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1	General	Cormann	Availability of press releases	<p>Senator CORMANN: Why is it that press releases from the finance minister are generally available much more slowly than press releases from the Treasury ministers? ...</p> <p>Senator Wong: Senator, can I finish, please. My recollection is that we have set up our media list distribution through the Parliament House network, not the finance network. This is from the office. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: I think that is correct.</p> <p>Senator Wong: In part that is because we do use my electorate office, for example, for transcription more than the previous finance minister did—which ensures a saving, you should be pleased to know—and that there was a problem with the Parliament House network on that day. But can I take that on notice and we will check it.</p>	F&PA page 39-40, 23 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12
2	General	Ryan	Efficiency Dividend	<p>The department has advised that it will be able to implement the efficiency dividend through a combination of non-staffing related efficiencies, natural attrition and making structural changes, without the need for a round of either compulsory or voluntary redundancies.</p> <p>a) What are the non-staffing related efficiencies? Provide details and explain.</p> <p>b) What are the structural changes? Provide details and explain.</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
3	General	Ryan	Graduate training costs	Can you update the 2012 Calendar year training costs for 2012 Graduates?	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12

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4	1/1.1	Cormann	Clean Energy Future Package	<p>Mr Martine: Are you referring to the Clean Energy Future package from last year?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: That is right.</p> <p>Senator Wong: This was dealt with in MYEFO, so obviously it is not top of mind for us.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: The budget is ongoing, as I understand it.</p> <p>Senator Wong: You had an opportunity after the midyear review to talk about this, and this is about a Clean Energy Future package which was released some time ago—last year, as you will recall. My recollection, and it might be best if we take it on notice, is that that line item deals with a number of different programs. It is energy security and transformation, and there are a number of different components to that. We can take it on notice, though I suspect it probably should have been asked at another time.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Sure, take it on notice, but the issue here is that you are spending a billion dollars this financial year, hardly anything next financial year when the carbon tax is due to come into effect, and then again a billion dollars in the two years thereafter. It seems pretty convenient that in 2012-13 it drops to nearly zero.</p> <p>Senator Wong: My recollection was that was upfront assistance that was given to the energy sector, but that aspect is the responsibility of the department of climate change so we will take it on notice and provide you with some information about that. Certainly the Clean Energy Regulator funding is provisioned primarily beyond 2012-13 and 2013-14, but we will take it on notice because that is primarily DCC's area.</p>	F&PA page 6, 23 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12

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5	1/1.1	Cormann	Pre-election economic and fiscal outlook	<p>a) Senator CORMANN: It makes them non comparable. I have seen the fiscal balance numbers. Can I please on notice get the revenue and expenditure—the equivalent numbers that were used in order to get to the \$10.4 billion projected deficit for 2011-12?</p> <p>Senator Wong: A cash basis.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Do you want the cash basis?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: On a cash basis.</p> <p>Mr Tune: That is fine. We can take that on notice. The Treasurer will have to provide the revenue numbers but I am sure I can provide the expenditure. It is probably in here somewhere, but I just cannot find it at the moment.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I have looked and I cannot find it either. The economic update, which of course was released by the government in, I think, the month before the pre-election economic and fiscal outlook, was when the government first said the deficit for this financial year was expected to go down from \$44.5 billion to \$10 billion before going back to \$44.4 billion in this budget. Can you tell us what the revenue and expenditure figures are in the economic update comparable with—</p> <p>Senator Wong: We have not come armed with the last four years of every economic forecast, but we can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: The Senate estimates are about scrutinising performance against the budget.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I am not critical. If you had given us notice, we obviously would have made sure that we had these documents available. We will take that on notice.</p> <p>b) Senator CORMANN: That is okay. Can you also take on notice the same revenue expenditure figures for the economic update 2010, it would be very much appreciated.</p>	F&PA page 12, 23 May 2012	12/10/12	1/11/12
6	1/1.1	Cormann	Contingency Reserve	<p>Senator CORMANN: I would be interested on notice whether you can assist us a bit more with an explanation as to why the contingency reserve is negative in the budget year.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Because the decisions will have a negative impact on the bottom line.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I would be interested in whether there is any precedent to have a negative contingency reserve.</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will take that on notice.</p>	F&PA page 13, 23 May 2012	12/10/12	1/11/12

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7	1/1.1	Cormann	NBN Co and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation	<p>Senator CORMANN: Over the forward estimates we are not going to be in surplus—according to the projections—on a headline cash balance basis until 2015-16. The difference between the underlying cash balance and the headline cash balance on the negative side is actually growing from this year to next year. The difference between underlying cash balance and the headline cash balance is \$4 billion this year, \$10.2 billion the year after, and \$8.8 billion the year after that. Can you be very specific in what is causing that?</p> <p>Senator Wong: We can take some of that on notice. In terms of the equity contributions to NBN they are, over the forwards, \$5.7 billion, \$6.6 billion, \$4.1 billion and \$3.6 billion.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Wong: There are historical tables at the back—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I understand the historical tables, but those are not what I am asking for. I think you understand that.</p> <p>Mr Martine: We need to take on notice, Senator—</p>	F&PA page 15-16, 23 May 2012	16/10/12	1/11/12
8	1/1.1	Cormann	Interest paid on NBN borrowings	<p>Senator CORMANN: Are you able to provide us with a breakdown over the forward estimates of the interest that will be paid on the NBN borrowings and what interest rate was used to calculate those estimates?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I do not have that with me but I can take it on notice.</p>	F&PA page 26, 23 May 2012	20/07/12	23/08/12

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9	1/1.1	Cormann	Costings for the NBN – adjustments to corporate plan.	<p>Senator CORMANN: Do you know how the costings for the NBN in relation to that were determined?</p> <p>Mr Tune: In relation to the equity profile?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Tune: They are based on the latest corporate plan. It is adjusted a little bit for experience in 2011-12.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What recent adjustments have been made to the corporate plan?</p> <p>Senator Wong: There is an adjustment for funding not spent in 2011-12, which was moved into 2012-13. I have got the revised profile. I have not got a table which shows that against it, but I do have—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I think there is somebody rushing up from the back to furiously assist you.</p> <p>Mr Tune: The profile up to the end of 2011-12 in the corporate plan was \$4.8 billion. The profile that is now in the budget to the end of 2011-12 is \$3.4 billion.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I think there is an error in that.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Sorry. I will retract that. I am going to take this on notice because I have got conflicting numbers here.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I think the numbers I read out previously are correct. But your question is: what is the adjustment—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Sorry. What is it?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I think the numbers I read out previously about the equity profile—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can you remind us of what the numbers were?</p> <p>Senator Wong: They are \$5.7 billion, \$6.6 billion, \$4.1 billion and \$3.6 billion over the forward estimates. What I do not have and will need to check, if I can, is how that varies from the previous.</p>	F&PA page 27, 23 May 2012	12/10/12	1/11/12
10	1/1.1	Cormann	NBN – stimulus spending	<p>Senator CORMANN: Will there be any stimulus spending in 2012-13? Is there any stimulus spending left?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Are you referring to whether there is any remaining spending from the—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: From the stimulus package, yes.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice. If there is, it would be very small.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Given that you are taking it on notice, can you tell us how much?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes.</p>	F&PA page 27, 23 May 2012	12/10/12	1/11/12

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11	1/1.1	Cormann	NBN – sale of non-financial assets	<p>Senator CORMANN: Just going back to my question on the sale of non-financial assets—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Can we no longer take that on notice? Is that answered?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Yes. Sale of non-financial assets has there been any change in 2012-13 since we last met in terms of what is covered by that?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can we take that on notice because we have explained the commercial reasons why—</p> <p>Mr Tune: There have been some changes but nothing major.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can you provide on notice what has changed since you last—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Probably not.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You have provided that information on notice before. Why would you not provide it now?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We can give you a generic answer about the types of things that might have changed but—</p>	F&PA page 28, 23 May 2012	18/09/12	20/09/12
12	1/1.1	Cormann	Appointment of Mr Gonski	<p>Senator CORMANN: My question, very specifically, is: did you speak to one person, or did you speak to more than one person, as you were assessing who the best person would be to fill that role?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Candidate or people to advise?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Candidates.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	F&PA page 33, 23 May 2012	12/10/12	1/11/12
13	1/1.1	Cormann	Date of formal offer to Mr Gonski	<p>Senator CORMANN: Can you provide us, on notice if you do not have it here, the date on which a formal offer was made to Mr Gonski?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We can provide that.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Or have you got it available?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Maybe we do; I do not know.</p> <p>Senator Wong: It would have been after the cabinet decision, but we will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I would also be interested in the date on which he accepted the offer. What are the expectations regarding the chair's involvement in the management of the Future Fund moving forward?</p> <p>Senator Wong: That is a matter for the chair and the board.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: It is not just a matter for the chair and the board.</p>	F&PA page 33, 23 May 2012	22/06/12	26/06/12

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14	1/ 1.1	Cormann	Spending of Commonwealth monies under the Constitution	<p>Senator CORMANN: If I could ask this on notice: since the decision of the High Court in the case involving the Commonwealth and Mr Brian Pape the instances where Commonwealth expenditure was subject to advice on whether or not it would be consistent with the requirements of the Constitution. If you could provide me a list of instances where expenditure was reviewed from that perspective I would really appreciate it.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes.</p>	F&PA Page 53, 23 May 2012	12/10/12	1/11/12
15	1/ 1.1	Ryan	Pre-budget deficit document	<p>Senator RYAN: That is very helpful and we may end up with some more formal guidance from the courts in coming months. I turn now to a document that the minister was waving around on a television program in March, called <i>Pre-budget deficit: Tony Abbott and the coalition</i>. I believe it had a red, but I only have a black and white one ...</p> <p>Senator Wong: You are asking me in estimates whether the Labor Party had a role—is that what you are asking me?</p> <p>Senator RYAN: I was just asking—</p> <p>Senator Wong: The department has had no role.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Exactly. It was produced in your office?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Yes. I cannot recall whether the ALP had involvement, but certainly they authorised it is so they must have. But I can take that on notice if you really want me to. Of course estimates, technically, is not really about my relationship with the Labor Party. I think that is self-evident; it is about the budget.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator RYAN: I will leave it there, but I would be interested in knowing whether it was done in conjunction with the ALP or done solely in your office. As you said, you would take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will, but it was authorised by Mr Wright.</p>	F&PA Page 54-55, 23 May 2012	15/10/12s	1/11/12

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16	1/ 1.1	Siewert	Fair Work equal remuneration case	<p>Mr Saunders: We had another source against which to verify the information from the relevant funding agencies, which was a survey conducted by the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of New South Wales. That was one of the inputs into our calculation.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Is it possible to get a copy of the survey questions and results? Is it publicly available information?</p> <p>Mr Saunders: I do not think it has been publicly released.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Can I take that on notice? I will check whether it has been made public. I do not know what discussions were had in the context of that survey. I will have to consider it.</p>	F&PA Page 57, 23 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12
17	1/ 1.1	Siewert	Responses to survey	<p>Senator SIEWERT: There is some concern that the assumptions being made do not fit the whole spectrum of the sector and that is why I am asking about it. Also, the situation is different in the different states and territories, and I will come to my own state of Western Australia shortly. When you say the response was valid, was it valid because of the proportion of responses compared with the questionnaires sent out or because it covered the number and spread of organisations that needed to be addressed?</p> <p>Mr Saunders: I think it was a stratified sample and it was valid in the strata. I do not have all that information with me.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I appreciate that. Please take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Saunders: Yes.</p>	F&PA Page 57, 23 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12

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18	1/ 1.1	Siewert	Coordinated communication from agencies	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I misunderstood you. My original proposition is not correct. I will get one letter from FaHCSIA, one letter from DoHA and one letter from DEEWR if I have got relationships or contracts with each of those. If I have got three contracts within FaHCSIA I will get one letter.</p> <p>Mr Tune: If that is all you have got, but if you have got three in FaHCSIA, two in Health and four in DEEWR, hopefully we will get them all into the one letter.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: You will still get all of them into the one letter.</p> <p>Mr Tune: That is the intention, isn't it?</p> <p>Mr Saunders: It may not be possible but the aim is to coordinate as much as possible.</p> <p>Senator Wong: If we can find the money we can cost it. But we cannot send one letter, right? Is that how it works?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can I ask you to take it on notice, because for an organisation there is a significant difference between getting three letters and getting one that says, 'This is your offer; this is what you will get from DEEWR.'</p>	F&PA Page 58, 23 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12
19	1/ 1.1	Siewert	Appeal mechanisms	<p>Senator SIEWERT: That is what I understand. I am not disputing that. What I am saying is that there are bound to be organisations that do not think they have got enough. I suspect there will not be many that say, 'You've given me too much.' But there could well be organisations that dispute how much they are being offered. My question is: how are you going to deal with that?</p> <p>Mr Saunders: I cannot answer that in detail but I imagine we will deal with it or the relevant departments like FaHCSIA and Health will deal with it as it comes. They will listen to what the relevant providers have to say and see whether there is a case to be made.</p> <p>Senator Wong: We will come back to you if there is anything more we can say.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I think 1 December.</p> <p>Mr Saunders: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Wong: So we have still got a bit of time, obviously.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I appreciate that. If you could take it on notice that would be great.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Sure. We are happy to.</p>	F&PA Page 59, 23 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12

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20	1/ 1.1	Siewert	ABS data	Senator SIEWERT: Is the ABS data referenced somewhere where I can go and look at it? Mr Saunders: I do not have it in my head but I can provide you the relevant series. Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated, thank you.	F&PA Page 61, 23 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12
21	1/ 1.1	Abetz	MFD Acting arrangements	Senator ABETZ: Please take on notice who the acting Minister for Finance and Deregulation was on 12 January.	F&PA Page 68, 23 May 2012	12/10/12	1/11/12
22	1/ 1.1	Abetz	Fair Work Australia review	Mr McNamara: Fair Work are not doing the review. The review is still being done by a panel. Three— Senator ABETZ: Yes, I stand corrected. The review of the Fair Work Act will be delivered to you in due course? ... Senator ABETZ: Have you already had interaction? Mr McNamara: Yes. Senator ABETZ: How often? Mr McNamara: I would have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: When was the first interaction? Mr McNamara: I would have to take that on notice, but it was well over 12 months ago that we had our first interaction on this post-implementation review.	F&PA Page 71-72, 23 May 2012	3/10/2012	1/11/12
23	1/ 1.1	Abetz	Fair Work Act document with DEEWR	Mr McNamara: This is an internal OBPR document prepared for a discussion with DEEWR on the actual review, not on the terms of reference. Senator ABETZ: That is right. When was it prepared and by whom? Mr McNamara: I would have to take that on notice.	F&PA Page 77, 23 May 2012	3/10/2012	1/11/12
24	1/ 1.1	Ryan	Internal documents	Senator RYAN: Are any internal documents along those lines published on the Information Publication Scheme as operational information, as I understand the FOI Act requires? Ms Page: Again I would have to take that on notice. Senator RYAN: If they are not published on that I would appreciate an answer as to why not, if they exist.	F&PA Page 80, 23 May 2012	3/10/2012	1/11/12
25	1/ 1.1	Ryan	Internal guidance notes	Senator RYAN: Does the OBPR have internal guidance notes or internal policies dealing with matters such as how to assess RISs as adequate? I understand there is the handbook, and this is whether there are documents that exist internally on top of that.	F&PA Page 80, 23 May 2012	3/10/2012	1/11/12

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26	1/ 1.1	Ryan	Schedule of meetings – list of agencies	<p>a) Senator RYAN: I can imagine some agencies are large and generate more regulatory proposals than others. Are there any agencies or departments with which you have a schedule of meetings that are not just the result of a single proposal being brought forward or notified to you by the relevant agency or department?</p> <p>Ms Page: Again I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>b) Senator RYAN: If there is a schedule of meetings that are not the result of what you describe as an active move by an agency or department to initiate discussions with you because of an upcoming regulatory proposal, I would appreciate a list of those agencies or departments.</p> <p>Ms Page: I will take that on notice on OBPR's behalf.</p>	F&PA Page 80, 23 May 2012	20/07/12	23/08/12
27	1/ 1.1	Ryan	Tobacco measure – Prime Minister's exemption	<p>Senator RYAN:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Now, after the budget, I understand that the duty-free allowance for tobacco measure was listed on the OBPR website as non-compliant, initially. Is that true?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Page: That particular measure had a PM's exemption. But what typically happens after the budget is that OBPR undertake a sort of reconciliation process, and often they will check to determine the extent to which there was correspondence or processes that are still filtering through to them. So it is possible that sometimes they see an announcement that they knew nothing about or for which a RIS was not prepared, and subsequently they receive a copy of the PM's exemption. That may have been the case in relation to that measure.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Sure. I appreciate that. Obviously, I am interested in a timeline here. If it was listed as non-compliant—I do not have a screen capture of this so I am happy to be corrected if my information is wrong—at a particular time, could you inform me as to when OBPR received notice of the prime ministerial exemption and that the website had changed.</p> <p>Ms Page: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Wong: We can take that on notice. That is fine.</p>	F&PA Page 80-81, 23 May 2012	20/07/12	23/08/12

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28	1/ 1.1	Ryan	ICC meetings	<p>Senator RYAN: So you would have seen drafts in the lead-up? Ms Van Veen: Yes. Senator RYAN: Could you take on notice the dates of the meetings—if you have it off the top of your head I would be surprised—where where you saw drafts of advertisements. Ms Van Veen: I have the dates. Senator RYAN: That is fantastic. Very well done. Ms Van Veen: For the drafts, I don't, but I know when the working group meetings were. I will take that on notice.</p>	F&PA Page 82, 23 May 2012	22/06/12	26/06/12

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29	1/1.1	Ryan	Costings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>a) Provide an update of how many costings the Department has undertaken for the Australian Greens, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How are costings requests commissioned? ii. What costings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each costings. iii. Have any costings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details included details of what the costings were and why it could not be costed. iv. How long is spent undertaken costings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. <p>b) Provide an update of how many costings the Department has undertaken for the Independents, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How are costings requests undertaken? Provide details. ii. What costings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each costings, including which Independent requested the costing. iii. Have any costings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details included details of what the costings were and why it could not be costed and who requested the costing. iv. How long is spent undertaken costings for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12
30	1/1.1	Abetz	Alternative Policy Costings	<p>Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings? If yes, provide details of what these costings were, including provision of costings documents, and who made the request and when?</p>	Written	15/10/12	1/11/12

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31	1/ 1.2	Cormann	Constitutionally protected funds	<p>Senator CORMANN: Can you just talk us through which ones are the constitutionally protected funds?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Senator, we have been quite helpful, because we always try to be helpful—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Thank you, and I appreciate that; that is great.</p> <p>Senator Wong: But Mr Helgeby started this conversation by saying, 'Policy responsibility for the implementation of this measure in the budget, including the design of how it will be applied to DB schemes, is a matter for Treasury.' You can say, 'You're responsible for public sector super,' and that is true and we will implement whatever the design is and obviously we are involved in that. But the department with policy responsibility is the Treasury...</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I understand this is not us but Treasury refrain, but you are responsible for public sector superannuation. Do you have any responsibilities for any constitutionally protected funds, and if so which?</p> <p>Senator Wong: We will take that on notice.</p>	F&PA Page 35, 24 May 2012	12/10/12	1/11/12
32	1/1.2	Cormann	Costs of administration of funds	<p>Senator CORMANN: How complicated or how easy is it going to be to impose the increased super tax on higher income earners in the public service that are on defined benefit schemes?</p> <p>Mr Tune: In the public service it has been done before, as you know, with the old super surcharge—although this is not exactly the same. It can be done, but there is some complexity attached to it.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Do you remember, when the surcharge was in place, what the revenue costs equation was of that in terms of complexities attached to it?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: As you have said, this is actually not a question for Treasury, Minister, with all due respect. Finance is administering a number of these schemes. That is fairly and squarely an issue for the finance department. I want to understand the costs of administration—the cost changes in terms of the administration of the funds you administer versus the additional revenue that will flow from it. What is going to be the cost of administering the measure, vis-a-vis the revenue that will flow from it?</p> <p>Senator Wong: We can do that.</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will take that on notice, Senator.</p>	F&PA page 41, 23 May 2012	12/10/12	1/11/12

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33	1/1.2	Fierravanti -wells	Health and Hospital Fund board	<p>Mr Tune: No. Not necessarily. I am reliant very much on whether they have gone through the due process of the board of the Health and Hospitals Fund. If they come up as viable and sensible against that then that is fine.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: One last question. In relation to the criteria that the board is using to determine the allocation of processes, did the Department of Finance have any role in establishing those guidelines and the parameters of their work?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes, I think we did. I am going back a couple of years now, though.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Could you take that on notice, and provide to me an outline of the work that you did, what advice was sought by the Department of Health and Ageing and what broad outlines the Department of Finance gave to the Department of Health and Ageing to ensure appropriate guidance that you gave them to establish those guidelines. Can you also provide to me—without giving me a copy of the draft guidelines—whether there was any exchange on guidelines, draft or otherwise.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Can do.</p>	F&PA page 46, 24 May 2012	3/10/2012	1/11/12
34	1/1.2	Polley	Royal Hobart Hospital	<p>a) CHAIR: I have a question in relation to the Royal Hobart Hospital, which actually services the entire state of Tasmania, not just people who live in Denison. Could you give us the figures of the money that was put into the Royal Hobart Hospital by the former Howard government during their last term?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice. But we can do that, yes.</p> <p>b) CHAIR: If you could do provide that for the Launceston General Hospital and the north-west hospitals—Burnie and Latrobe hospitals.</p> <p>Mr Tune: We can do that.</p>	F&PA page 46, 24 May 2012	3/10/2012	1/11/12
35	2/2.1	Cormann	ICT Projects	<p>Senator CORMANN: Has there been any movement in time frames and costings on government ICT projects in this year's budget? If so, which ones?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice. There are a lot of ICT projects in any one budget.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: If you can provide us with a list of projects where there has been movement and a description of what the movement has been, that would be great.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Certainly.</p>	F&PA page 48, 24 May 2012	18/09/12	20/09/12

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36	2/2.1	Cormann	Government equity across GBEs	Senator CORMANN: Yes, that is the off-budget aspect of it. So, what is the total government equity investments across all GBEs? Ms Hall: We would have to take that on notice, Senator.	F&PA page 55, 24 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12
37	2/2.2	Nash	Moorebank - objectives	Senator CORMANN: Talk us through those objectives. Senator NASH: Before you get to the objectives, could you just take on notice what all those comparative proposals were—the ones that led you to the decision that this was the most appropriate one for government? Ms Mason: We will consider whether that is possible. We have released as much of the detailed business case as we possibly can and that has been published on the Department of Finance and Deregulation website. We have redacted some portions of the report which we think could be potentially damaging to our future options—they could be damaging to the best commercial outcome for the Commonwealth and could potentially impede our market-testing process.	F&PA page 58-59, 24 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12
38	2/2.2	Cormann	Moorebank – Greenhill Caliburn report	Mr Renwick: The Greenhill Caliburn report summarises their engagement—what they were asked to do—and I am not sure whether the full scope of work is in it. Senator CORMANN: Can you go back on notice and see whether you can release the full engagement brief, including any supplementary instructions. I understand that the summary is available, which is why I am asking whether the full engagement brief can be released. So take that on notice and consider it.	F&PA page 64, 24 May 2012	26/06/12	28/06/12
39	2/2.2	Cormann	Moorebank – Greenhill Caliburn report	a) Senator CORMANN: So what was the cost of the report that was prepared by Greenhill Caliburn? Mr Tune: We will take that on notice. Ms Mason: I might say it was not just a report; it was advice from Greenhill Caliburn. b) Senator CORMANN: What were the original terms of reference leading to the establishment of the Moorebank project office? Have you got these readily available? I have looked on your site and I cannot find them. Mr Tune: We will get those for you. c) Senator CORMANN: Thank you. If you could also provide a breakdown of the spending to date of the \$77 million allocated to the Moorebank project office. Ms Mason: I said earlier, that is was not \$77 million; it was in the order of \$35.2 million. Perhaps you were not in the room at that time.	F&PA page 64-65, 24 May 2012	26/06/12	28/06/12

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40	2/2.2	Cormann	Benefit cost ratio	Senator CORMANN: Have we previously covered at how you arrived at the benefit-cost ratio calculation of 1.72? Ms Mason: No. Senator CORMANN: Can you explain to us how you got to that? Maybe provide that on notice. Could you also provide the underlying data that establishes the 1.72 benefit-cost ratio.	F&PA page 65, 24 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12
41	2/2.2	Nash	Moorebank – flood plain land	Senator NASH: Finally, the percentage of flood plain land on the block on which the government proposal is, what is that? Mr Renwick: I think it would be less than a third. Ms Mason: We need to take than on notice. But just in relation to that issue, the flood plain area can be designed into the site so that it is part of the drainage system from the top of the site. So it is not a design impediment. In fact, that has been allowed for.	F&PA page 66, 24 May 2012	22/06/12	26/06/12
42	2/2.2	Nash	Moorebank – acreage	Senator NASH: This is the last question, and on notice; what acreage—I am too old to talk hectares—what is the percentage of hectares of land— Senator Wong: You are a modern farmer! Senator NASH: I still do acres though. Mr Renwick: If you have a look on our website where the detailed business case is, there is an indicative layout. If you look at that you will see that the track at the bottom of that is really on the 100-year flood plains. Senator NASH: And that very clearly breaks it down into acreage as a percentage of the 220? Mr Renwick: We can get you the acreage. But, in terms of visualising it, it is very clear.	F&PA page 66, 24 May 2012	22/06/12	26/06/12
43	2/ 2.2	Ryan	Refurbishment of the Lodge	Senator RYAN: Does the pool have solar heating or is it heated by more traditional means? Mr Whalen: I do not have that information with me, but I can take that on notice. Senator RYAN: Sure.	F&PA Page 68, 24 May 2012	09/07/12	23/08/12
44	2/2.2	Ryan	Construction of ASIO building	Provide an update of the construction of the new Central Office for ASIO.	Written	09/07/12	23/08/12

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45	Outcome 3	Ronaldson	Media reporting	<p>Senator RONALDSON: I am otherwise referring to the press reports in relation to this matter. Has there been anything in those press reports which repeat information that is on the public record, such as Department of Finance and Deregulation reports, that you have any issue with? Has there been any misreporting of publicly available information which you are aware of, or has that been accurately reported?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I do not know if we have gone back and checked every single story against that. We would have to take that one on notice.</p>	F&PA Page 5, 24 May 2012	28/8/12	20/09/12
46	Outcome 3	Ronaldson	Sexual harassment claims	<p>Senator RONALDSON: ...Can you take this on notice because I do not expect you will have this information available. If you do that would be useful. Can you provide me with information for the last five years regarding the number of sexual harassment claims brought against members or senators by staff? Clearly, I am not seeking the names of those members or senators. Can you provide me, within reason, the full details of the outcomes of those allegations—whether there have been settlements, counselling of some sort, independent people brought in to try to address those clients. I would like some general information about the outcomes of those, please.</p> <p>Ms Mason: We will take that on notice, and report it in a way that does not identify individuals.</p>	F&PA Page 6, 24 May 2012	28/8/12	20/09/12
47	Outcome 3	Ryan	Senator Bob Carr's electorate office	<p>Senator RYAN: What arrangement does the department have in place in relation to Senator Carr's electorate office?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Which Senator Carr?</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Senator Bob Carr...</p> <p>a) Senator RYAN: Does the department pay rent to someone for that office?</p> <p>Mr Miles: I am not sure of the details. I could take that on notice. I know arrangements were made with the New South Wales government to take over the leasing arrangement...</p> <p>b) Senator RYAN: What contact did you have with the New South Wales government? Was it initiated by them? Was it initiated by you?</p> <p>Mr Miles: I cannot tell you. I could provide the details on notice.</p>	F&PA Page 7, 24 May 2012	30/8/12	20/09/12

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48	Outcome 3	Ryan	Lease of Senator Bob Carr's electorate office	<p>Senator RYAN: I would be interested in knowing a couple of issues and I would like to be very precise about this. When you started to incur leasing costs for the office, presumably at some point before that you would have, if that has not happened yet, incurred the costs that Senator Faulkner and I were just discussing, which might be communications costs, which might be set-up costs and general electricity and other consumables. I would also be interested in knowing, if you have not taken over the lease as yet, whether or not you sought or undertook any advice with respect to Commonwealth liability for an office. And I consider, if you do not have the lease yet but that is still an office for which you are paying electricity and telephone bills, and you have got employees of the Commonwealth in there, you presumably would have looked at when the Commonwealth took over some liability, from a workers compensation point of view or from an insurance and public liability point of view. Are those issues you considered, given that this appear to be an office in transition, in a leasing sense?</p> <p>Ms Mason: We can have a look at the cut-over dates for those things, but essentially if Senator Carr had staff engaged as MOP(S) Act employees then, yes, from that point we would we would—</p> <p>Senator RYAN: From that point on there was Commonwealth interest in this office and a potential Commonwealth liability because of the fact, at the very least, that there were Commonwealth employees and MOP(S) Act employees in that office.</p> <p>Ms Mason: We will check on the detail.</p>	F&PA Page 8-9, 24 May 2012	30/8/12	20/09/12

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49	Outcome 3	Ryan	Arrangements for Senator Bob Carr's electorate office	<p>Senator RYAN: I have got a historical company extract from ASIC here, dated 12 April this year. It lists as the principal place of business the company RJ Carr Pty Ltd, of whom Mr Carr was a previous director up until March this year, at Bligh House, level 10, 4-6 Bligh Street, Sydney, which, if I am correct, is the same office we have just been discussing. I understand that this was the place where Mr Carr previously undertook his business as a lobbyist. I am not sure about arrangements with the New South Wales government. I am not asking you to have any knowledge of those. If there was any business being conducted from this office—I am not saying there was—that would be a breach of entitlements—would it not?</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS: That is a hypothetical. You can ask the officers what the rules are regarding those things. It is fair to ask what the rules are regarding the use of offices. That is something they can answer.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: The rules regarding the use of offices are that no business may be conducted from an electorate office—correct?</p> <p>Ms Mason: We provide offices for parliamentary electorate and official business, not for commercial purposes.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Given that you are obviously aware that this was the previous office provided to Mr Carr, has the department at any time inquired as to whether the previous business arrangements had been finalised when it became a Commonwealth funded office?</p> <p>Ms Mason: That is not within my knowledge. We would certainly need to check whether that was the case.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Will you now go back and look at, say, the ASIC records and determine whether what I have got that is dated April this year is still in place?</p> <p>Ms Mason: We will certainly examine the matters that you have raised and see if there is any action that needs to be taken by the department.</p>	F&PA Page 9, 24 May 2012	30/8/12	20/09/12

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50	Outcome 3	Ryan	Senator Bob Carr's electorate office	<p>Senator RYAN: I will put more detailed on questions on notice regarding this, particularly about what the department knew, when it knew it, and, if it did not know it, what inquiries it made. It strikes me that here we have a place of business that has been turned into a Commonwealth office and you are not aware of it and nor have you made any inquiries about it. It is rare for people to be able to change the sign plate on the door and turn it into a taxpayer funded office.</p> <p>Ms Mason: I think you are right that it is an unusual situation. But of course we do have other elected representatives who have privately funded offices. I guess that is the most similar situation that I can think of at the moment.</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will take it on notice and follow it up.</p>	F&PA Page 10, 24 May 2012	30/8/12	20/09/12
51	Outcome 3	Moore	Ministerial Certification	<p>Senator MOORE: This is an ongoing interest of mine, as you know. Of those, how many are in regular communication with the department about their reasons for not doing it. I have been told in previous Senate estimates that we have some philosophical objectors to the way the process operates and they may well have never completed a certification return. For the record I want to get a bit of a snapshot of the people who have not completed something from the 29th, last year.</p> <p>Ms Moy: In terms of their contact with ministerial and parliamentary services, I would have to take that on notice to see how many times each one had contacted us about a specific issue. To my knowledge—and I would prefer to take this on notice to give you up-to-date information—there are some senators and members who regularly do not certify. I could not tell you exactly who they are. I can take that on notice for you.</p>	F&PA Page 11, 24 May 2012	30/8/12	20/09/12
52	Outcome 3	Moore	Feedback on change on certification process	<p>Senator MOORE: The other issue, as has been pointed out a couple of times this morning, is the changeover from the monthly process to the six-monthly process. I would like on notice, because you have already got a couple of things to take up for me, the amount of feedback—and not by number—that comes in on a monthly basis...</p> <p>Ms Moy: Certainly.</p>	F&PA Page 12, 24 May 2012	30/8/12	20/09/12

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53	Outcome 3	Thistlethwaite	Amendments to six monthly reports	<p>Senator THISTLETHWAITE: I have a follow-up question. Could you inform us why it is the case that a senator or a member may be asked to certify a six-monthly report that the department acknowledges is inaccurate?</p> <p>Ms Moy: Are we talking about a tabling report that is certified?</p> <p>Senator THISTLETHWAITE: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Moy: A tabling report that is sent out is sent out prior to tabling for the senator or member to return to us with any queries. The queries should be amended if they are found to be correct on the senator's or member's side and amended prior to both publication and then final certification.</p> <p>Senator THISTLETHWAITE: I can give you an example of a case at the moment where a report has been sent that is inaccurate and the department has acknowledged that it is inaccurate but has said that they will not amend it and that it will be amended in the next certification period. I was rather surprised to hear from the particular officer that this happens all the time.</p> <p>Ms Moy: I am happy to take that on notice, if you can provide me with the details, and look at that particular report.</p>	F&PA Page 12, 24 May 2012	30/8/12	20/09/12
54	Outcome 3	Cormann	Amendments to six monthly reports	<p>Senator CORMANN: Obviously, one does not want to cause any issues with these sorts of matters, but it seems odd to have to sign when there is actually an acknowledgement on both sides of the equation that there is an error. And errors do happen.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Perhaps the best way is for the officers to take on notice the concern about that.</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will take that on board. I understand the issue better now. We will follow that up and chase that through and see if there is any change of process we can put in place.</p>	F&PA Page 13, 24 May 2012	30/8/12	20/09/12
55	Outcome 3	Ronaldson	Images of the Queen	<p>Senator RONALDSON: How many of those substandard images were printed?</p> <p>Mr Miles: I am not sure that I have that information. I can take it on notice. It was not a huge quantity—we were aware that it was a stopgap.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Can you also provide me with the cost of printing those inferior portraits, and can you tell me what happened to the ones that were not sent out—so I need how many were sent out and how many were retained by the department.</p> <p>Mr Miles: Certainly.</p>	F&PA Page 15, 24 May 2012	30/8/12	20/09/12

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56	Outcome 3	Ronaldson	Images of the Queen	<p>Senator RONALDSON: When did you approach PM&C in relation to the poor quality of the image and request them to provide a high resolution image? The initial one was low resolution, which I understand; highly pixellated, which I do not understand; and still carried the copyright details. When did you request that a more appropriate and more respectful image be provided by PM&C?</p> <p>Mr Miles: I am sorry, I do not have that date.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Can you take it on notice, please.</p> <p>Mr Miles: Certainly.</p>	F&PA Page 16, 24 May 2012	30/8/12	20/09/12
57	Outcome 3	Ryan	Caucus Communication s Team	<p>Senator RYAN: Thank you for that. Senator Evans, one of the reasons we deferred this discussion until today was that you have not had the chance to find out what its interaction is with the Prime Minister's office. Can you take on notice not just the questions I asked the other day but whether or not there are regularly scheduled meetings between this unit, which I understand reports to the Special Minister of State? It falls under the department of finance through the Special Minister of State.</p> <p>Ms Baker: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Can you take on notice whether you are aware of any interaction scheduled meetings between it and members of the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Certainly. As I said, I know they are engaged with the caucus and the caucus officers, and no doubt there is some liaison with the PM's office in relation to electorate visits and things. I will take that on notice.</p>	F&PA Page 18-19, 24 May 2012	5/9/12	20/09/12
58	Outcome 3	Ryan	Senator Bob Carr's Bligh St office	<p>In relation to the Department's undertaking at Senate Estimates on Thursday 24 May to undertake an inquiry into the Bligh St office of the Hon Senator Bob Carr and its registration as a place of business for RJ Carr Pty Ltd:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has the department inquired as to whether any private business was transacted at this location? If the Department has concluded that no business took place, how did it satisfy itself of this fact? Has the Department inquired as to whether any other companies operated from these premises, used it as a business address? Has the Department undertaken research of relevant government and private databases (eg ASIC registration data) as part of this investigation? 	Written	28/8/12	20/09/12

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59	Medibank Private	Cormann	Medibank cash reserves	<p>Senator CORMANN: What are your current reserves?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: Was that the question that you asked at the last hearings?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Yes, it was a question on notice last time.</p> <p>Mr Savvides: We provided that answer on—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: That was \$2 billion on 30 June 2011. Do you have an updated figure?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: No I do not have an updated figure. I will take that on notice. It moves around as the cash flows in the business move.</p>	F&PA Page 23, 24 May 2012	16/10/12	1/11/12
60	Medibank Private	Cormann	Rebate change implementation	<p>Senator CORMANN: I will move on to the rebate change implementation. When do you expect to see the impact of the government's decision to scrap the rebate for some of your members and reduce it for others? When do you expect that to flow through to your membership? ...</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: More specifically, what is the cost of administering the means-testing? Have you quantified that cost?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: No, I would not have that in my mind. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	F&PA Page 27-28, 24 May 2012	3/10/2012	1/11/12
61	Medibank Private	Cormann	Reconciliation of rebates	<p>Senator CORMANN: But in the meantime you have received the 30 per cent rebate. It becomes apparent to the tax office that that person has—</p> <p>Mr Savvides: No, there must be a reconciliation process in order to—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So does the ATO essentially give you an advance, assuming that what you are assuming is right, and then go after the taxpayer two years later?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: You obviously know the industry very well from your background so all I can say to you is I will have to take that on notice. They are absolutely excellent questions about how we reconcile the difference between an overclaim on rebate, our position with the funding authority and our position with the tax office.</p>	F&PA Page 30, 24 May 2012	3/10/2012	1/11/12

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62	Medibank Private	Moore	Personnel data	<p>Senator MOORE: If you do not have data on people who identify as Aboriginal or Islander, you have data across those four personnel or HR systems on other people, in terms of people with disabilities, people from non-English-speaking backgrounds. Is that going to be a standard process across your new HR system?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: Yes, the platform that we are investing in has that sophistication. Our legacy platforms do not, so the acquisitions were the trigger point to say 'we have to treat all of our staff consistently'. So payroll systems, which are also human resource systems, needed to come up to speed. That project was committed to about a year ago, and we had the contractors on board and payroll processes are now under reconstruction.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: And what is the time frame for that?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: That is a good question.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: You can take it on notice if you like.</p> <p>Mr Savvides: Yes, I will take that. It is a year-plus away. It is a large project.</p>	F&PA Page 31, 24 May 2012	3/10/2012	1/11/12
63	Medibank Private	Moore	Electronic health trial rollout	<p>Senator MOORE: The last thing is the electronic health trial rollout...</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Can we get some information about that trial in terms of how it is operating? I know you have a number of trials in the early days to see how it works. I am really interested in linking into the electronic health records that we have...</p> <p>Mr Savvides: That is right—where members claim within our own cover. So that record will be populated. We will introduce the first 1,000 members first, and they are members in a class of 28,000 who are people with chronic disease, so they are high-use members of the health system.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Yes. They already have that established relationship with you.</p> <p>Mr Savvides: Yes. And hopefully that record is of benefit to them, as well, because they are high users.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: And they are all across the country?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: They are. I am not sure whether the first 1,000 are; we might be doing that through a geographic pilot.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Do you have any information you can provide to us on that?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: Yes. There is nothing competitive about that, so I am happy to do that.</p>	F&PA Page 33, 24 May 2012	11/10/12	1/11/12

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64	ASC	Johnston	APSI report today on ASC Operations	<p>Senator JOHNSTON: In 7/08 your revenues were \$325 million; in 8/08, it was \$352 million; in 9/10, it was \$516 million; and in 10/11, in your words just then, \$700.1 million. Profit in 07/08 was \$29.6 million; in 8/09 it was 18.4 million; in 9/10 it was \$4.2 million approximately; and then you say \$10.6 million last year. So profit has gone from nine per cent in 7/08, down to 1.5 per cent currently, with last year being 0.8 of a per cent. And your dividends have gone from \$18 million in 07/08 approximately down to about, as you say, \$6 million this year. The proposition of revenue up, profit down and dividends virtually nonexistent is pretty undeniable is it not?</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: I think the analysis is correct. I would have to check the numbers, because you read them out fairly quickly, but I think the analysis is probably correct.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: This is from Mark Thomson's ASPI report on the budget, released at a lunchtime meeting today, setting out the various aspects of defence, its cost, and sustainment.</p> <p>Chair: Sorry, Senator, are you seeking to have this tabled?</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: I do seek to table it. First of all, I will talk to Mr Ludlam and just make sure that he is happy with the representation in figure 7.7 with respect to the key financial results. You can see that the profit takes, from 2007, a virtual vertical decline down to 09/10, with a little hockey stick on the bottom to last year.</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: I have not seen this graph, figure 7.7, before.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Perhaps we can take on notice whether or not ASC agrees with the figures—because he has obviously only just received this. We can proceed on the basis of—I do not want him put in the position of having to agree to something straight away. But we can proceed on the basis of your questions with that caveat.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: I am happy to take that on notice. It is very difficult to compare it in this short space of time. But I would be happy to take questions following through from that graphical analysis.</p>	F&PA Page 69, 24 May 2012	11/10/12	1/11/12

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65	ASC	Johnston	Air warfare destroyer accounts	<p>Senator JOHNSTON: To put the accounting standards to one side, you have rendered to the Commonwealth accounts for work done on air warfare destroyer.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: I will take that question on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: I would have thought it would have been a public figure. This is a government business enterprise. It is rendering accounts to the Commonwealth. I would have thought it would be undeniably an amount that this committee would want to have put on the table.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Wong: No. You might be right. I am simply saying I would like the opportunity to have a discussion with Mr Ludlam, so we will take that on notice.</p>	F&PA Page 70, 24 May 2012	11/10/12	1/11/12
66	ASC	Johnston	Profit derived from submarine sustainment	<p>Senator JOHNSTON: With respect to submarine sustainment, can you tell me either by way of percentage on an annual basis or currently for the last financial year the amount of profit derived from submarine sustainment for the company?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: Yes. I am asking for the number. Do you have it?</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: No. I will take that on notice.</p>	F&PA Page 71, 24 May 2012	11/10/12	1/11/12

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67	ASC	Johnston	Adelaide operations – Coles phase 1 report	<p>Senator JOHNSTON: Are you aware of any evidence that suggests that sustainment at the Adelaide operations of ASC is the poor relation to the generally higher profile acquisition work?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: What was the form of your response to these matters contained in Coles phase 1?</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: It was in the form of a letter sent into a central area that was collecting all the comments against the phase 1 report from the various parties who work—</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: And who was that central repository?</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: That was in the DMO.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: So I should ask them for a copy of your letter, unless you are prepared to give it to me?</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: I will take that on notice.</p>	F&PA Page 76-77, 24 May 2012	16/10/12	1/11/12
68	ASC	Johnston	Insurance Premium	<p>Senator JOHNSTON: Okay. Your insurance premiums are running at, what, \$9 million a year?</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: I believe we gave you that in answers to questions on notice.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: And that is up, in the last five years, from about \$1 million?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: You do not dispute that?</p> <p>Senator Wong: No, we are not doing that. If he cannot recall, he will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: Take it on notice; that is fine. It is \$9 million, and 22 claims last year?</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: Yes? Good. Who gets the money?</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: On the claims?</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: On the claims.</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: Invariably the DMO will get the money from the claims.</p> <p>Senator JOHNSTON: I thought, under the Financial Management Act, the money would go into general revenue. Isn't that the case?</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	F&PA Page 81, 24 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12

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69	ASC	Johnston	Financial Target Dividends	<p>GBE Governance and oversight guidelines state that <i>Each GBE is to work towards a principal financial target and a dividend policy, agreed in advance with the Shareholder Ministers, with the principal financial target to be set on the basis that each GBE should be required to earn commercial returns at least sufficient to justify the long-term retention of assets in the business, and to pay commercial dividends from those returns.</i></p> <p>a) Please provide the agreed financial target and dividend policy for the past 4 financial years (including FY 11/12).</p> <p>b) Please provide financial results (i.e. matching financial targets in 1) and dividend for the past 4 financial years (including anticipated or actual for FY/12).</p> <p>c) Please provide a copy of any directions/instructions given to ASC for years in which financial targets or dividend expectations have not been met.</p>	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12

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70	ASC	Johnston	Deep Blue Tech Business Plan	<p>In answers to questions on notice 49 of February ASC provided advice in relation to Deep Blue Tech that <i>The business model is to invest in the development of a capability, currently not available in Australia, with the expectation that this investment will generate a return to the shareholder throughout the Future Submarine Program.</i></p> <p>From Financials returns provided from October 2011 and answers to questions on notice it is estimated expenses associated with Deep Blue Tech to date are of the order \$24M.</p> <p>a) Can you confirm the expenses associated with Deep Blue Tech to date are \$24M?</p> <p>b) With respect to Deep Blue Tech, please provide details from the business case as follows:</p> <p>i. the rationale for the project and an explanation of how it fits into the ASC's corporate strategy;</p> <p>ii. cost, anticipated return (net present value), the effect on shareholder value and some measure of the project's risk;</p> <p>iii. key assumptions around revenue and costs (including base case, scenarios and sensitivity analysis), plus key risks and mitigation strategies;</p> <p>iv. implemented and future funding strategy;</p> <p>v. the impact on the ASC's capital structure and credit rating (if applicable);and</p> <p>vi. expected outcome, and impact on future and past dividends.</p> <p>c) At what point in time will Deep Blue Tech Pty Ltd recover the expenses to date and return a profit to ASC?</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
71	ASC	Johnston	ISSC	<p>From Defence QON 14 of May 2011 - Defence has spent about \$3M on ISSC negotiations.</p> <p>How much has ASC and Finance spent on this activity to date?</p>	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12

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72	ASC	Johnston	Project list of concerns	<p>In June 2009 the Minister for Defence and Minister for Defence Materiel announced reforms to the Project List of Concern. In it, they stated in relation to current projects on the list that:</p> <p><i>The Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) and Industry will develop formal remediation plans for all projects that undergo Gate reviews.</i></p> <p><i>In the case of projects confirmed as Projects of Concern, these plans will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>identify remediation objectives;</i> • <i>identify key milestones and the timeline for their achievement; and</i> • <i>detail an end-state for remediation and the agreed basis on which a project will be removed from the Project of Concern list.</i> <p><i>Where DMO and Industry cannot agree a satisfactory remediation strategy, DMO will provide formal advice to Government on whether the project should be cancelled.</i></p> <p>a) Please provide a list of identified ASC related remediation objectives for the Collins program. b) Please identify key ASC related milestone and the time lines for their achievement c) Please provide a detailed end state for remediation and the agreed basis on which Collins will be removed from the Project of Concern List.</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12

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73	ASC	Johnston	Appointment letters	<p>GBE Governance and oversight guidelines state that <i>Appointment letters for all directors and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) should include the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i. director powers and duties (attaching a link to the CAC Act and the GBE Guidelines);</i> <i>ii. a copy of the GBE's constitution or enabling legislation (which would include the circumstances in which an office of director becomes vacant);</i> <i>iii. general public sector performance and accountability obligations, including that the GBE may be subject to Parliamentary scrutiny and audit processes;</i> <i>iv. information on the operations of the GBE, full details of their legislative obligations, their public sector accountability obligations and directors' responsibilities, and outlining the circumstances in which the GBE will bear the cost of directors obtaining independent professional advice in carrying out their duties;</i> <i>v. the term of appointment and remuneration arrangements (with particular reference to Remuneration Tribunal arrangements); and</i> <i>vi. reference to Directors and Officers insurance arrangements, confidentiality of information and board decisions, conflict of interest matters, and induction arrangements.</i> <p>Please provide a copy of the appointment letter for ASC's CEO (Note that in making enquiry as to this letter it is not the desire to impinge upon the privacy of the CEO, and accordingly personal information is not sought and should be redacted).</p> <p>GBE Governance and oversight guidelines state that <i>Required standards of disclosure are satisfied. In particular consistent with directors' responsibilities under the CAC Act, regular and timely disclosure is to be made by GBEs of information:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i. which may affect the value of the GBE;</i> <i>ii. which may influence government decisions in relation to the GBE; or</i> <i>iii. in which the government has a legitimate interest.</i> <i>iv. Information is produced for the Shareholder Minister(s) and the community according to the highest standards;</i> 	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12

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74	ASC	Johnston	Remuneration of key personnel	<p><u>Remuneration Policy</u> It is not unusual for companies to publically report board policy for determining, or in relation to, the nature and amount (or value, as appropriate) of remuneration of the key management personnel for and discussions of the relationship between such policy and the company's performance.</p> <p>a) Please provide details of the nature and amount (or value, as appropriate) of remuneration the CEO of ASC receives.</p> <p>b) Please provide a copy of the board policy for determining, or in relation to, the nature and amount (or value, as appropriate) of remuneration of the key management personnel – suggest of a similar level of detail to, say, Austal PTY LTD.</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
75	ASC	Johnston	Consultancies	<p>It is noted that ASC declined to properly answer Question on Notice 1501 asking for a details of ASC and Deep Blue Tech Consultancies (QON 1501). You stated that “<i>to do so could harm the Commonwealth and the nation's interests by prejudicing the ability of the companies to engage experts in the future to assist with the resolution of submarine issues and could give other nations insight into Australia's defence preparedness.</i>”</p> <p>It is not reasonable to deny disclosure of consultancies on national security grounds. The Department of Defence, the prime agency charged with national defence, publishes all of its consultancies on the AUSTENDER website. See also Defence’s response to Senator Eggleston’s question on notice Q57 to Defence and the level of detail provided in their response. Note also that is unacceptable for an Australian GBE to conduct business with organisations secretly.</p> <p>Please provide a list of consultants engaged across the ASC Group and the amount of money paid to each consultancy over the past four years?</p>	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12

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76	ASC	Johnston	ASC Submarine Sustainment - ISSC	a) Please provide a list of the performance metric categories with respect to the ISSC b) Please provide a description of the types of sanctions imposed on ASC for non-compliance with the performance metrics c) What are the FCD time frames and costs being proposed by ASC (i.e. on the table) in the new ISSC? d) Do the terms of the ISSC, as proposed by Defence, allow Defence to get submarines fixed elsewhere.	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
77	ASC	Johnston	Sustainment Performance	In the opening address to the committee, Mr Ludlam states, <i>One of the key ways that we will assess our performance going forward is through benchmarking. By using information from a range of open sources and applying our knowledge of submarine sustainment and operation, we are developing data to benchmark our performance on a global scale, through comparing the dollar spend per tonne and nautical miles sailed across a range of submarine classes. I believe this measure is appropriate because it accounts for both complexity, which drives the scope of maintenance, and usage ... What our preliminary analysis shows is that the Collins class sustainment cost is at the lower end of the range when compared in this manner.</i> Please provide details of the data used to support this statement to the Senate.	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
78	ASC	Johnston	Future Submarines	It is noted from QON F56 that Deep Blue Tech bided for the LBTS Study. The Defence Procurement Policy Manual (5.7A) indicated that tenderers are entitled to a tender debrief. a) Did Deep Blue Tech request a debrief? b) If yes, what feedback was provided to Deep Blue Tech staff? c) Did ASC provide all of the data requested by DMO to assist the winner of the LBTS Study in completing the study? If not, why not?	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12

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79	ASC	Johnston	Coles Review	<p>It was stated by a Finance officials – Ms Mason/Ms Hall that the Coles Phase 1 was involved in the conducting a number of interviews to gain perceptions relating to submarine sustainment.</p> <p>a) Can you explain what was by this comment and what relevance this has to the Coles Phase 1 Report?</p> <p>b) Can you further explain what is meant by, 'that he gained anecdotal evidence' when developing his current report – Phase2 and relevance this has in developing this particular report?</p>	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12
80	AEC	Ryan	Slater and Gordon documents - HSU	<p>Senator RYAN: Could I also ask—I know you have not had a chance to look at it; the document from Slater and Gordon is where I sort of lost it—whether it is possible for you to take on notice to table a copy of that document for the committee.</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: I will take that on notice. We will assess what is in that document.</p>	F&PA, page 88, 23 May 2012.	09/07/12	23/08/10 2
81	AEC	Ronaldson	Postage expenses for Long Jetty campaign office	<p>Senator RONALDSON: Thank you. I now turn to page 9 and the paragraph which commences...</p> <p>Mr Pirani: They are saying the amount was included in the total amount in the return.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: That specific amount was included in their return or an amount for postage and envelopes?</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: I understand your question.</p> <p>Mr Pirani: I would prefer to take that on notice. I need to go back and have a look at the actual letter.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: It just seemed to me that there was a doubt there. I did not expect you to have the answer. If you can please take that on notice because that may potentially, on what the outcome is, actually make that the fifth campaign amount that has not been included. I think we are on the same page with it.</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: If you may recall, it is part of the \$39,000 that was included in the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> articles and we have been able to track back to that amount. We will take it on notice, but I am reasonably confident that it is correct.</p>	F&PA, page 90 23 May 2012	09/07/12	23/08/12

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82	AEC	Rhiannon	Discrimination of political parties in polling places	<p>Senator RHIANNON: What do you do to stop polling places discriminating against certain parties? There has been an example at the Gynea Catholic church hall where there was, I understand, discrimination against the Sex Party putting up posters and having other materials. How do you go about guaranteeing that the polling places you use will be non-discriminatory, particularly with regard to entry, posters et cetera.</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: I would like some information on the particular allegation about the polling place.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I thought you would have received a complaint. It was in one of the submissions—a submission to JSCEM, I think.</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: May I take that on notice, please? I am not aware of the incident. 09/07/12</p>	F&PA, page 101, 23 May 201	09/07/12	23/08/12
83	AEC	Rhiannon	Two party preferred voting	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I notice that the New South Wales Electoral Commission, when publishing the results for lower house seats, only provides the coalition versus Labor, even in the fourteen seats where Labor did not finish in the top two and the coalition easily won. But it is not between the coalition and Labor; it is between the coalition and somebody else. That is clearly misleading. What is the AEC's position on this? Do you go down the path of providing a true two-candidate preferred result for each House of Representatives seat, or do you go with how many have viewed the world for a long time, which is that it is always between Labor and the coalition? ...</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: I think what I will do is take it on notice and give you the precise publication of what we do both on election night and then after election night as the results are confirmed.</p>	F&PA, page 101-102, 23 May 2012	09/07/12	23/08/12

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84	AEC	Ryan	Automatic Enrolment – Costings	<p>Senator RYAN: What savings do you anticipate from potentially at some point—maybe more likely than not over the next 12 months—being able to start using automatic enrolment?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Do you have internal costings you have undertaken potentially for previous advice to government or previous consideration of these issues before JSCEM or this committee? Do you have internal costing work done on the initiation of the commencement of automatic enrolment?</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: We have costings that cover our implementation costs, and the AEC has agreed that it would absorb those implementation costs. But in terms of the outcomes, the savings that might accrue from that, there have been no estimates, again because it is a pretty dramatically different way of managing the electoral roll and I think the basis for us making estimates of savings is not yet sufficiently clear.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: I appreciate that. Is it possible for you to take on notice the provision of internal costing work you may have done on initiating the automatic enrolment process—the costs that you will bear?</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: Just to clarify the question, when you say 'initiating', is that the implementation costs?</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Yes, the implementation costs. There will be start-up costs, I would imagine, that will not be reflected on an ongoing basis. Presumably you will have to set up data matching systems, IT systems.</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: Yes, we will...</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Could you take on notice whatever costing analysis you have and can release that is not commercial in confidence or contracts between you and state governments?</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: Yes.</p>	F&PA, page 103, 23 May 2012	12/07/12	23/08/12

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85	AEC	Ryan	AusTender Contract – Universal McCann	<p>Senator RYAN: There is a contract, No.CN516462, for an 'online advertising campaign promoting enrolment'. I have a couple of questions, and I do not mean to be flippant, but it is for a very odd amount. On AusTender the amount comes out as \$999,999.99. It caught my attention. It strikes me as a particularly odd amount.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Diak: Senator, that amount refers to an amount that we have authorised Universal McCann to plan and that has been an interactive process for a spend that is up to that amount for online advertising, so that is for a campaign which is due to commence next Tuesday.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Is there a reason it is not a million dollars and it is literally one cent below?</p> <p>Mr Diak: I am not sure about that. I think it is something more to do with Universal McCann.</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: We will take it on notice.</p>	F&PA, page 104 23 May 2012	09/07/12	23/08/12
86	AEC	Ryan	The Year of Enrolment – advertising campaign	<p>Senator RYAN: Appreciating that some of this will be commercial in confidence, is it possible to get a description of the components of the campaign—the balance between social media advertising and standard web advertising, and the costs of things like editorial content, preparation of advertisements versus the cost of actually paying AdSense and Google and all of those people that actually do it?</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: I am more than happy to provide that</p>	F&PA, page 104-105, 23 May 2012	09/07/12	23/08/12
87	AEC	Ryan	Efficiency Dividend	Please detail what general budget cuts will happen across the Australian Electoral Commission to meet the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.	Written	09/07/12	23/08/12
88	Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	Cormann	Staffing and salaries	Senator CORMANN: On notice, could you please provide for us, for the 80 staff positions under the previously two organisations, the total salary bill, the number of staffing classified per position, and then the same for the merged entity, the 72 staff classified per level of position and total salary bill? That would be very much appreciated.	F&PA Page 39, 24 May 2012	12/10/12	1/11/12

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89	Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	Cormann	Savings	<p>a) Senator CORMANN: Has the board set any efficiency or savings targets for the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation?...</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Could you provide us on notice a breakdown of the savings that you have achieved or that you are anticipating to the extent that you can share that with us. b) Also, in the interest of time, please provide us with a clear breakdown for each fund within the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation the members of that fund that are current contributing members, preserved or non-contributing members and pensioners. c) Also if you could provide similar projections or estimates of membership of each fund under these categories in 2015 and in 2020 to the extent that this information is available. This was previously discussed in the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee that looked into this legislation.</p> <p>Mr Carrigy-Ryan: We will take those questions on notice, as long as you are aware that in all of those projections there are a number of assumptions which obviously we will include in our response.</p>	F&PA Page 40, 24 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12

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90	Future Fund Mgt Agency	Cormann	Future Fund chair	<p>a) Senator CORMANN: Would [Mr Gonski] be receiving stakeholders that have interactions with him as chair of the Future Fund at the Investec offices? Mr Burgess: I am not sure about that. Senator CORMANN: Can you take that on notice? Would that be appropriate? Senator Wong: We will take the question on notice. Are you asking Mr Burgess to respond to a hypothetical? ... Senator CORMANN: I am asking the question: is it appropriate for the chair of the Future Fund to conduct that business from the offices of an investment company? Minister, what is your view? Senator Wong: I am astounded that the coalition would be impugning – Senator CORMANN: It is a legitimate question, Minister Senator Wong: ... Certainly we take on notice questions about this. b) Senator CORMANN: So does the Future Fund chair have any interaction with stakeholders in his own right? ... c) Senator CORMANN: Has he got any interaction with parties external to the Future Fund? Senator Wong: ... we will now take them on notice and we will give you a comprehensive answer.</p>	F&PA Page 43-44, 23 May 2012	11/10/12	1/11/12
91	Future Fund Mgt Agency	Cormann	Private Equity Investments	<p>Senator CORMANN: Can you provide us with details about your private equity investments over the last year? Mr Neal: I cannot give you accurate details off the top of my head. One of the issues we have is that disclosing exactly what managers we have committed to and the amounts we have committed to them is sometimes problematic, but we can certainly give you a list of the managers that we have hired over that period.</p>	F&PA Page 45, 23 May 2012	15/10/12	1/11/12

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92	Future Fund Mgt Agency	Di Natale	Investment in tobacco stocks	Senator DI NATALE: Could you give me any example of how the behaviour of the companies that were investing in tobacco stocks has been improved in any way? Mr Burgess: I would have to take on notice the specific question around tobacco. In our annual report, however, we do provide a great deal of detail on, for example, our voting policy; I can assure you that behind that is a series of engagements including voting against about 18 per cent of resolutions in the last financial year. It is a very active policy in that regard. In relation to tobacco stocks specifically, I cannot provide you with that information at the moment.	F&PA Page 48, 23 May 2012	11/10/12	1/11/12
93	Future Fund Mgt Agency	Ludlam	Controversial weapons	Senator LUDLAM: One of the indices of the MSCI is about controversial weapons. That takes in cluster weapons—the fund did the right thing and divested from that—nuclear weapons, depleted uranium, chemicals, biologicals and so on. It appears that that work has been done and that it would be very easy for your managers simply to roll your portfolio over that index and see how you score. My final question is: have you done so? On behalf of the people, including me, whose funds you are managing, would you be willing to do so? Mr Burgess: I will take that on notice.	F&PA Page 52, 23 May 2012	11/10/12	1/11/12
94	General Co- ordination	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	18/09/12	20/09/12
95	General Co- ordination	Ryan	Staff cessations	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 2001-11? What classification were these staff?	Written	20/07/12	23/08/12

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96	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Staff reductions	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. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	Written	20/07/12	23/08/12
97	General Co-ordination	Ryan	SES positions	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
98	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Training 2012 graduates	Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If there is, please detail cost and what the training is.	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12
99	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Costs associated recruiting 2012 graduates	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12

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100	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Advertising	<p>a) What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>b) Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>c) Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>d) Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>e) 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.</p> <p>f) Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>g) What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12

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101	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12

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102	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Board appointments	<p>a) List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>c) Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</p>	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12
103	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Freedom of information	<p>a) Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>b) What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>c) 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 and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p> <p>d) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12

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104	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Community Cabinet meetings	<p>a) What was the cost of Ministers and travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date?</p> <p>b) How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location.</p> <p>c) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location.</p> <p>d) 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. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.</p> <p>e) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
105	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) How many Reviews are being undertaken?</p> <p>b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded</p> <p>c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</p> <p>f) What reviews are planned?</p> <p>g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12

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106	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Consultancies	<p>a) 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.</p> <p>b) 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.</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
107	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Media Monitoring	<p>a) 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?</p> <p>i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>ii. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?</p> <p>iii. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p> <p>b) 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?</p> <p>i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>ii. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?</p> <p>iii. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
108	General Co-ordination	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	11/10/12	1/11/12

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109	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost). 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost). d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost). i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
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110	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Discretionary Grants	<p>a) Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>b) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12
111	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Commissioned Reports	<p>a) 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.</p> <p>b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost?</p> <p>c) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>d) What is the current status of each report?</p> <p>e) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	15/10/12	1/11/12
112	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Payment of accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <p>a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12

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113	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Stationery requirements	<p>a) 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?</p> <p>b) What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p> <p>c) What is the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
114	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Media subscriptions	<p>a) Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>i. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>b) Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>i. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>c) Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>i. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12

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115	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Travel costs	<p>a) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>b) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>c) Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>d) Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>e) When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p>	Written	15/10/12	1/11/12

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116	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Legal costs	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	11/10/12	1/11/12
117	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Education expenses	<p>a) What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>b) For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written	15/10/12	1/11/12

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118	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>a) In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. The names of all service providers engaged <p>b) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) v. The total amount spent on the service vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12

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119	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Media training services	<p>a) In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. The names of all service providers engaged <p>b) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The name and nature of the service purchased ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) v. The total amount spent on the service vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	15/10/12	1/11/12

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120	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Paid parental leave	<p>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?</p> <p>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 and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p>	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12
121	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Training for portfolio ministers	<p>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.</p> <p>b) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12

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122	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Corporate cars	<p>Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How 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	12/10/12	1/11/12
123	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Taxi Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 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. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12
124	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Credit cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. b) Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? ii. How is corporate credit card use monitored? iii. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? iv. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. v. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12

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125	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Printing of documents	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12
126	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Provision of equipment	<p>a) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs.</p> <p>b) For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p> <p>c) Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>d) Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <p>i. 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.</p>	Written	15/10/12	1/11/12
127	General Co-ordination	Ryan	Electricity purchasing agreement	<p>a) Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement.</p> <p>b) What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p> <p>c) What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	15/10/12	1/11/12
128	General Co-ordination	Abetz	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12

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129	Outcome 3	Kroger	Community Cabinet	<p>a) What was the cost of all Ministers' travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year (2011-12)?</p> <p>b) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Foreign Affairs Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel?</p>	Written	28/8/12	20/09/12
130	Outcome 3	Kroger	Former Foreign Affairs Minister Kevin Rudd's accommodation expenses	Can you confirm that Minister Rudd's accommodation expenses for a two-night stay in Jerusalem was \$4,200 and a one night stay in Stockholm was \$1,700?	Written	28/8/12	20/09/12
131	1/1.1	Bushby	Public service job cuts	<p>a) Can the Department please provide numbers on how many/if any of the public service job cuts have been flagged for Tasmania?</p> <p>b) Given the large amount of jobs cut from the Australian Taxation Office and the Department of Human Services, has the Department done any forecasting on how this will affect frontline services, in areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Call centres and waiting times ii. Customer service centres and waiting times iii. Tax return turnovers iv. Applications made to the Department of Human Services waiting times, given that there are already over 70,000 back-logged. <p>c) Could these job cuts have occurred in other Departments that do not provide frontline services?</p>	Written	21/06/12	26/06/12

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132	General	Di Natale	Access and Equity strategy	<p>a) How does the Department ensure that the Government's Access and Equity Strategy is implemented in its entirety and in relation to all Departmental activities?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. How does the Department acknowledge the multicultural character of the Australian society, in terms of the services and programs you provide?</p> <p>b) How do you measure your success against Access and Equity goals? What evidence do you have that the Department is actively implementing the Government's Access & Equity policy?</p> <p>c) What changes will you implement over the next financial year to ensure your programs and services are more accessible to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities?</p> <p>d) What is your Department doing to ensure it has a culturally competent workforce?</p>	Written	12/10/12	1/11/12
133	Outcome 3	Sterle	Member for Sturt - cabcharge	<p>Can the Department provide the following details of CabCharge use by the Member for Sturt for the periods</p> <p>(a) 1 January to 30 June 2009</p> <p>(b) 1 July to 31 December 2009</p> <p>(c) 1 January to 30 June 2010</p> <p>(d) 1 July to 31 December 2010</p> <p>(e) 1 January to 30 June 2011 and</p> <p>(f) 1 July to 31 December 2011:</p> <p>(i) With reference to CabCharge receipts, usage in</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Sydney</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) Brisbane and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) Melbourne including, by trip: origin, destination and time and duration of travel</p> <p>(ii) Usage of emergency CabCharge dockets including, by trip, origin, destination and time and duration of travel.</p>	Written	Withdrawn	

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134	Outcome 3	Sterle	Senator the Hon George Brandis – cabcharge	Can the Department provide the following details of CabCharge use by Senator the Hon. George Brandis for the periods (a) 1 January to 30 June 2009 (b) 1 July to 31 December 2009 (c) 1 January to 30 June 2010 (d) 1 July to 31 December 2010 (e) 1 January to 30 June 2011 and (f) 1 July to 31 December 2011: (i) With reference to CabCharge receipts, usage in Sydney including, by trip: origin, destination and time and duration of travel (ii) Usage of emergency CabCharge dockets including, by trip, origin, destination and time and duration of travel.	Written	Withdrawn	
135	Outcome 3	Sterle	Member for Bowman - cabcharge use	Can the Department provide the following details of CabCharge use by the Member for Bowman for the periods (a) 1 January to 30 June 2009 (b) 1 July to 31 December 2009 (c) 1 January to 30 June 2010 (d) 1 July to 31 December 2010 (e) 1 January to 30 June 2011 and (f) 1 July to 31 December 2011: (i) With reference to CabCharge receipts, usage in Sydney including, by trip: origin, destination and time and duration of travel (ii) Usage of emergency CabCharge dockets including, by trip, origin, destination and time and duration of travel.	Written	Withdrawn	

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136	Outcome 3	Sterle	Sen Brett Mason - cabcharge use	Can the Department provide the following details of CabCharge use by Senator Brett Mason for the periods (a) 1 January to 30 June 2009 (b) 1 July to 31 December 2009 (c) 1 January to 30 June 2010 (d) 1 July to 31 December 2010 (e) 1 January to 30 June 2011 and (f) 1 July to 31 December 2011: (i) With reference to CabCharge receipts, usage in Sydney including, by trip: origin, destination and time and duration of travel (ii) Usage of emergency CabCharge dockets including, by trip, origin, destination and time and duration of travel.	Written	Withdrawn	
137	Outcome 3	Sterle	Ms Peta Credlin - cabcharge use	Can the Department provide the following details of CabCharge use by Ms Peta Credlin, Chief of Staff (Leader of the Opposition), for the periods (a) 1 January to 30 June 2009 (b) 1 July to 31 December 2009 (c) 1 January to 30 June 2010 (d) 1 July to 31 December 2010 (e) 1 January to 30 June 2011 and (f) 1 July to 31 December 2011: (i) Total expenditure (ii) With reference to CabCharge receipts, usage in Sydney including, by trip: origin, destination and time and duration of travel (iii) Usage of emergency CabCharge dockets including, by trip, origin, destination and time and duration of travel.	Written	Withdrawn	

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138	Outcome 3	Sterle	The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP entitlements	With reference to the report <i>The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop MP – Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation – 1 July to 31 December 2010</i> can the Department provide journey details for the honourable Member for the following entries, including date, time, origin, destination and duration: a) Hire cars (in each case, including whether a CabCharge card or emergency CabCharge voucher was used) (i) “Taxi fares 1 Jul to 31 Jul 10 \$3,088.71” (ii) “Taxi fares 4 Aug to 31 Aug 10 \$5,154.76” (iii) “Taxi fares 29 Oct 10 \$966.33” b) COMCAR (i) “Sydney 26 Jul 10 \$331.14” (ii) “Sydney 26 Jul \$455.85” (iii) “Brisbane 8 Aug \$740.15” (iii) “Brisbane 16 Aug 10 \$759.80”	Written	Withdrawn	
139	Outcome 3	Sterle	The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP entitlements	With reference to the report <i>The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop MP – Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation – 1 July to 31 December 2010</i> can the Department provide details of the specific goods or services provided in relation to the following taxpayer-funded items: a) Office expenses (i) “Flags 27 Jul 10 \$463.00” (ii) “Flags 27 Jul 10 \$700.00” (iii) “Flags 27 Jul 10 \$554.36” (iv) “Flags 27 Jul 10 \$1,381.82” (v) “Flags 27 Jul 10 \$463.64” (vi) “Flags 27 Jul 10 \$409.09” b) Office Fit Outs (i) “Office Fit Outs \$290,337.86”	Written	28/8/12	20/09/12

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140	Outcome 3	Sterle	The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP entitlements	With reference to the report <i>The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop MP – Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation – 1 January to 30 June 2010</i> can the Department provide journey details for the honourable Member for the following entries, including date, time, origin, destination and duration: a) Hire cars (in each case, including whether a CabCharge card or emergency CabCharge voucher was used) (i) “Taxi 12 Feb 10 \$130.70” (ii) “Taxi 12 Feb 10 \$130.70” (iii) “Taxi 12 Feb 10 \$72.73” (iv) “Taxi 30 Mar 10 \$330.44”	Written	Withdrawn	

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141	Outcome 3	Sterle	The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP entitlements	<p>With reference to the report <i>The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop MP – Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation – 1 January to 30 June 2011</i> can the Department provide journey details for the Honourable Member for the following entries, including date, time, origin, destination and duration:</p> <p>a) Hire cars (in each case, including whether a CabCharge card or emergency CabCharge voucher was used)</p> <p>(i) "Taxi fare 10 Jan 11 \$360.45"</p> <p>(ii) "Taxi fare 10 Jan 11 \$167.40"</p> <p>(iii) "Taxi fare 20 Feb 11 \$272.17"</p> <p>(iv) "Taxi fare 20 Feb 11 \$168.31"</p> <p>(v) "Taxi fare 20 Feb 11 \$272.17"</p> <p>(vi) "Taxi fare 11 Mar 11 \$134.44"</p> <p>(vii) "Taxi fare 11 Mar 11 \$60.00"</p> <p>(viii) "Taxi fare 29 Mar 11 \$183.28"</p> <p>(ix) "Taxi fare 29 Mar 11 \$134.44"</p> <p>(x) "Taxi fare 29 Mar 11 \$133.03"</p> <p>(xi) "Taxi fare 9 Apr 11 \$215.93"</p> <p>(xii) "Taxi fare 9 Apr 11 \$215.93"</p> <p>(xiii) "Taxi fare 13 May 11 \$211.30"</p> <p>(xiv) "Taxi fare 13 May 11 \$246.30"</p> <p>b) COMCAR</p> <p>(i) "Sydney 8 Mar 11 \$251.25"</p> <p>(ii) "Canberra 29 Apr 11 \$40.00"</p> <p>(iii) "Melbourne 29 Apr 11 \$65.34"</p> <p>(iv) "Melbourne 29 Apr 11 \$44.55"</p> <p>(v) "Melbourne 29 Apr 11 \$40.00"</p> <p>(vi) "Melbourne 29 Apr 11 \$45.85"</p> <p>(vii) "Melbourne 29 Apr 11 \$53.70"</p> <p>(viii) "Melbourne 29 Apr 11 \$94.79"</p> <p>(ix) "Sydney 29 Apr 11 \$103.32"</p> <p>(x) "Perth 17 May 11 \$307.85"</p> <p>(xi) "Melbourne 19 Jun 11 \$516.10"</p>	Written	Withdrawn	

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142	Outcome 3	Sterle	The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP entitlements	With reference to the report <i>The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop MP – Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation – 1 January to 30 June 2011</i> can the Department provide details of the specific goods provided in relation to the following taxpayer-funded items: a) Office expenses (i) “Flags 20 Jan 11 \$110.87” (ii) “Flags 20 Jan 11 \$245.00” (iii) “Flags 20 Jan 11 \$70.00” (iv) “Flags 20 Jan 11 \$108.18” (v) “Flags 8 Mar 11 \$175.00” (vi) “Flags 8 Mar 11 \$277.18”	Written	28/8/12	20/09/12
143	Outcome 3	Sterle	Diamond Jubilee Portraits availability	On what date did Official Diamond Jubilee portraits of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh become available under the Constituents’ Request Program. How many portraits have been requested since that date. What has it cost to make these portraits available through the Constituents’ Request Program.	Written	28/8/12	20/09/12

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144	Outcome 3	Sterle	Senators and members entitlements - publications	<p>Can the Department confirm that Senators and Members are entitled to the costs of purchasing publications (including electronic publications) of their choice for purposes related to parliamentary, electorate or official business.</p> <p>Can the Minister confirm the Member for Bowman purchased the following publications at taxpayer expense in the period 1 January to 30 June 2011:</p> <p>a) 1 Things I Love About Friends 26 Mar 11 \$13.59 b) 1 When I'm Feeling 26 Mar 11 \$13.59 c) 1 Blink 8 Apr 11 \$14.54 d) 1 The Declaration of Independence 8 Apr 11 \$4.50 e) 2 Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World 14 Jan 11 \$100.00 f) 1 The Swan Thieves 19 Jan 11 \$24.54 g) 1 Too Big To Fail: Inside the Battle to Save Wall Street 11 Feb 11 \$26.35 h) 1 Freedom 19 Mar 11 \$27.28 i) 1 Jasper Jones 19 Mar 11 \$19.84 j) 1 Lacuna 19 Mar 11 \$19.84 k) 1 Mister Pip 19 Mar 11 \$27.28 l) 1 The King's Speech: How One Man Saved the British Monarchy 19 Mar 11 \$24.81 m) 1 Five Useful Engines 26 Mar 11 \$11.77</p> <p>Did the Member certify the particular parliamentary, electorate or official business for which these publications were purchased.</p>	Written	28/8/12	20/09/12

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145	Outcome 3	Sterle	Details of visits by Senators and members of the Sunshine Coast	Can the Department provide full details, including location, purpose, date and time, of any public expenditure associated with visits by the following Members and Senators to the Sunshine Coast between 1 June 2011 and 30 April 2012: (a) the Leader of the Opposition (b) the Deputy Leader of the Opposition (c) the Member for Sturt (d) the Member for North Sydney (e) the Member for Mackellar (f) the Member for Leichhardt (g) Senator John Williams (h) Senator the Hon. George Brandis	Written	28/8/12	20/09/12
146	Outcome 3	Sterle	Visit by Member for Indi to Sydney	Can the Department provide full details of any public expenditure associated with a visit by the Member for Indi to Sydney on 1 September 2011.	Written	28/8/12	20/09/12
147	Outcome 3	Sterle	Member for Sturt - fuel card	Can the Department provide details of fuel card use by the Member for Sturt, including date, time and location, for the following periods: (a) 1 January to 30 June 2009 (b) 1 July to 31 December 2009 (c) 1 January to 30 June 2010 (d) 1 July to 31 December 2010 (e) 1 January to 30 June 2011 and (f) 1 July to 31 December 2011:	Written	Withdrawn	
148	1/1.2	Joyce	Unfunded public sector superannuation	a) What discount rate is used for valuation of the government's public sector superannuation liabilities? What is the justification for the use of this rate? b) How much of the government's public sector superannuation liabilities will come due in the next 10 years? c) What discount rate has the government used to value public sector superannuation liabilities due over the next 10 years? If a rate higher than the current 10-year government bond rate has been used, what is this justification for using this higher rate?	Written (t/f from Treasury 14 June 2012)	22/06/12	26/06/12

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149	Outcome 2	Siewert	Northern Territory Aboriginal languages	What Northern Territory Aboriginal languages are available for use on the Australia.gov.au website?	Written (t/f from DHS 18 June 2012)	30/07/12	23/08/12
150	AEC	Fifield	Accessible Voting	<p>a) The Australian Electoral Commission is working on options to ensure a secret and independent ballot for blind and low vision voters for the next Federal Election. What consultation has been undertaken with stakeholders?</p> <p>b) Which organisations has the Australian Electoral Commission consulted with?</p> <p>c) What are the options being considered for ballots for blind and low vision Australians?</p> <p>d) When will a decision be made about the available form of voting for blind and low vision Australians?</p> <p>e) How many blind and low vision Australians will the arrangements cater for?</p> <p>f) What is the Australian Electoral Commission's budget for these arrangements?</p>	Written	09/07/12	23/08/12
151	ASC	Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	Please provide a list of consultants, lobbyists and advisers to ASC, including the subsidiary entity – Deep Blue Tech, over the past four years?	Written (Transferred from Defence 27 June 2012)	15/10/12	1/11/12
152	2/2.1	Ryan	eGovernment Awards	<p>Senator RYAN: AGIMO awards the Excellence in eGovernment Awards each year, doesn't it?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: Indeed, Senator.</p>	Page 50, 24 May 2012	3/10/2012	1/11/12

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				<p>Senator RYAN: What weight do you assign to website traffic in determining these awards? How important is the number of people visiting?</p> <p>Mr Archer: We have criteria in assessing those awards. They are not explicitly linked to the volume of traffic; often the awards are given to sites that are brand-new which have been launched just recently.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Could you take it on notice to provide the criteria for those awards?</p> <p>Mr Archer: Certainly.</p>			
153	FFMA	Di Natale	Tobacco stocks	<p>Senator DI NATALE: I have not actually looked at how tobacco stocks are performing, but would I be correct in saying that that is because there has been further investment, an increase in the number of stocks held by the fund, as opposed to an increase in the value of those stocks?</p> <p>Mr Burgess: To provide the specific answer, unfortunately I will have to take that on notice. As you would appreciate—and you alluded to this—price currency movements can have a significant impact, as can an increase in holdings also. I would have to take that on notice to give you a specific answer.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: But it seems to me a fairly significant increase. We have gone from \$147 million to \$225 in less than a year and a half. It seems to me that the only explanation for that would be the purchase of more tobacco stocks.</p> <p>Senator Wong: He has just taken that question on notice, Senator.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: Let me ask a different question. Are you aware of whether the fund has purchased more tobacco stocks?</p> <p>Senator Wong: That is just what he took on notice.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: No, that is a separate question, a very different question.</p> <p>Mr Burgess: Our investment managers have typically broad mandates that fit the investment policies of the board. They therefore have the ability to invest to those mandates. We are very strict about the way they go about that. We are strict about the way we monitor them so that they are in line with the board's policies. They may from time to time buy and sell any sector of share.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: But I suppose my question was very specific: are you aware as to whether there have been any more stocks in tobacco purchased?</p> <p>Mr Burgess: I would have to take it on notice to give you the exact answer.</p>	Page 47, 23 May 2012	11/10/12	1/11/12