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* Questions 79, 111, 113 & 114 were clarified on 8 March 2012.

Q No.	Program: Division or Agency	Senator	Broad Topic	Question	Proof Hansard Page & Hearing Date or Written Q	Date Rec'd	Date Tabled
1	Outcome 1: Program 1.1	Cormann	Portfolio additional estimates statements	Mr Youngberry: If I understand your question, Senator, it is about when agencies posted their portfolio additional estimates statements on the website. It is the responsibility of each portfolio department to do that. We issue guidelines that say when they should be done. If they have not met that guideline, that is of concern to us. Ms Wong: Who missed, Senator. Senator CORMANN: When did finance publish theirs? Ms Wong: This is going to be interesting, isn't it? Mr Youngberry: I do not know, Senator. I will take that on notice.	F&PA Page 27, 14 Feb 2012		Answered on the day
2	Outcome 1: Program 1.1	Waters	RISs – advice sought from other departments	Senator WATERS: Likewise, could you give me an indication of how often in the last five years you have sought advice from the environment department about other departments' RISs? Mr McNamara: I would have to take that on notice. Senator WATERS: If you could, that would be great. Senator Wong: We will take that on notice. We will do what we can, but I am not having people track every phone call for the last five years. Senator WATERS: All right—just where further advice has been sought. Senator Wong: We will provide what we can.	F&PA Page 32, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
3	Outcome 1: Program 1.1	Cormann	Community infrastructure Grants	Senator CORMANN: As a question on notice I asked Senator Wong: 'What activities or functions of the Commonwealth have been or will be funded relying on the spending power under section 81 of the Constitution with respect to various financial years ending June 2010, June 2011 and June 2012?' The answer was 'None. No activities or functions of the Commonwealth have relied on it.' Community infrastructure grants of \$78,902,000—that is on page 28 of the portfolio budget statement 2011-2012—are you able to tell us what constitutional or legislative power the Commonwealth is relying on to authorise those payments? Mr Tune: Sorry, that was page 48 of the— Senator CORMANN: Page 28, portfolio budget statement 2011-2012. Sorry, budget related paper, Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio. Mr Tune: Is there a hint there about what it is? Senator CORMANN: The community infrastructure grant—\$78,902,000.	F&PA page 42 & 43, 14 Feb 2012	23/03/12	

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				Mr Tune: We will have to take that on notice, I do not know off the top of my head.			
4	Outcome 1: Program 1.1	Cormann	Breach of s44 FMA Act	Senator CORMANN: Thanks, Minister. In the interest of time, could you on notice provide the committee with any examples where the Department of Finance and Deregulation has investigated any chief executive for a possible breach of section 44? Senator Wong: Firstly, why I am pushing back on the question is because there is an assumption about whose role it would be. We will take that question on notice. But I would say that what you are asking us to assume is that a senior public servant, who has risen to the position of running an agency, would engage in fraud. That is what you are asking us to assume. ... Senator CORMANN: So, if you administer the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997, what I am interested in is: in your responsibility for administering that act, have there been any investigations by Finance into breaches of section 44 and, if so, how many investigations and into whom? And have there been any instances where anybody has been found formally guilty of breaching section 44 of the FMA Act and in what circumstances? ... Mr Tune: I think the answer to the first part is no, we have not initiated. I cannot go back to years and years ago, but certainly on my watch there have not been. There have been instances though where it has occurred, where a CEO has investigated. You would have to ask the individual CEOs about that because we have not been party to that. Senator CORMANN: That is why the section is there. Your department administers this particular act. Mr Tune: But it is almost as if you are asking Finance, or me, to monitor every financial transaction that goes on— Senator CORMANN: In recent years there have been some examples where clearly there have been some issues in the way government expenditure has been spent and with the administration of that, and I think there at least are some question marks as to whether on occasions there has been proper use of Commonwealth resources and	F&PA pages 46 & 47, 14 Feb 2012		

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				I was just interested to see what sort of steps you would take as a department to deal with that. Whatever you can tell us on notice, I would be very grateful. Mr Tune: Okay—I will take that on notice, Senator.			
5	Program 1.1 (Budget)	Ryan	Second round costings	Senator RYAN: Sure. Last time, I asked a question, which was numbered F8, on second round costings. It asked which policy measures since the budget in 2010 have included second round costings. Your answer was, 'There have not been any new spending measures that have included second round effects in the costings since the budget in 2010.' Does that statement still stand with any measures announced subsequently, since I asked that question? Mr Tune: Since the last committee meeting? I think so, yes. Can I take that one on notice too? ... Senator RYAN: And if possible, because I know that answer refers to new spending measures, I would appreciate advice with respect to any measures that are not new but are ongoing spending measures that are in the budget that include second round costings. ... Senator Wong: In relation to your earlier question, about since 2010, we will take that on notice and check that.	F&PA pages 56 & 57, 14 Feb 2012		
6	Minister	Ryan	Gross Debt – Debt Ceiling	a) Senator, when your government raised the debt ceiling in 2009 a 'special circumstances' clause was introduced, can you explain the rationale behind that clause? b) Senator, why was this clause subsequently removed when you again needed to raise the debt ceiling in 2011? c) Senator isn't a 'special circumstances' clause a safeguard to ensure that any requirement to increase the debt ceiling is clearly justified and explained by the government of the day?	Written		t/f treasury 6/3/12
7	Outcome 1: Program 1.1	Ryan	liquidity for banks	a) What per cent age of existing securities would be attributable to being consistent with Basel 3 requirements in terms of supporting liquidity for banks? b) What is the current break down of bonds in terms of time periods until maturity ie the per cent age of five year bonds and 10 year bonds etc?	Written		t/f treasury 6/3/12

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8	Outcome 1: Program 1.1	Ryan	Increase the debt ceiling	Senator RYAN: When were you advised by the Treasury last time of the need to increase the debt ceiling to \$250 billion? Mr Youngberry: I would have to take that on notice. In the production of the bills they would have advised us. Senator RYAN: Sure. It might be entirely possible that the number was a matter for the government to make, but the request—no, we are approaching the \$75 billion ceiling, as it is—may have been a warning flag to you. However, the number to raise it to might have been a decision of government. I would appreciate an outline of when Treasury communicates to you the need to potentially increase the debt ceiling. You can take that on notice.	F&PA page 63, 14 Feb 2012		
9	Outcome 1: Program 1.1	Ryan	Loan to Howe and Company Pty Ltd	Appropriation Bill 4 (2011-12) show a \$25m loan to Howe and Company Proprietary Limited and its parent company Howe Automotive Limited, to be fully repaid over 10 years with interest. a) What is the purpose of the loan? b) What is the loan terms and conditions? c) What is the interest? d) What if the loan is not repaid?	Written		t/f Industry
10	Outcome 1: Program 1.1	Ryan	Advice to Independents and Crossbenchers	a) Has the Department been asked to do any alternative policies by Green, independent or crossbench senators or members? b) Has the Department refused to undertake any such requests? c) What policy proposals has the Department provided advice to Green, independent and crossbench Senators or members about? d) Has the Department a method of calculating the cost to the Department of providing such advice? e) Can the Department provide advice on the resources that have been utilised to complete such policy costing requests?	Written	23/03/12	
11	Outcome 1:	Boyce	Fairer Private	a) In relation to the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2011 will the	Written		

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	Program 1.1		Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2011	proposed savings contribute to consolidated revenue or has that funding been designated for another purpose? b) If for another purpose, please specify details – what is it, when was it announced, how much of the saving is to be allocated to that purpose?			
12	Outcome 1: Program 1.1	Cormann	Rules governing procurements	Senator CORMANN: There is an audit by TPWC which was released on freedom of information which showed that 70 per cent of finance department purchases audited from July 2009 to March 2010 breached your own guidelines. I am trying to understand how given that as a department you are supposed to be leaders in proper best practice when it comes to procurement processes, you can be failing to meet your own requirements in 70 per cent of circumstances? Mr Burton: In terms of the 70 per cent, not all of that was breaches of the Commonwealth procurement guidelines. A lot of that was breaches of our own internal rules in relation to— ... Senator Wong: I am the minister and he is the secretary, so I am asking if you could put the questions. We will take them on notice and provide you with a fuller answer. Senator CORMANN: Do you recall, Minister, that as a result of finding that 70 percent of procurements breached— Senator Wong: This is precisely why I will take these questions on notice. ... Senator CORMANN: That is good. Could you provide on notice whatever follow-up audit was done. Given that the sample was what it was, what follow-up audit was done looking at a broader sample or across the board? What costs were associated with these breaches, if any?	F&PA pages 67 & 68, 14 Feb 2012	23/03/12	
13	Outcome 1: Program 1.1	Cormann	Grant reporting requirements	Senator CORMANN: You did mention that the ANAO uncovered occasions when a minister awarded a grant against departmental advice. I think there were 11 such occasions. Can a list of these 11 grants be provided or is that secret information? Mr Tune: I think so. I will take that on notice but I think that is okay.	F&PA page 69, 14 Feb 2012		

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14	Outcome 1: Program 1.2	Xenophon	Superannuation	a) Which superannuation funds are available to public sector employees? b) Are they also able to choose a different fund? c) If not, why not?	Written	16/03/12	
15	Outcome 1: Program 1.3	Ryan	National Building Funds	Appropriation Bill 4 (2011-12) show changed drawdown rights for the Nation Building Funds. a) The Building Australia Fund general drawing rights limit has been increased for the current year by \$269,500,000. The drawing limit is now \$2,225,700,000 (i.e \$2.2bn). i. Why is this? ii. What is the funding for? iii. What will be left in the BAF? iv. What is committed and what is uncommitted? b) The Education Investment Fund general drawing rights limit has been reduced for the current year by \$131,751,000. The drawing limit is now \$929,554,000 (i.e. \$929.6m). i. Why is this? ii. What is the funding for? iii. What will be left in EIF? iv. What is committed and what is uncommitted? c) The Health and Hospitals Fund general drawing rights limit has been increased for the current year by \$212,887,000. The drawing limit is now \$1,500,007,000 (i.e. \$1.5bn). i. Why is this? ii. What is the funding for? iii. What will be left in HHF? iv. What is committed and what is uncommitted?	Written	23/03/12	

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16	Outcome 2: Program 2.1	Ryan	Interest payments on late invoices	Senator RYAN: Could you outline for me, on notice, the process by which a small business would go about claiming interest for late payment of an invoice and whether or not it is consistent across all departments and agencies, because I am not sure if it would be exactly the same for each? If it is not consistent across all, could you explain why that might not be the case? Mr Grant: I will not do it for all departments, but I will try and talk to the top 10 and get that information. Otherwise I have over 100 to get advice from. Senator RYAN: I appreciate that, but the departments that have the largest numbers of invoices or the largest departments. Senator Wong: The top 10 in terms of non-compliance.	F&PA page 70, 14 Feb 2012	02/04/12	
17	Minister	Cormann/ Ryan	Meetings with NBN Co	a) How many times has Senator Wong met with the head of NBN Co. Mike Quigley since her appointment as Finance Minister? b) How many times have you met with any of the other board members • Mr. Harrison Young – Chairman, • Ms Diane Smith-Gander (Deputy Chair and Chair of the People and Performance Committee) • Mr. Clement (Clem) Doherty, • Mr. Terrence (Terry) Francis (Non Executive Director and Chair of the Implementation Committee) • Mr. Peter Hay (Non Executive Director) • Ms Siobhan McKenna (Non Executive Director and Chair of the Communications Committee) Mr. Gene Tilbrook (Non Executive Director and Chair of the Audit Committee) • Mr Richard (Rick) Turchini (Non Executive Director) c) Do you regularly meet with other senior members of the company to receive updates, or do they seek your counsel or opinions in relation to the direction of the company? d) Have you attended any NBN Co board meetings, presuming you are permitted to do so?	Written; & F&PA page 58, 14 Feb 2012		

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18	Outcome 2: Program 2.1 BUDGET	Ryan	NBN Co	To date, what is the quantum of spending currently 'on budget' which is directly related to the NBN project?	Written		
19	Outcome 2: Program 2.1	Ryan	NBN Co equity requirements	In relation to NBN Co's equity requirements does the \$8.8 billion (between July 2010 and June 2013) outlined in the Corporate Plan remain the most current indication of required equity?	Written		
20	AMPS (Minister) Outcome 2: Program 2.1	Ryan	NBN Co – 'red flag'	a) Minister in your reply to Mr Robb's letter to you regarding the NBN, you did not address the issue of "red flag" mechanisms he raised –nor did you say if as shareholder minister you have veto authority over any potentially bad decisions that may not present value to taxpayers. Can you clarify what your veto powers as minister are? b) Senator Wong last year it was reported by the Financial review (find article) that NBN Co had already entered into contracts worth more than \$7 billion, albeit over a period out to 10 years, for the benefit of the committee could you provide an update on where that figure currently sits? c) The issue of 'red flag' mechanisms is a very important one, do you have a means to be alerted to procurement activities? d) I note the company failed to meet its roll out projections in 2011 and we have seen procurement delays, this would inevitably impact on the equity requirements, would it not? e) But clearly while you are borrowing money for equity and the NBN Co is running at a loss as it currently is, it is fair to say the project for at least the next three or four years will be quite a burden on government net debt is it not?	Written	12/04/12	
21	Outcome 2: Program 2.1	Ryan	Campaign Advertising	The recent Auditor-General report said that there would be benefit in Finance reviewing some aspects of its strategy for supporting agencies, and enhancing its reports to Parliament on the campaign advertising framework.	Written	30/03/12	

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				a) Can you explain how you will be doing this? b) The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency will review its campaign certification processes. Will Finance have a role in this? c) The audit said that there would be merit in Finance providing further specific advice to agencies on the implications of the Financial Management and Accountability Act (FMA Act) amendments to campaign advertising. Will Finance be doing this? If so, how will this advice be provided?			
22	Outcome 3: Program 3.1	Ryan	Hire cars & taxis	Ms Mason: There was a second matter in relation to taxis and hire cars for staff. It is permissible for staff who are travelling at the direction of their employing minister to use taxis, hire cars or even short-term self-drive vehicles, provided that the period of the hire is less than 10 days duration. There are some rules around that that are set out in the ministers of state handbook and the parliamentary secretaries handbook. Senator RYAN: On that particular point, therefore you would keep a record, through invoices essentially, of the use of hire cars versus taxis. I will go back one step. Are the hire cars—as in not self-drive rental cars but hire cars—that are used the only cars that can be paid for by the Cabcharge card that is issued to staff or is it something that would be invoiced to the department? Ms Mason: I imagine it would be both, but if you are after more detail on the splits between taxis and hire cars that is something we would need to take on notice. Senator RYAN: Obviously, through the invoices and payments that are provided to acquit the use of Cabcharge cards, you would have a list of to whom payments were made with respect to the use of cars. Ms Mason: I think so, but I am afraid I am not familiar with that level of detail of our records, so we would just need to check whether or not we can do that. My colleague informs me we can.	F&PA pages 76 & 77, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
23	Outcome 3: Program 3.1	Polley	Storage capacity for BlackBerry devices	CHAIR: Can you inform us as to what the storage capacity for data is on the BlackBerry devices? Ms Pitson: I would have to take that on notice; I do not have that information.	F&PA page 74, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	

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24	Outcome 3: Program 3.1	Polley	BlackBerry passwords	Ms Mason: Before we turn to the monthly management reports, I come back to your question in relation to safety and entering passwords whilst using a BlackBerry device in a motor vehicle. You do not need to enter a password to make a telephone call, and it would only be permissible to make a telephone call using a hands-free technique. It would not be safe to seek to do email, which would require entering a password, whilst driving a motor vehicle. CHAIR: My understanding is that you do have to unlock the BlackBerry before you can make a phone call. I think you will find that, when operating a BlackBerry, once it is locked you can make an emergency phone call but cannot make a phone call even with a handheld device. Mr Tune: That is not the case with my BlackBerry, so I am not quite sure why that would be the case. I just press call. CHAIR: No, we cannot. Senator STEPHENS: Once this is in the hands-free cradle kit, you cannot— Mr Tune: I do not have the hands-free, so maybe it is a different— Ms Mason: Perhaps we can look into that further, Chair. Mr Tune: Yes, we will have a look. CHAIR: If you could look into that and advise the committee, it would be most helpful.	Hansard, p.74, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
25	Outcome 3: Program 3.1	Polley	Mobile and telephone accounts	CHAIR: Would that be the same process as mobile phone and telephone accounts, which go directly to the department rather than to the senators and members? Could you outline to us on how many occasions senators or members have had their phone disconnected because the account has not been paid? Ms Mason: For the first part of your question, I can confirm that it is the same policy and process. As to the second part of your question—how many times there may have been a consequence for a senator or a member—I would need to take that on notice and check. I would anticipate that it would be a very small number. CHAIR: Perhaps you could take that on notice, because it obviously causes inconvenience and embarrassment when someone's phone is disconnected or they have trouble using it because the account has not been paid. Ms Mason: Could I just check the time period over which you wish us to— CHAIR: Just the last 12 months. That would be helpful.	F&PA page 76, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	

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26	Outcome 3: Program 3.1	Ryan	Staffing arrangements - Australian Democrats	Senator RYAN: How far back does the four per cent ratio for minor parties go? Is that again a longstanding— Mr Tune: It was 2011. Senator RYAN: Do you know what the rule was when it applied to the Australian Democrats? Was there a similar rule in place? Mrs Baker: I think we would have to take that on notice. It was quite some time ago. Senator RYAN: It was quite some time ago. Ms Mason: From memory—we will check it—I think it was three per cent. It was of that order.	F&PA page 79, 14 Feb 2012	22/03/12	
27	Outcome 3: Program 3.1	Stephens	Staff training budgets	Senator STEPHENS: I want to go to the issue of staff training budgets. I know that we have an entitlement for three external training opportunities for our staff and, given that we now have four staff, I wondered whether any consideration had been given to an increase. Secondly, I am interested in how many members and senators take up that training opportunity. Ms Pitson: I think we would have to take the second question on notice as to how many of the staff take up the training opportunities that are offered either under the professional development program that we offer or the ad hoc training. As to the first question, it is not a matter that we have considered recently, although we have noted the anomaly that you raise.	F&PA pages 79 & 80, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
28	Outcome 3: Program 3.1	Kroger	PM's office staffing and turnover	a) Please provide details of the staff turnover rate within the Prime Minister's office since the last Senate Estimate session in October 2011. Please include in the response the number of staff departures from the Prime Minister's office, how many of these departures were voluntary and involuntary, and the number of staff hired in this period. b) How many positions are currently unfilled within the Prime Minister's office and what are these positions they? Please specify the occupation role and level of these unfilled positions within the Prime Minister's staff. c) In 2011, how many people resigned from employment within the Prime Minister's office? Did these staff members receive any redundancy	Written	30/03/12	

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				packages? If so, please provide the details of these redundancy packages including the financial benefits of these packages. Did these packages include extra months or weeks salary? If so, how many months or weeks? If packages were offered, how many were offered and how many were accepted? d) In 2011, did any of the Prime Minister's staff leave employment in her office only to be shortly employed, within three months, later by another Government office, department or agency? If so, did any of these staff members receive any redundancy payments and/or packages for their previous employment in the Prime Minister's office? e) Is Amanda Lampe, former Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister, still listed as employed by the Prime Minister's office? If not, please outline when the termination of her employment was finalised. f) Please provide a full breakdown of staff numbers in the Prime Minister's office for all levels and bands over the last four years.			
29	Outcome 3: Program 3.1	Stephens	Ad hoc training costs	Senator STEPHENS: Is there a notional cap on the ad hoc training costs? Ms Pitson: I believe there is, but I can come back to you with the details on that.	F&PA page 80, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
30	Outcome 3: Program 3.1	Stephens	Professional development calendar	Senator STEPHENS: A few years ago I know that several members and senators organised for their staff to undertake mental health first aid certificates. It would be great if that could be put into the professional development calendar. Ms Pitson: Again, I come back with further detail. There is an opportunity to undertake first aid training if, for example, somebody is nominated as a site officer in an electorate office. First aid training is one of the requirements of being a site officer.	F&PA page 80, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
31	General FMG	Cormann	Responses to Questions on Notice	Senator CORMANN: I have a couple of questions, before we get into some other issues, around timeliness of responses and the like. I asked you during the last estimates whether there had ever before been cash from the sale of a non-financial asset by the Future Fund that hid the cash balance of the budget. The answer that I got back was, 'No. Since the establishment of the Future Fund by the Future Fund	F&PA Page 26, 14 Feb 2012	23/03/12	

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				Act 2006 there have been no sales of a non-financial asset prior to 2011-12 and as a result no cash proceeds have hid the cash balance of the budget prior to 2011-12'. I got that response yesterday. It is not a very complicated response. It was a response that was due by 2 December 2011. How are we in a position the day before we meet again for estimates? This was clearly a reasonably contentious issue at that time. Why does it take so long to get this sort of pretty basic answer, which did not take a lot of work on the face of it? Why does it take so long to get that? Mr Tune: I will have to take that on notice. I am not aware of the circumstances surrounding that particular question on notice, but I will look into that process and we will get back to you on that and hopefully more quickly than the previous answer.			
32	General (COOG - FSB)	Cormann	Breakdown of staffing numbers	Senator CORMANN: When we last met for estimates you released your annual report just the day before...I have just one question in relation to the Department of Finance and Deregulation's annual report. I see that the number of ongoing, non-ongoing and casual staff increased by another 100 between 30 June 2010 and 30 June 2011. What has been driving that increase in staff in the finance department? Mr Tune: There has been a number of factors. I cannot breakdown the 100 exactly, but I can take that on notice if you wish.	F&PA Page 27, 14 Feb 2012	23/03/12	
33	General (HR Services)	Cormann	Staffing – additional staff transfers	Senator CORMANN: Can you maybe tell us on notice: since 2007 how many of the additional staff for your department were transfers which came with transfers of responsibilities from other departments and how many of the additional staff were just new staff because of new spending? Mr Tune: Yes, I can do that.	F&PA Page 28, 14 Feb 2012	23/03/12	
34	Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	Cormann	Cost of merging CSC	Senator CORMANN: I am talking about costs across all levels. Take it on notice maybe, because it is something that quite seriously I am interested in. What were the costs across all levels? Were they scheme administration costs, or the investment management costs and investment performance? What were your benchmarks when you took over at the time of the merger and what is your expectation of how, across all of those benchmarks, you are going to improve performance and move forward?	F&PA Page 6, 14 Feb 2012		

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				Because at some point in time you have got to be able to make a judgment as to whether what happened was a good idea or not. Have you kept track of the cost of implementing the merger? Mr Carrigy-Ryan: The cost of implementing the merger? Senator CORMANN: The cost of merging the three entities into one. Mr Carrigy-Ryan: The information on cost is public information, for example, for 2010-11 it is in annual reports that are tabled in parliament. That information is there. I will take on notice the other information you are seeking about benchmarks and targets and things that we are looking to in the future to actually measure. One of the simple ways of measuring will be that public information, which is available in those annual reports to parliament, for 2010-11 compared to what they are in the future. Senator CORMANN: With all due respect, the reason we are here is to get information that goes beyond what is published in annual reports and budget papers and to test and probe. The government made a series of assertions when this legislation went through the parliament. I understand conceptually where the government was coming from. I think it is important for us to be able to verify to what extent that has eventuated. Just on the cost of the merger, do you have figures at hand about how much it cost to merge the three entities into one? Mr Carrigy-Ryan: I have not got them at hand, but I could get them for you.			
35	Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	Cormann	Cost of merging CSC	Senator CORMANN: Thank you very much. Who covered these costs? Was that a cost to the government or was it a cost to the funds? Mr Carrigy-Ryan: There was a parliamentary appropriation for this that was in estimates and so forth. My recollection is that it was \$1.1 million. I will get you that information in terms of the source.	F&PA Pages 6 & 7, 14 Feb 2012		
36	Medibank Private Ltd	Cormann	Customer feedback on Government policy changes	Mr Savvides: Yes, and our health nurse call triage centre takes another two million. So it is a busy environment. We track member sentiment because we want to know how we are performing on service quality and product experience and we have new products going out there in My Health and Simplify, so we want to know what customers are thinking and experiencing as they receive those products, whether we	F&PA Page 11, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	

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				have got some of the messages wrong and we need to clarify. We do gather that. I do not have an analysis that I have seen recently that has concerns around government policy changes associated with our products. Senator CORMANN: Would you mind taking that on notice and sharing that with us to the extent that you can? Mr Savvides: It is the competitive piece that I am concerned about, but I will take that on notice and have a look at what it is that we do have. As you know, this is a moving conversation.			
37	Medibank Private Ltd	Cormann	Medibank reserves	Senator CORMANN: I think in May your reserves were about \$2.2 billion. Mr Savvides: You know it better than I do, Senator. I would have to take that on notice to be accurate, but it is about right, yes.	F&PA Page 12, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
38	Medibank Private Ltd	Cormann	Future acquisitions	Senator CORMANN: Are you planning any further acquisitions? Mr Savvides: I cannot disclose that. Senator CORMANN: That is okay, I am just asking a question and if Mr Savvides says that he is unable to disclose it then that is fine. So, watch this space is what you are saying. Senator Wong: We are not discussing that. We will take that as a question on notice. Senator CORMANN: You have given us a bit of an indication of what your broad strategy is in your vision for Medibank Private over the next five to 10 years. I am not talking about specific projects or specific proposals, I am just thinking now in terms of where you want to take Medibank Private as an organisation. Are there things that you think would be a natural fit with the organisation? Senator Wong: That is the same question. Senator CORMANN: No, it is not the same question. Senator Wong: Senator, it is the same topic and I have indicated that we will take that question on notice. I do not think it is appropriate to be asking Mr Savvides about what may or may not be something the board is considering in terms of acquisitions.	F&PA Page 15, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	

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39	Medibank Private Ltd	Moore	Staffing identification	Senator MOORE: Can we get some data on notice about that break up in the standard staffing identifications that we talk about? Mr Savvides: I am happy to do that.	F&PA Page 18, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
40	Medibank Private Ltd	Moore	Rapid Care Clinic	Senator MOORE: In the health insurance side where you have opened centres. I would also like some updated information, again on notice, about the processes you have with the GP clinics, the process that you opened in Brisbane. Mr Savvides: Rapid Care Clinic. Senator MOORE: Rapid Care—in terms of information about where they are and if there is any feedback about how they are being used and the rate of access and all those things. Mr Savvides: I can provide that.	F&PA Page 18, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
41	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Sanctions in contract between ASC and DMO	Senator JOHNSTON: What will be the sanctions contained in the contract if the performance is below the benchmark? And we will come to the benchmarks in a minute. Mr Ludlam: I think the sanctions are within the commercial confidentiality that I have to observe due to our negotiations with the DMO. Senator JOHNSTON: So there will be sanctions? Senator Wong: Senator, can I make a suggestion here? I am unclear—and I might need to get advice about it, but I am quite happy to be helpful—but there is obviously a negotiation that is still on foot between ASC and DMO. To ensure that we are not compromising those discussions, what I would ask is, if you are able to put the questions, we will take them on notice and that will enable us to make sure that we can be as helpful as we can up to the point of not compromising those negotiations. Senator JOHNSTON: Sure, I accept that.	F&PA Page 19, 14 February 2012	12/04/12	
42	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Insurance Premiums	Senator JOHNSTON: What is your insurance premium at the moment? \$8 million? Mr Ludlam: I would have to take that on notice.	F&PA Page 20, 14 Feb 2012	12/04/12	
43	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Insurance policy	Senator JOHNSTON: That is fine. When did you first get your policy? Mr Ludlam: Senator, I think that some of the items are within the commercial	F&PA Page 20, 14 Feb 2012	12/04/12	

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				descriptions which is why I would prefer to take those questions on notice.			
44	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Insurance premiums	Senator JOHNSTON: With respect to insurance costs, you have only got one customer. Correct? Mr Ludlam: That is correct. Senator JOHNSTON: So all of the costs of your premiums are passed onto the customer? Senator Wong: We will take that on notice.	F&PA Page 20, 14 Feb 2012	12/04/12	
45	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Insurance claims	Senator JOHNSTON: How many claims have you made on your insurance policy? Mr Ludlam: I would have to take that on notice as well, Senator.	F&PA Page 20, 14 Feb 2012	23/04/12	
46	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Insurance excess	Senator JOHNSTON: Do you pay an excess? Mr Ludlam: I will take that on notice.	F&PA Page 20, 14 Feb 2012	12/04/12	
47	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Docking of HMAS <i>Rankin</i>	Mr Ludlam: HMAS <i>Rankin</i> is 38 per cent through its full cycle docking. It is currently on schedule to return to the Royal Australian Navy on time. Senator JOHNSTON: Which is when? Mr Ludlam: In about 18 months time. Senator JOHNSTON: At the end of 2013. Mr Ludlam: Yes. Senator JOHNSTON: When did it come into your yard? Mr Ludlam: It came in before I joined the organisation, so I would have to really take that on notice. Senator JOHNSTON: It is almost four years, isn't it? Mr Ludlam: I think I would have to take that on notice.	F&PA Page 24, 14 Feb 2012		
48	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Submarine Sustainment	a) On what dates are HMAS SHEEAN and HMAS RANKIN due to complete their Full Cycle Docking? b) What are the dates for commencement and completion of the second FCD for each of the six vessels in the Collins fleet? c) What is the current planned maintenance cycle for the Collins fleet? i.e. the duration of, and interval between ,Full Cycle Dockings, Mid-Cycle dockings, Intermediate Dockings, Battery Replacement etc. d) What was the original intended maintenance cycle for the Collins fleet? i.e. the	Written		

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				duration of, and interval between ,Full Cycle Dockings, Mid-Cycle dockings, Intermediate Dockings, Battery Replacement etc. e) What has been the labour requirement in person-hours, and duration in weeks, for each of the Full Cycle Dockings competed so far (and currently underway) for the six vessels of the Collins Fleet? f) How many person-hours are expected to be needed for each of the forthcoming six FCD? g) What responsibility does ASC have for monitoring the long-term logistical and engineering sustainability of the Collins fleet? What resources within ASC are directed towards this task? How well does ASC understand the long-term logistical and engineering sustainability of the Collins fleet? h) Since 2004-05, what have average annual workforces devoted to (a) shipbuilding and (b) submarine work undertaken by ASC? What has been the break-down of the two workforces in terms of executives, engineers, production workers and administrators? i) Please provide a definition of “Materiel Ready Days”.			
49	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Financials	a) Since 2004-05, what have been the annual revenues and profits recorded for (a) shipbuilding and (b) submarine work undertaken by ASC? b) Since 2004-05, what percentage of ASC’s revenue was derived from the Department of Defence? c) Since 2004-05, what have been the expenses incurred for (a) shipbuilding and (b) submarine work undertaken by ASC in terms of employees, materials and subcontractors, professional fees, depreciation etc. d) For 2010-11 what was the billed cost breakdown with respect to shipbuilding work: i. Direct Labour ii. Materials iii. Overhead iv. Margin e) For 2010-11 what was the billed cost breakdown with respect to submarine	Written		

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				work: i. Direct Labour ii. Materials iii. Overhead iv. Margin f) To what extent are ASC's revenues from the AWD project based on performance? What measures are used to measure performance and how has ASC performed against those measures each year since the inception of the project? How much revenue has been gained or foregone as a result of ASC performance in the AWD Alliance. g) What is Deep Blue Tech's Business Model/Plan? h) Who within the government signed off/approved Deep Blue Tech's Business Model/Plan?			
50	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Executive Remuneration	a) How is executive remuneration set within ASC? b) What was the value of the annual remuneration packages of the top 10 individuals employed by ASC in 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12. i.e the value of each of the 10 individual packages for each year. c) To what extent is executive remuneration in ASC based on performance? What measures are used to measure individual performance? How much money has been paid to individuals by way of incentive bonuses each year since 2004-05?	Written	12/04/12	
51	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Consultancies	Please provide a list of consultants engaged across the ASC Group and the amount of money paid to each consultancy.	Written	23/04/12	
52	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Sponsorships	Please provide a list of sponsorships made to universities, professional institutes/ foundations and think tanks and local organisations and sponsorship amounts.	Written		
53	Australian	Johnston	AWD Alliance	a) How is executive remuneration set within the AWD Alliance?	Written	12/04/12	

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	Submarine Corporation			b) What was the value of the annual remuneration packages of the top 10 individuals employed by the AWD Alliance each year since its inception. i.e value of each of the top 10 individual packages for each year. c) To what extent is executive remuneration within the AWD Alliance based on performance? What measures are used to measure individual performance? How much money has been paid to individuals by way of incentive bonuses each year since the inception of the alliance? d) It is noted that Mr Ludlum told the Estimates committee that the AWD program is not profitable at this stage. Please provide details on the profit/losses to date (by FY) and the profit/losses forward estimates.			
54	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	ISSC	a) What Government direction has been provided to ASC with respect to the negotiation of the ISSC? b) Please provide a list of the performance metric categories with respect to the ISSC. c) Please provide a description of the types of sanctions imposed on ASC for non-compliance with the performance metrics. d) What are the FCD time frames and costs being proposed by ASC (i.e. on the table) in the new ISSC? e) Do the terms of the ISSC, as proposed by Defence, allow Defence to get submarines fixed elsewhere.	Written		
55	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Insurance	According to ASCs annual reports, insurance cost for the group are as follows: • \$1,987,000 in FY07/08 • \$2,307,000 in FY08/09 • \$5,161,000 in FY 09/10 • \$8,008,000 in FY 10/11	Written		

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				a) Over the FY07/08 to FY10/11 period please provide a list of insurance policies taken out, the nature and extent of the coverage, excess associated with them and the name of the underwriter. b) Over the FY07/08 to FY10/11 period please provide a list of all insurance claims made by the company and the payout. c) What has been the main drivers with respect to the 400% increase in cost in insurance?			
56	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Future Submarines	a) What is the A3 Future Submarine Project mentioned in ACS's Financial Report? b) What is the break-down of the Deep Blue Tech workforces in terms of executives, managers, engineers, and administrators? c) How many of Deep Blue Tech's engineers have been involved in a submarine design program that resulted in a submarine which has been accepted into service in any Navy? <i>The Coles review stated (at clause 5.13) that Another aspect of the ASC that is recommended to be covered in Phase 2 is the degree to which there may be duplication of skills between the DSTO and the ASC. The Review Team understands need for the Commonwealth to be able to retain the necessary intellectual and manufacturing know how on submarines. What is less clear is what precisely these skills are and whether they are duplicated in other Commonwealth institutions, such as the DSTO. Elimination of unnecessary duplication would minimise overall resource consumption.</i> d) Does ASC acknowledge that there is an overlap in function between Deep Blue Tech and DSTO? Defence released a tender last year for a land based test rig study. e) Did Deep Blue Tech bid for this study? f) If yes, can you please provide a summary of the Defence debrief regarding Deep	Written		

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				Blue Tech's proposal?			
57	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	AWD project / BAE contractor	a) Please provide details on the current financial state of the AWD project. b) Please provide details on how the project is to be funded in the event of cost over-runs. c) Is there sufficient revenue reserves to cover any cost over-runs? d) How much was paid to the contractor BAE for the initial 'blocks' that provided the well publicised challenges for ASC, DMO and the AWD Alliance? e) What additional amount was paid, above the agreed contract price, to BAE for these problematic initial 'blocks'? f) Provide the specific details on how the project is proceeding against the designated milestones?	Written		
58	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	John Coles	a) Is John Coles involved in the ISSC development?	Written		
59	Australian Submarine Corporation	Johnston	Collins Project	a) When is the Collins project expected to be taken off the Projects of Concern list? b) What benchmarks are the ASC currently using with respect to efficiency and effectiveness in sustaining and maintaining the Collins program?	Written	12/04/12	
60	ComSuper	Cormann	Superannuation contributions	Senator CORMANN: Are current Commonwealth government employees over the age of 70 receiving 15.4 per cent superannuation contributions? Mr Cormack: I might have to take that on notice—I cannot recall the new situation. Senator CORMANN: And you are preparing to offer it regardless of age? Not just increasing it from 70 to 75? Mr Bridge: It would be regardless of age—that is my understanding of the proposed legislation. I would probably have to confirm that on notice.	F&PA page 48, 14 Feb 2012		

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61	Future Fund Management Agency	Cormann	Target asset level	Senator CORMANN: But you do not have a target that you are working towards for 1 July 2020, in terms of what would be required to fully offset the public sector superannuation liability? Mr Helgeby: We only take, on a periodic basis—about every three years—what are called 'long-term cost reports' that look at the liability and where it is tracking. The last of those was done about 2½ to three years ago, so we will be due for another long-term cost report in the near future, and that will enable us to recast our view about the longer term. Senator CORMANN: So you have not got a figure? Mr Helgeby: At this point in time we have a figure that would be derived from numbers that go back to 2009. Senator CORMANN: When do they go back to? Mr Helgeby: To the last long-term cost report, in 2009. Senator CORMANN: What was the figure that was identified in 2009? Mr Helgeby: I do not have that with me. Senator Wong: We will take that on notice, Senator.	F&PA page 51, 14 Feb 2012	23/03/12	
62	Future Fund Management Agency	Cormann	Blackstone Alternative Asset Management/ Lazard Asset Management Pacific Co	Senator CORMANN: The Future Fund has released a series of documents under FOI, and I note that the Future Fund invested \$2.168 billion through Blackstone Alternative Asset Management in 2010 and 2011, and that in October 2011, Paul Costello, who used to be of the Future Fund, joined Blackstone. Did Mr Costello have any role in allocating those funds to Blackstone? Mr Neal: No, I do not believe so. I am just trying to remember the exact timing. Senator Wong: We will take on notice the precise sequence of events. Senator CORMANN: You are taking that on notice? Senator Wong: I think it is fair. You are making an inference. Senator CORMANN: No, I am just asking a question. Senator Wong: The inference behind the question is fairly serious so we will treat the question seriously, which means we would need to look at when those decisions were made and what the involvement was, if any, at that time and make any other inquiries. We will do that. Senator CORMANN: According to the same document the Future Fund also allocated \$2.174 billion to Lazard Asset Management Pacific Co. in September	F&PA page 53, 14 Feb 2012		

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				2010. Senator Wong: Which document are you referring to? The FOI document? Senator CORMANN: That is right. The former finance minister Tanner announced he was joining Lazard in September 2010. Can you provide us with a similar sequence of events in the process of decision making—just to give us assurance there? Senator Wong: We will do that, but I am going to respond to that inference. You and I both know that ministers are removed from investment decisions of the fund.			
63	Future Fund Management Agency	Cormann	Australian domestic bank debt	Senator CORMANN: I am asking a question. How much Australian domestic bank debt does the Future Fund own or hold? Mr Neal: For a specific answer I will have to take that on notice, because a large amount of the cash allocation would be short-term bank bills. There will also be an allocation to debt issued by banks within the nation-building funds. It is a relatively complex question that I will have to take on notice.	F&PA page 53, 14 Feb 2012	12/04/12	
64	Future Fund Management Agency	Cormann	Exposure to the European Union	Senator CORMANN: Can you outline the total Future Fund exposure to the European Union and break it down by Greece, Portugal, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Germany and France? Mr Neal: I do not have the specific breakdown. Again, I would have to take that on notice.	F&PA page 53, 14 Feb 2012	23/04/12	
65	Future Fund Management Agency	Di Natale	Value of tobacco stocks	Senator DI NATALE: What is the current value of tobacco stocks? Mr Burgess: I would have to take the current value of tobacco stocks on notice. Senator DI NATALE: Have there been any changes in the tobacco portfolio since the last estimates hearing? Mr Burgess: We would not expect any major changes but I would have to take it on notice just to confirm.	F&PA page 54, 14 Feb 2012		
66	Future Fund Management Agency	Di Natale	Investments in foreign owned companies	Mr Burgess: We would expect our fund managers to be aware of aspects of the way the companies operate. Senator DI NATALE: Were you aware that they might have been assisting in programs to develop weapons of mass destruction? Mr Burgess: It is hypothetical as to which ones you are alluding to, but we would expect our fund managers to be aware of the companies that they invest in on our	F&PA page 55, 14 Feb 2012		

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				behalf. Senator DI NATALE: And has there ever been fresh capital or debt finance provided to any of these companies? ... Senator DI NATALE: Have funds been provided to any of these companies for specific projects relating to nuclear weapons or delivery vehicles? Could you take that on notice if you do not have that information with you?			
67	AEC Outcome 1	Abetz	Multiple voting	Senator ABETZ: But the Australian Electoral Commission are always efficient. Do they have this one? Yes. I thought they might. It relates to the federal seat of McEwen and the election result in 2007, in which we were advised or reminded—I am not sure which— (a) that there were eight people who admitted to multiple voting. I asked what action, if any, was taken against them. The seat of McEwen was won by Ms Bailey by how many votes? Mr Killesteyn: It was 31 votes. Senator ABETZ: (b) Out of the eight who admitted to multiple voting, how many multiples of voting did each one admit to? Mr Killesteyn: I will have to take that on notice. I do not know.	F&PA page 80, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
68	AEC Outcome 1	Abetz	Prosecutions for Multiple voting (since 2004)	Senator ABETZ: Have there been any attempted prosecutions since 2004? Mr Pirani: I would need to refresh my memory, but it is actually contained in the submission from the DPP to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in their inquiry into the 2010 election. They have actually got the statistics in that letter.	F&PA page 81, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
69	AEC Outcome 1	Abetz	Multiple voting - judgements	Senator ABETZ: Yes, but is that the case in all 6,265 that you dismiss from the list? Mr Killesteyn: I do not necessarily like the description of 'dismiss'. We make a judgment. Senator ABETZ: Fair enough. Mr Killesteyn: But in terms of the actual reason for making that judgment, I would have to take it on notice. It is a fairly large job, but my officers may have some further experience there that we can provide by way of further explanation as to the reasons for not taking any further action.	F&PA page 83, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	

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70	AEC Outcome 1	Abetz	Multiple voting – official error	Senator ABETZ: Are you able to assist us, then, with the 1,660 replies that indicated official error? What does that actually mean? Does the person write back saying, 'I think your office has made a mistake?' What does that actually mean? Mr Killesteyn: My apologies, I will have to take that on notice to give you some further information.	F&PA page 83, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
71	AEC Outcome 1	Abetz	Multitple Voters – breakdown	Senator ABETZ: All right. I accept that. Now, the remaining 639 voters were either deceased or considered to require no further follow up. I dare say being deceased is a pretty good reason for not following up people. But can I ask: (a) is the number 21 further up part of the 639? Mr Killesteyn: We will get more breakdown of that 639 for you. Senator ABETZ: It seems as though a lot of people die around election time by the looks of it, but I dare say it happens every day. Mr Killesteyn: Regrettably, some actually die on election day in the process. Senator ABETZ: I am sure that occurs as well. Indeed, it has even been known for candidates to die in the lead-up to elections. (b) Apart from deceased, can you just give us a bit of a flavour as to the other reasons or rationale for no follow up. Mr Killesteyn: I will have to get some further information for you.	F&PA page 83, 14 Feb 2012	30/03/12	
72	AEC Outcome 1	Ronaldson	Fair Work Australia Investigation	Senator RONALDSON: Who did you speak to? Mr Pirani: Ms Ailsa Carruthers. Senator RONALDSON: And what was her position? Mr Pirani: I would have to take that on notice, but she was the contact that we had with Fair Work in relation to this matter.	F&PA page 85, 14 Feb 2012	27/03/12	
73	AEC Outcome 1	Faulkner	Reporting Obligations	Senator FAULKNER: Mr Killesteyn, you would appreciate that, in relation to disclosure periods, there are reporting obligations in different jurisdictions—in other words, with the AEC and with state and territory authorities. Of course, the reporting obligations are not necessarily the same, depending on state and territory law, as opposed to Commonwealth law. You would acknowledge that is the case? Mr Killesteyn: That is correct. Senator FAULKNER: As I say nothing might turn on this at all and I am in no position to know. It is not	F&PA pages 91 & 92, 14 Feb 2012	2//03/12	

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				even the political party I happen to belong to; it is the Liberal Party. It showed receipts for 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 in the ACT. The Commonwealth return was from some organisation, Stratsec, \$108,900, fair enough; something called Advise at \$60,000, fair enough. Appreciating that there is a threshold level of \$11,500 with the Commonwealth but at the state for the same period it showed the same company, Stratsec, at \$161,644 98, so I wondered about that. Then it showed Advise Consulting, I assume the same company at the same level \$60,000 and that seemed perfectly logical. It then showed two others in the ACT return, one was Skilled Group at \$67,000—I put my blue pen through it so it is almost illegible—I think it might be \$67,850.72. There was another one called San International at \$31,459.91. As I say, nothing might turn on this but I was perplexed by it. The real reason for my question is that you might have a look at that and, in the processes that the commission undertakes, whether it does any comparative work between the jurisdictions. Mr Killesteyn: I am happy to take that recommendation and look at whether we would get value by making comparisons across jurisdictions. I would note that even the current level of work, when you just look at the 2010 returns, we had some 6,000 items to be crossmatched between donor and recipient returns. Mr Pirani: We will take it on board, but certainly at this stage my understanding is that we have not done that. We have been working closely with our state colleagues in relation to our IT system that has been developed and trying to have something that they are able to use so that we get some harmonisation, at least of the systems which this sort of data is entered in. Senator FAULKNER: You might take it on notice to explain this one to me, which I just got from the public documents. Mr Pirani: We will take that on notice.			
74	AEC Outcome 1	Rhiannon	Online Returns	Senator RHIANNON: At the last round of estimates we discussed new options for parties, candidates and donors to submit their returns online. I was interested in how this is proceeding and how popular this option was for submitting the return for 2010-11.	F&PA page 93, 14 Feb 2012	27/03/12	

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				Mr Pirani: It has proven to be extremely popular. Most of the political parties are now using it and we have a number of donors, particularly large corporations, who are using it. It has proven to be popular. We still have issues with smaller donors and independent candidates, but the use of the online lodgement facility has proven to be extremely effective. Senator RHIANNON: Would you have proportions? Mr Pirai: I would have to take that on notice.			
75	AEC Outcome 1	Abetz	Definitions of gifts	Mr Killesteyn: To take on notice the technical issue of the value of discounts would fit within the definition that Mr Pirani has quoted. Beyond that we are in speculation about all sorts of arrangements that may or may not have been made and I simply do not want to enter into the discussion. Senator ABETZ: I fully agree with you that we do not want to do that. That is why, in the example, it was hypothetical. But let's say business A, for example, buys 10 TV spots and the TV station says to business A, 'Well done, we'll give you two free spots.' Now business A is very sympathetic to political party Z and says, 'All right those two free spots will be given to political party Z. I didn't buy them for anything, there is no commercial value.' Mr Killesteyn: The answer, again, is that we will look at the question of discounted or no consideration in the context of the act and the definition of a gift. Beyond that how you construct the arrangement— Senator ABETZ: Could you take that on notice for us? Mr Killesteyn: Yes.	F&PA pages 97 & 98, 14 Feb 2012	27/03/12	
76	AEC Outcome 1	Ronaldson	AEC Investigation	a) Since March 2011, has the AEC maintained its 'watching brief' on the HSU-Craig Thomson investigation? Has Fair Work Australia kept the AEC up-to-date? Have they been cooperative? Can any correspondence be provided? b) Has the AEC received any information since March 2011 which, but-for the statute of limitations, would have assisted the AEC investigation? c) Does section 315(11) prohibit absolutely the prosecution of matters after the	Written	27/03/12	

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				limitation period has expired? d) If a breach of reporting requirements were provable, can the AEC take any steps to prosecute that are not statute-barred?			
77	AEC Outcome 1	Ryan	Political Party Ad Campaign	a) Where a political party obtained free or discount rates for TV ad spots on the back of a company's TV ad campaign, or off the back of their combined 'adspend', who would be the "donor" of these free ads for the purposes of disclosure? Would it be the media buyer, the company, or another individual if they paid for some of the ads, or would it depend on circumstances? b) Can you confirm whether a political party accessing a discount due to the commercial contract arrangements or purchase of a service, such as advertising, by another party would constitute a gift that required declaration? c) If a company accessed cheaper or free ads on the back of the political party's ad campaign, would the party have to include the benefit to company in its calculation of total of payments in its disclosure return?	Written	27/03/12	
78	AEC Outcome 1	Ryan	Correcting Evidence	In relation to the letter provided to the Committee by Mr Paul Pirani in 17 February 2012, correcting evidence presented to the committee: What steps has the AEC taken to guarantee that future such instances have a 'paper trail' or record of such conversations between AEC officials and delegates and those lodging declaration forms?	Written	27/03/12	
79*	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Humphries	Contractors	a) How many contractors are currently employed in the department/agency? b) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 2 years?	Written	24/04/12	

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				c) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 5 years? d) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years? e) Does the department/agency make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?			
80	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Humphries	Efficiency Dividend/Staffing	a) What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 percent to 4 percent on the department/agency's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15? b) What percentage of the department/agency's budget is designated to staffing? c) What is the size of the department/agency's staffing establishment? Include figures for FTE, PT, casual, contractors, and consultants. d) What specific strategies will the department/agency adopt to ensure continued operation within budget? e) Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants?	Written		
81	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Staffing	a) How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? b) How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? c) This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	10/04/12	

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82	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Staffing	a) How many ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff? b) How many non ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff?	Written	12/04/12	
83	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Staffing	a) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. b) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening	Written	10/04/12	
84	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Efficiency Dividend	a) How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department? b) What percentage of your budget must be cut? c) Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency dividend? If yes, provide details of where the positions are located, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not. d) Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.	Written	23/04/12	
85	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Staffing	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	10/04/12	
86	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Staffing	a) How many graduates have been engaged this year? Where have they been placed in the department/agency? Were these empty positions or are they new positions? b) List what training will be provided, the name of the provider and the cost.	Written	10/04/12	

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87	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies) COOG	Ryan	Government Advertising	a) What was the total cost of all advertising for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? b) For each of those years, list whether the advertising is campaign or non-campaign and details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. c) Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. d) Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. e) Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. f) What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?	Written	24/04/12	
88	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Hospitality and Entertainment	a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. c) What is the Department's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total	Written		

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				entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.			
89	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Board Appointments	a) List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? c) Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written		
90	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written		
91	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Freedom of Information	a) Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? b) What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	30/03/12	

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				c) What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? d) How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11? For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department 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? e) How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? f) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?			
92	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Community Cabinet	a) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? b) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? c) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?	Written	30/03/12	
93	General (Co-ord	Ryan	Reviews	For this financial year to date:	Written	10/04/12	

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	Department & Agencies)			a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? f) What reviews are planned? g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?			
94	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Consultancies	a) How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10? b) How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. c) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	Written	12/04/12	
95	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Media Monitoring	a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? b) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11	Written		

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				c) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? i. Which agency or agencies provided these services? ii. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? iii. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? d) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? i. Which agency or agencies provided these services? ii. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? iii. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?			
96	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	10/04/12	
97	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Contractors	For this financial year to date: a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. b) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	12/04/12	

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				c) 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. d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details. e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details. g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details. h) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details. i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.			
98	General (Co-ord Department &	Ryan	Discretionary Grants	Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from	Written	10/04/12	

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	Agencies)			the grants.			
99	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Commissioned Reports	a) How many reports were commissioned by the government in your portfolio in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? b) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. i. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? ii. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written		
100	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Government Stationery Requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?	Written	10/04/12	
101	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Media Subscriptions	a) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? i. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. ii. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? iii. What is the cost for this financial year to date? b) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? i. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. ii. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? iii. What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written		

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				c) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? i. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. ii. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? iii. What is the cost for this financial year to date?			
102	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Travel Costs	a) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. b) For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. c) For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. d) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. e) Are employees taking the most direct route when travelling? If not, please explain why. f) Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge	Written		

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				memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the cost per employee. g) When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as their 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.			
103	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Legal Costs	a) 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. b) 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. c) 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. d) 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.	Written	23/04/12	
104	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Education Expenses	For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. Also include the reason for the study.	Written	24/04/12	
105	General (Co-ord	Ryan	Executive Coaching and	a) In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information	Written		

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	Department & Agencies)		Leadership Training	for this financial year to date: i. Total spending on these services ii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification iii. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted iv. The names of all service providers engaged b) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (a) iv.), 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 v. The total amount spent on the service vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
106	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Media Training	a) In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: i. Total spending on these services ii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification iii. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each	Written		

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				employee was granted iv. The names of all service providers engaged b) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (a) iv.), 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 v. The total amount spent on the service vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
107	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Paid Parental Leave	a) Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? b) For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written	10/04/12	
108	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Training for Portfolio Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries	a) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. b) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of	Written	23/04/12	

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				Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. c) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.			
109	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Corporate Cars	a) How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 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?	Written	10/04/12	
110	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Taxi Costs	a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.	Written		
111*	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Credit Cards	a) How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? What is their classification? b) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? c) How is corporate credit card use monitored?	Written	23/04/12	

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				d) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? e) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered in the last 12 months? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. f) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			
112	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Climate Change	Are there climate change sections or areas that work on climate change in your department/agency? If yes, list details.	Written	23/04/12	
113*	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print hard copies of internal reports/statements/papers they produce or do they only keep soft copies? If internal reports are printed, please list how many copies, where they are stored/delivered and the cost of printing and storing paper copies of all reports.	Written	12/04/12	
114*	General (Co-ord Department & Agencies)	Ryan	Provision of Equipment	a) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided. b) What other non-electronic office equipment is provided to department/agency staff? (paintings, furniture etc...) Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.	Written		
115	Outcome 1: Program 1.1 Deregulation	Waters	Environmental impact - RIS	Has the Office of Better Practice Regulation ever advised a Department that their Regulatory Impact Statement has not addressed the issue of environmental impacts (particularly the environmental cost) of a proposed regulatory reform properly, and that the Department needs to do more work in order to be classified as adequate? If yes, please advise for each such situation: a) The proposed regulation, and Department in question b) What further work OBPR considered was required in order for the RIS to be adequate c) What further work was undertaken by the Department in question to	Written	10/04/12	

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				adequately address the environment issue(s) raised.			
116	Outcome 3: Program 3.1	Ryan	Staff use of hire cars	a) Please provide details of PMO staff use of hire cars (as opposed to taxis) for official work-related travel. b) Please provide a breakdown of costs and details of each trip using hire cars.	Written (t/f from PM&C)	30/03/12	
117	Outcome 1: Program 1.2	Bushby	CSS & PSS Superannuation Schemes	a) In relation to public servants in the CSS and PSS superannuation schemes - are there any caps on notional government contributions on behalf of employees, and how do these operate? (For example, a public servant on say \$300,000 receives a notional super contribution of 30pc of salary, which makes for a contribution of about \$90,000 pa, yet the cap for working Australians is 25k or 50 k.) b) Is it correct to say that the said public servant can in addition contribute either 25 or 50 k as part of salary sacrifice?	Written (t/f from Treasury)	23/03/12	