/10/2008	<p>Senator RONALDSON—I would like to go back to the 1 January 2008 and 1 January 2009 time frame. Have other aviation ports around Australia had reduced international aviation capacity as well? Can you tell us which ports and what is the reduction? You can take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Cox—I would have to take that on notice.</p>	E98	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	
<i>Australian Tourism Development Program</i>								
<u>SR-9</u>	Ronaldson	DRET	23/10/2008	<p>Senator RONALDSON—I have some questions about the Australian Tourism Development Program. I understand that funding was reduced at the last budget; is that right?</p> <p>Ms Madden—Yes, that is correct.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—What is the current level of funding</p>	E100-E101	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				<p>for the ATDP for the year 2008-09?</p> <p>Ms Madden—It is \$4.5 million this year, 2008-09.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—How much is that a reduction from 2007-08?</p> <p>Ms Madden—I am just trying to establish whether we have the previous year's figure here. Can I suggest that we provide this on notice?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Just to double-check, the 2008-09 funding was \$4.5 million in set-up; is that right?</p> <p>Ms Madden—I will reconfirm that in our question on notice, including the previous year's allocation.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Madden—What I can advise is that in the 2008-09 budget, as you have noted, the government did announce some saving measures from the Australian Tourism Development Program. I can confirm that the full year's funding for this year, 2008-09, is actually \$6.45 million. Over the next total three years the ATDP is \$14.332 million. There is a redesign underway at present of the ATDP criteria to ensure that the money is spent as effectively and efficiently as possible, and that consideration was perhaps part of the government's consideration in reducing this year's allocation to ATDP. I do not have further—</p>				
<i>New destination campaign</i>								
SR-10	Eggleston/ Ronaldson	Tourism Australia	23/10/2008	Senator EGGLESTON —That is interesting. We have just come through the 'Where the bloody hell are you?' campaign. You, I believe, have a new Tourism Australia campaign about to be released. Which countries will the new Tourism Australia campaign run in and what is the breakdown of spending between each of the markets, such as Japan, Korea, New	E102-E103	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				<p>Zealand, the United States and the UK?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I might take all of the detail on notice and provide you with a breakdown by market. We spend approximately \$40 million in that particular brand campaign process, but we have a number of other parallel projects as well. The markets are primarily in what we call tier 1 markets, which are our major seven key markets—the UK, the United States, Japan, New Zealand, China, Korea and Australia.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Buckley—We are seeing the operators within Australia begin to understand and adapt their experiences to target those markets. We run trade events and roadshows and sales forums in China and India. We are seeing more and more of our operators come on those and really work those markets very hard.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Did you say you were going to take on notice information about which countries and the spend in each country?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes, the breakdown of the spend for our new destination campaign, I think was the question, and in what markets we will allocate that spend.</p>				
Media spend for new destination campaign								
SR-11	Ronaldson	Tourism Australia	23/10/2008	<p>Senator RONALDSON—What is the media buy percentage of the campaign? Do you know at this stage?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Approximately \$40 million.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—The media buy will be \$40 million, will it? What is the total campaign?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I think at this stage we are talking about \$47 million with revenue included, but again let me take that on</p>	E103-E104	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				<p>notice and get you the exact figure. One of the challenges that we have is that that process of spend is very much determined around partnerships and cooperative marketing. Those are still being put in place right now. As we have launched a new campaign we then approach partners and they will often co-fund with us. Our spend actually does shift and change depending on the partnerships being developed. We are in the process of developing those right now.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Could you provide me with a breakdown of the remaining \$7 million as to where it is going to be spent?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes.</p>				
<i>Tourism Australia – organisational structure</i>								
<u>SR-12</u>	Ronaldson	Tourism Australia	23/10/2008	<p>Senator RONALDSON—I gather Tourism Australia is separated into divisions; is that right? Do you have divisions within the organisation?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Business units, yes.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—I am happy for you to take this on notice, but could you provide me with the names of each of those divisions, the staff numbers in each of those divisions and perhaps you could answer this question for me: what are the required outcomes for each of those divisions? If you want to take that on notice that is fine.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes, I will.</p>	E104	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	
<i>Business events</i>								
<u>SR-13</u>	Ronaldson	Tourism Australia	23/10/2008	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Whom should I be asking about yields from business event tourists, yourselves or the department when they come back?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—It comes out of our statistics, if you like.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—What is the current yield from a</p>	E104	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				business event tourist as opposed to a holiday tourist? Mr Buckley —I do not have the numbers with me. I would need to come back to you with that breakdown. Senator RONALDSON —Take it on notice.				
<i>Business events</i>								
<u>SR-14</u>	Ronaldson	Tourism Australia	23/10/2008	Senator RONALDSON —Did Senator Eggleston ask you what our share of the global business events tourism market is? Mr Buckley —Yes. I indicated from memory that it is around about 15 per cent. But that is from memory, so I will take that on notice and come back to you with it.	E104	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	
<i>Business events</i>								
<u>SR-15</u>	Ronaldson	Tourism Australia	23/10/2008	Senator RONALDSON —What has been allocated by the department for promoting business events for tourism in 2008-09? Mr Buckley —As I said to the previous senator, it is \$5.12 million in 2008-09. Senator RONALDSON —Did Senator Eggleston also ask you what the spend was in 2006-07? Mr Buckley —For 2007-08. Senator RONALDSON —I am sorry, for 2007-08. Mr Buckley —That was also in the questions on notice. Senator RONALDSON —Perhaps if you could get me 2006-07 and 2007-08, if you would not mind. Mr Buckley —I will come back to you with that.	E105	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	
<i>Boston Consulting Group – Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute</i>								
<u>SR-16</u>	Johnston	DRET	23/10/2008	Mr Clarke —I would like to complete the answer, if I may. You asked me about the engagement of advisers. We have	E109	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				<p>canvassed Boston Consulting Group. There is also a second contract with Minters, the law firm, who are currently working with us on legal structures that might be applied to the institute.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—I will come back to Minters in a moment. Dr Boxall, how would you feel about tabling the contract with respect to Boston Consulting for the benefit of the committee members?</p> <p>Dr Boxall—I would have to take that on notice.</p>				
<i>International consultations</i>								
<u>SR-17</u>	Johnston	DRET	23/10/2008	<p>Ms Sewell—In terms of international consultations we have visited a number of countries and so it was essentially an estimate of the number of days we would spend in each country, which was based very roughly around the number of government agencies that we were meeting with.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—How many countries do you anticipate?</p> <p>Ms Sewell—I have not got a total. We can certainly give you a list of the countries.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—I would be obliged if you could take it on notice.</p>	E110	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	
<i>Global Carbon Capture and Storage Initiative – service providers</i>								
<u>SR-18</u>	Johnston	DRET	23/10/2008	<p>Senator JOHNSTON—That is not really materially quite right. We have written contracts for all of the service providers so far. In a minute I will come back to my request that I made of Dr Boxall with respect to the privacy issue that you have raised, but what other service providers do we have for our institute?</p> <p>Mr Clarke—That is the total of the external contracted advice. The balance of the effort going into this process is resourced from inside the department.</p>	E110	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				<p>Senator JOHNSTON—I am interested in the terms and conditions. I am interested in the overall remuneration, not necessarily the daily rates. Is it possible to provide the committee with copies of all of the contracts with respect to the institute whilst preserving what you perceive to be the privacy matters pertaining to the individuals concerned, as opposed to the corporations?</p> <p>Dr Boxall—We will take that on notice.</p>				
<i>Communications with estate groups</i>								
<u>SR-19</u>	Ludlam	DRET	23/10/2008	<p>Senator LUDLAM—Communications from—I will give you the names in particular. There is a number of family groups, I am sure you would be aware, responsible for landscape under the Muckaty Land Trust—in particular, the Ngapa, the Millway, the Ngarrka, Wantagu and the Yapa Yapa family groups. I have probably mangled the pronunciation. Are you aware of representations within those groups?</p> <p>Mr Davoren—Yes, we have prepared draft responses to some of those representations, Senator.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—Can you identify for us, perhaps on notice—we will not put you through doing that now—those communications? I am not asking you to table the communications themselves, but the dates and the order in which they were received and transmitted.</p> <p>Ms Taylor—We would have to take that on notice.</p>	E118	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	
<i>Uranium reserves</i>								
<u>SR-20</u>	Johnston	DRET	23/10/2008	<p>Ms Taylor—We do have an estimate of the value of uranium reserves in Western Australia, for example.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—I would like to know that figure.</p> <p>Ms Taylor—Using a spot price of around US\$64.50 and an exchange rate of 85c, WA's recoverable uranium reserves were</p>	E120	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				<p>estimated at almost \$17 billion.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—And they are JORC reserves—</p> <p>Ms Taylor—I believe so, yes.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—from probably two deposits?</p> <p>Ms Taylor—There are more than two deposits. There are probably quite a number of deposits but quite a number of prospective deposits in Western Australia.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—Okay, so if it is not JORC; they are inferred and prospective?</p> <p>Ms Taylor—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—That is fine. I do not want to delay you with technicalities. Do you have the figure for Queensland? I think it is actually more important that you have the figure for Queensland.</p> <p>Ms Taylor—I do not have Queensland.</p>				
<i>Flow-through shares</i>								
<u>SR-21</u>	Johnston	Geoscience Australia	23/10/2008	<p>Senator JOHNSTON—Without disclosing any advice in terms of cabinet advice or ministerial advice, has the government given consideration to including the exploration for geosequestration sites within such a scheme?</p> <p>Senator Carr—I do not have any information on that particular matter. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—I would be obliged if you would, even if it is just an idea.</p>	E121-E122	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	
<i>Australia's mineral exploration</i>								
<u>SR-22</u>	Eggleston	Geoscience Australia	23/10/2008	<p>Senator EGGLESTON—This is a 90-second question. The Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that Australia's mineral excavation rose 38.2 per cent in 2006-07 to a record \$1.7 billion. What are the projected figures for each of the years</p>	E122	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				<p>from 2008-09 to 2012-13? Could that be taken on notice if you cannot produce it?</p> <p>Mr Pegler—I do not believe we have those figures readily available.</p> <p>Senator EGGLESTON—I suppose any such figures might have to be revised in any case in view of the global financial crisis we seem to be going through.</p> <p>Mr Pegler—We would have to take that on notice, but I am not sure that we can produce those figures because I am not sure they do that analysis in advance.</p> <p>Dr Boxall—GA can give you figures for 2007-08, but we do not have projections.</p> <p>Senator EGGLESTON—If those figures can be provided that would be appreciated.</p> <p>Dr Boxall—GA is on at 10.30 pm, so they could give you the figures then.</p>				
<i>Australian basins</i>								
<u>SR-23</u>	Johnston	Geoscience Australia	23/10/2008	<p>Senator JOHNSTON—All right. But for these 100 sites in the various basins?</p> <p>Dr Foster—Sixty-five, yes, go on.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—Excuse me, the 65 better sites you have identified. What proportion of those are actual drill data where you have got the actual below 800 metres sample in your drill tray?</p> <p>Dr Foster—I would say all of those sites had drill material at least some reference point.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—So the correlation is very, very high, almost 100 per cent, between actual drill data and your 65 sites?</p> <p>Dr Foster—Let me stress again that these are regional studies.</p>	E135	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				<p>These are not site specific to say, 'The point is here.' So the issue is, does the basin at a particular area have the capacity, does it have those attributes that we talked about—seal, structural integrity and so on. The real issue about when you are getting down to CCS in terms of injecting it is actually quite detailed and would require more detailed study.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—All right. So we have 65 more prospective sites?</p> <p>Dr Foster—Yes.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—Can you tell me, and I hate to ask you this, what is the distribution, state by state? Obviously some states are going to have a little bit more carbon than others that they want to inject.</p> <p>Dr Foster—Senator, I think perhaps it is best to take that on notice where we could provide you with a list of those forms.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON—All right.</p>				
Mineral exploration								
SR-24	Eggleston	Geoscience Australia	23/10/2008	<p>Senator EGGLESTON—Would you have a need or could you use satellite technology more widely?</p> <p>Dr James Johnson—From the perspective of mineral exploration, it is almost a case of you can never have too much data. But, as with many things, you do the best job you can with the data available. My colleague Dr Schneider is more familiar with the various, different satellite methods, perhaps less so the application to mineral exploration. He might be able to speak more to the issue of satellite data coverage of Australia if that is what you are interested in.</p> <p>Senator EGGLESTON—I am interested in whether you feel you could usefully use more satellite based technology to enhance your work and whether or not the fact that you do not do that is a budget issue to some degree? Or are you</p>	E136	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				constrained from using satellite technology? Dr James Johnson —I will take that one on notice, thank you, Senator.				
<i>Mineral exploration site map</i>								
<u>SR-25</u>	Johnston	Geoscience Australia	23/10/2008	Senator JOHNSTON —Is your agency interested in putting out some sort of map that says, ‘Here are the prospective sites,’ so that obviously we can see how strategically and beneficially located these 65 sites are to the obvious generators of the carbon that we would want to put in there? Dr Foster —I think on the onshore in conjunction with states we will be putting out information along those lines. Senator JOHNSTON —Do we know when? I would be very interested to see the information. Dr Foster —All right. Again, I can just look at the currency of these maps and perhaps when I submit the list of basins that have been looked at, I will look at the currency of those maps as well. Senator JOHNSTON —All right.	E136	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	
<i>International progression of geosequestration</i>								
<u>SR-26</u>	Johnston	Geoscience Australia	23/10/2008	Senator JOHNSTON —All right. Are you watching the international progression of geosequestration? I am aware of a couple of interesting projects. We have got that one in Germany—the name escapes me—which has just started, which is transporting the liquid carbon over some 300 kilometres to a site. Are you actively surveying what is going on out there in terms of these things and can you tell me about it? Dr Foster —I cannot tell you about that one in detail. Again, I would be happy to provide you with that information.	E136-E137	05/12/2008	08/12/2008	

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				Senator JOHNSTON—I would be very much obliged.				