

**2005-06 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

**IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – 1 NOVEMBER 2005**

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1.	24	Ludwig	Internal Product	How many separate computer systems do you have in place?	Business Solutions Group
2.	37	Crossin	Internal Product	How many more staff will be employed on the counter in the state and territory offices? Provide a detailed disaggregation about numbers of staff and where they might be.	Human Resource Management
3.	39	Crossin	Internal Product	Provide a detailed breakdown of the \$230 million.	Financial Strategy Division
4.	42	Crossin	Internal Product	Provide evidence to the Committee that when Mr Young's email arrived on the web site on 4 April 2005 it was amongst a mixture of thousands of pieces of correspondence.	Ministerial and Communications
5.	47	Crossin	Internal Product	How many staff in that area are currently dealing with those emails?	Ministerial and Communications
6.	Written	Fielding	Internal Product	How much money has the portfolio spent on domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?	Financial Strategy Division
7.	Written	Fielding	Internal Product	How much money has the portfolio spent on overseas airfares for each of the last three financial years?	Financial Strategy Division
8.	Written	Fielding	Internal Product	How much money has the portfolio spent on economy class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?	Financial Strategy Division
9.	Written	Fielding	Internal Product	How much money has the portfolio spent on business class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years	Financial Strategy Division
10.	Written	Fielding	Internal Product	How much has the portfolio spent on first class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?	Financial Strategy Division
11.	Written	Fielding	Internal Product	What would be the estimated financial year dollar saving if all public servants in the portfolio travelled economy class for flights of less than one and a half hours duration?	Financial Strategy Division
12.	Written	Conroy	Internal Product	Please provide details of total departmental/organisational spending on Information and Communications Technology products and services during the last 12 months.	Business Solutions Group and Refugee Review Tribunal
13.	Written	Conroy	Internal Product	Please break down this spending by ICT function (eg communications, security, private network, websites).	Business Solutions Group and Refugee Review Tribunal

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14.	Written	Conroy	Internal Product	<p>Was this spending in line with budget forecasts for this 12 month period?</p> <p>a. If not, please provide details of:</p> <p>i. The extent that ICT spending exceeded budget forecasts for this 12 month period;</p> <p>ii. Details of on specific ICT contracts which resulted in department/organisation spending in excess of budget forecasts for this 12 month period;</p> <p>iii. The reasons ICT spending exceeded budget forecasts for this 12 month period.</p>	Business Solutions Group and Refugee Review Tribunal
15.	Written	Conroy	Internal Product	<p>Please provide details of any ICT projects that have been commissioned by the Department/organisation during the past 12 months that have failed to meet designated project time frames (ie have failed to satisfy agreed milestones by agreed dates).</p> <p>a. For such projects that were not completed on schedule, please provide details of:</p> <p>i. The extent of any delay;</p> <p>ii. The reasons these projects were not completed on time;</p> <p>iii. Any contractual remedies sought by the Department/organisation as a result of these delays (eg penalty payments).</p>	Business Solutions Group and Refugee Review Tribunal
16.	Written	Conroy	Internal Product	Please provide details of any ICT projects delivered in the past 12 months that have materially failed to satisfy project specifications.	Business Solutions Group and Refugee Review Tribunal
17.	Written	Conroy	Internal Product	<p>Please provide details of any ICT projects that were abandoned by the Department/organisation within the last 12 months before the delivery of all project specifications outlined at the time the project was commissioned.</p> <p>a. For such abandoned projects, please provide details of:</p> <p>i. Any contractual remedies sought by the Department as a result of the abandonment of these projects.</p> <p>ii. Any costs of re-tendering the ICT project.</p>	Business Solutions Group and Refugee Review Tribunal
18.	Written	Evans	Internal Product	<p>Indigenous Employment in the OIPC</p> <p>(1) How many Indigenous employees are there currently in the OIPC? What percentage of total employees in the OIPC does this represent?</p> <p>(2) How many Indigenous people are actually working at OIPC at the moment (not on leave without pay)? What percentage of total employees in the OIPC does this represent?</p> <p>(3) What number of those people are in Executive Level or Senior Executive positions?</p> <p>(4) How many ICC Regional Managers are there in total? How many current ICC Regional Managers are Indigenous?</p> <p>(5) Do all ICC Regional Managers receive cross-cultural training? If so, please provide details on the</p>	Human Resource Management

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				<p>training: how long does it go for? What does it cover? How often?</p> <p>(5) Has there been a significant reduction in Indigenous employment and retention since the introduction of new arrangements? If so why?</p> <p>(6) APS has identified this as a priority area of action. What is OIPC doing to improve rates of engagement and retention?</p> <p>(8) Do you specify in your ads that you encourage Aboriginal people to apply? If not, why not?</p>	
19.	Written	Murray	Internal Product	What guidance is provided to staff with responsibilities for contract negotiations specifically about the requirements of the Senate Order? If relevant guidance is not provided, please explain why this is the case.	Property and Corporate Support and Refugee Review Tribunal
20.	Written	Murray	Internal Product	What training and awareness sessions are provided, either in-house or through other training providers (eg. DOFA, APS Commission or private firms) in respect of the Order? Please provide a list of the dates, the identity of the training providers and the content of the training that staff attended in 2005. If training and awareness sessions are not provided, please explain why this is the case.	Property and Corporate Support and Refugee Review Tribunal
21.	Written	Murray	Internal Product	Has the department/agency revised its procurement guidelines to incorporate the new Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines that took effect from 1 January 2005, particularly with respect to the confidentiality elements contained in those guidelines? If so, when did this occur and can a copy be provided? If not, what is the cause of the delay and when will the revision occur?	Property and Corporate Support and Refugee Review Tribunal
22.	Written	Murray	Internal Product	<p>ANAO audits for the last three years have revealed a consistently low level of compliance across most agencies with DOFA confidentiality criteria (February 2003) for determining whether commercial information should be protected as confidential. The ANAO's latest report on the Order (No.11 2005-2006, September 2005) states that departments and agencies need to give higher priority with this important requirement of the Senate Order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What specific measures have been or will be taken to address this problem, give it higher priority and raise compliance levels?</li> <li>• What guidance and training are provided to staff about the confidentiality criteria and the four tests employed to determine whether information should be protected?</li> <li>• What internal auditing or checking is performed to test compliance in this area? If none is performed, why not and is the agency considering the adoption of internal controls and checks?</li> </ul>	Property and Corporate Support and Refugee Review Tribunal
23.	Written	Murray	Internal Product	What problems, if any, has the agency and/or relevant staff experienced in complying with the Senate Order? What is the nature and cause of any problems? What measures have been, or could be, adopted to address these concerns?	Property and Corporate Support and Refugee Review Tribunal
24.	7	Ludwig	1.1	Provide the number of people who are issued student visas, how many travel to Australia and how many never take up the visa and then, of those that do come to Australia, how many complete their studies and go home, how many go home before completing their studies (and why), how many	Temporary Entry

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				transfer to another visa category (eg. humanitarian, student permanent residency) and when during their studies do they transfer to this category, how many have their visas cancelled and are removed from Australia.  So basically, what happens to each person who gets a student visa to come to Australia in terms of if and when they leave Australia and the circumstances in which they leave. <i>(This question was provided by Senator Ludwig after the Committee Secretariat sought his clarification)</i>	
25.	49	Bartlett	1.1	I gather the Sydney skills shortage list, which I asked questions about a few times before, was found to be all above board by the court—is that right?	Legal Services and Litigation
26.	56	Bartlett	1.1	On page 66 of your annual report you list the top source countries for international students to Australia. The figure at the bottom right-hand corner for Indonesian students for this year: is that a typo?	Temporary Entry
27.	56	Bartlett	1.1	Provide statistics on the number of people moving across from the non-contributory parent visa to the contributory parent visa.	Migration
28.	56-57	Bartlett	1.1	Do you have any idea what the estimated or assumed financial impact would be of any sort of increase in the non-contributory category? I recall when all of this was being discussed some time ago that there were suggestions about allowing certain numbers in various categories and that budgetary approval would be required. Are there any figures as to what the deemed cost would be?	Migration
29.	61	Crossin	1.1	How many workplaces, say, in the Northern Territory under the temporary employer sponsorship visa would you have?	Business
30.	62	Crossin	1.1	Could you also tell me how many in the last two years have actually been employees who have been returned to their countries because of employers defaulting in the Northern Territory?	Business
31.	Written	Bartlett	1.1	International Students What action is DIMIA undertaking in respect of education providers that have a higher average frequency of students breaching their visa in relation to the total student population of that institution, in comparison to other providers? If no action is taken, what are the reasons for this?	Temporary Entry
32.	Written	Bartlett	1.1	There has been a marked decrease in the number of PV lodgements from India from 403 in 2003-04 to 164 in 2004-2005 (date - from OnPro report to NASRF at 16 August 2005), has there been any change in the offshore visa application process for people applying to visit/business/student from India?	Temporary Entry
33.	Written	Ludwig	1.1	(a) Does DIMIA recognise au pairs as a work category for visa purposes? (b) What are the visa categories under which au pairs enter the country? Only working visas, or are other categories possible? (c) How many foreign workers are currently working as au pairs in Australia, broken down into legal and illegal numbers (if there is an estimate available)? (d) Does the Department have any way of knowing how many people on working holiday visas are working as au pairs? (e) How many people have been granted work visas as au pairs, for each of the last 3 years? Is the	Temporary Entry

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				<p>number growing?</p> <p>(f) Has Immigration detained or sent home anyone working as an au pair in the last 3 years?</p> <p>(g) Has the Department had any complaints (a) from or (b) about au pairs in the last 3 years?</p> <p>(h) What checks does Immigration do on a visa applicant that they are a suitable person to be an au pair?</p> <p>(i) What do these checks involve? eg is it compulsory to check with police agencies overseas for criminal records?</p> <p>(j) Has Immigration had any discussions with FACS this year about au pairs? What is the nature of the discussion, when did it start, how many officers are involved, has a working committee been set up (and when)? etc</p> <p>(k) Has Immigration been approached by FACS about how many au pairs are working in Australia, and relaxation of their visa restrictions and conditions?</p> <p>(l) What are the restrictions relevant to duration of work applying to au pairs? Is it true that au pairs cannot work for one family for more than 3 months? Is it true they can work for multiple families, as long as the work is no more than 3 months at a time?</p> <p>(m) Can an au pair return to work for a family, after the employment has ceased after 3 months? Ie, can they resume work for this family at some point?</p> <p>(n) What is the rationale for the 3 month rule?</p> <p>(o) Has FACS requested Immigration to consider changing the visa conditions applying to au pairs? In particular, removing the 3 month per family working limit?</p> <p>(p) When was this request made?</p> <p>(q) Has any recommendation been made to the Minister about changing the laws or rules relating to au pairs?</p> <p>(r) Has the Department had any discussions or exchange of information with the Australian Tax Office about foreigners known to be working here as au pairs, and foreigners thought to be working here as au pairs?</p>	
34.	Written	Ludwig	1.1	<p>(a) How many days does it take for Australia to issue a travel visa by country?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide a breakdown by country.</li> </ul> <p>(b) What is the average number of days of a tourist visa by country?</p> <p>(c) How many tourist visas are issued each year by country?</p>	Temporary Entry
35.	Written	Bartlett	1.1, 1.2, 1.3	<p>1. How many section 345, 351, 391, 417 454, and 501J requests have been received in 2004-5?</p> <p>2. How many section 345, 351, 391, 417 454, and 501J requests have been considered in 2004-5?</p> <p>3. On how many occasions has Minister Hargraves decided to exercise those powers in favour of applicants in 2004-5?</p> <p>4. On how many occasions has Minister McGauran decided to exercise those powers in favour of</p>	Migration, Onshore Protection and Character, Cancellations and Investigations

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				<p>applicants in 2004-5?</p> <p>5. On how many occasions has Minister Cobb decided to exercise those powers in favour of applicants since being sworn in as Minister for Citizenship?</p> <p>6. On how many occasions has Minister Vanstone decided to exercise those powers in favour of applicants in 2004-5?</p>	
36.	63	Bartlett	1.2	I presume we do not have anything to do with the running of the no-interest loan scheme that has been set up through the IOM—that is totally up to IOM—but have you got any information about the uptake of that and how that has been played out?	Humanitarian
37.	64	Bartlett	1.2	How many people are currently on Return-pending visas?	Onshore Protection
38.	68	Crossin	1.2	Can you tell me how many ministerial discretions are still awaiting action under sections 417, 48B and 501?	Onshore Protection
39.	98	Hurley	1.2	Does DIMIA have any way of checking whether sponsors under that humanitarian program have the capability to assist their relatives in the way that you describe?	Humanitarian
40.	Written	Kirk	1.2	What are the funding arrangements for the IDCU in Kabul? How much funding has it received from the Australian Government in the 04/05 financial year? How much funding will it receive in this financial year?	International Cooperation
41.	Written	Kirk	1.2	How many Afghan refugees were verified by the Afghan ID checking unit? How many of these people were then sent to Pakistan?	Onshore Protection
42.	Written	Nettle	1.2	How many section 417s has Minister Cobb approved since he became a Minister?	Onshore Protection
43.	Written	Nettle	1.2	Provide a comparison of Minister Ruddock, Vanstone, McGauran and Cobb's approval and rejection rates for section 417s.	Onshore Protection
44.	Written	Nettle	1.2	<p>Produce the Ministerial Advice/Ministerial Intervention Unit Schedules submitted to the Minister in relation to intervention in the cases of the following three applicants who were recently rejected by the Ministers:</p> <p>(a) Rejected By Minister Amanda Vanstone on 11 October 2005 - <b>Mr Leonard Peter</b> – DOB 16/2/1965 – Client ID 18151136070</p> <p>(b) Rejected by Hon Peter McGauran MP on 11 July 2005 – <b>Ms Thi Xuan Loc Tran</b> – DOB 24/9/1959 – Client ID 13976013975</p> <p>(c) Rejected by Hon John Cobb MP on 14 October 2005 – <b>Tang Xianhui</b> – DOB 28/12/1962 – Client ID V97/06472</p>	Onshore Protection
45.	Written	Nettle	1.2	<p>TPV -222A Low level criminal convictions</p> <p>Does 222A violate Article 31 of the Refugees Convention?</p>	Onshore Protection

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46.	Written	Nettle	1.2	How many of the asylum seekers in Indonesia have relatives in Australia?  How many asylum seekers in Indonesia are under the care of IOM and being paid for by Australia?  How many people were 'pushed back' from Australia during Operation Relax?	Humanitarian
47.	Written	Bartlett	1.2	Nauru  1. What is the total number of asylum seekers that have been granted permanent residence currently?  2. What is the total of all former TPV holders who have now been granted permanent protection?  3. How many asylum seekers have been refused permanent protection visas and are currently on removal pending visas?  4. How many asylum seekers have now been issued with another temporary protection visa?  5. How many cases still have as yet to be decided?  6. How many asylum seekers are there currently remaining on Temporary Protection Visas - including the arrivals from Nauru (3 and 5 year) and release from Baxter since 17 June?  7. How many former detainees are currently on Bridging Visas?	Humanitarian
48.	Written	Bartlett	1.2	Indonesia  1. How many asylum seekers are there currently being held in Lombok? 2. What are their nationalities? Give a breakdown according to gender and if there are children. 3. How long have they been detained?	Humanitarian
49.	Written	Bartlett	1.2	International Students The number (and country of origin breakdown) of visas issued in 2004-5 for the following subclasses: 447, 451, 785, 786, 866, FPV and RPV?	Onshore Protection
50.	Written	Bartlett	1.2	How many FPV (further pending visa) applicants in 2004-5 were granted subclass 785 visas for each of the following reasons: criminal conviction carrying sentence of 12 month or more, 7 day rule?	Onshore Protection
51.	Written	Bartlett	1.2	Since the Prime Minister's announcement, what is the (county of origin) breakdown of visas (866, 785, RPV) issued to FPV applicants to 31/10/05?	Onshore Protection
52.	Written	Bartlett	1.2	How many protection visa applicants in 2004-5 were granted subclass 785s rather than 866s because of Reg 866.111 (fraudulent docs)?	Onshore Protection
53.	Written	Bartlett	1.2	How many Removal Pending Bridging Visas (RPBVs) were issued in 2004-5?	Onshore Protection
54.	Written	Bartlett	1.2	What work has the Department done to date on following up the allegations of dangerous deportations	Onshore Protection

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				made in the research paper <i>Deported to Danger</i> , produced by the Edmund Rice Centre?	
55.	Written	Bartlett	1.2	In all the current inquiries into DIMIA - the detention of a mentally ill Australian resident, the deportation of an Australian citizen and the possible unlawful detention of over 200 people referred to the Ombudsman, has the department done any investigation into the deportations of failed asylum seekers?  a. Either to review the cases for being rejected for protection or to review whether there were other conventions that should have halted deportation? b. Or even if the deportation itself was conducted lawfully and safely?	Onshore Protection
56.	Written	Bartlett	1.2	Does the department consider non-refoulement to only apply to refugees, or to also apply to failed asylum seekers as well?	Onshore Protection
57.	29	Nettle	1.3	We are talking about who has been affected by the Nystrom decision – some people in detention – and I imagine there would also be some people, and maybe you can tell me, who might have accepted a voluntary return or were deported but would also have been affected by the Nystrom case. Is the department doing anything to identify those cases, and can an individual who is in such a situation now come back to Australia? If they were deported before the Nystrom case occurred but would not have been had the case occurred before they were deported, what is their status now with regard to being able to come back to Australia?	Compliance Framework
58.	30	Nettle	1.3	On the nine people who have been released, can the committee have some details about when they were released, how long they were in detention, how long they lived in Australia beforehand—that sort of information? I ask for when they were released, how long they were in detention for and how long they had lived in Australia.	Compliance Framework
59.	35-36	Crossin	1.3	(1) Was the Ombudsman given the power, or did he always have the power, to investigate what may or may not have happened in the minister's office?  (2) Could you advise us whether any contact was made with the minister's office from the Ombudsman in relation to the Comrie inquiry?	DIMIA Response Coordination
60.	54	Ludwig	1.3	In relation to bad cancellations, do you have figures on breaches by university by state? Are those types of statistics available?	Compliance Framework
61.	55	Ludwig	1.3	In relation to an answer to a question asked in the inquiry into the Migration Act 1958, there is one category where a total of six students were detained past the three to six months mark; I would not mind a break-up of the circumstances of those students, if it is available.	Compliance Framework
62.	55	Ludwig	1.3	Provide the numbers, say in the last 12 months, of compliance operations you have conducted; the nature of the operations; whether they were at a restaurant, on a campus or something along those lines; and the indicative times that the compliance operations were started. I am sure you have a lot more on file about them than that. You could also provide the procedure manual, just so that we have an idea of what you do which will either confirm or dispel people's beliefs about what you do.	Compliance Framework
63.	67	Nettle	1.3	How does the fitness to travel requirement relate to the removal checklist?	Case Management Support



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64.	72	Crossin	1.3	Can you find out from the Ombudsman and HREOC how many times this year they have been to Villawood, Baxter and Maribyrnong? And when was their last visit?	Detention Services Framework
65.	72	Crossin	1.3	Provide the committee with the information you give to detainees when they first arrive at Villawood.	Detention Services Framework
66.	72	Crossin	1.3	What was the estimated cost and the actual cost of the contract with GSL for the last financial year? What is the projected cost for 2005-06?	Detention Services Framework
67.	73	Crossin	1.3	Can you provide me with the nature and type of sanctions that have been imposed over, say, the last 12 months?	Detention Services Framework
68.	73	Crossin	1.3	Are the financial penalties against the department through settlements or court orders taken from consolidated revenue or from the department's budget?	Financial Strategy Division
69.	76	Ludwig	1.3	In relation to the 221 cases, are any of those people Australian?	Compliance Framework
70.	79	Ludwig	1.3	In relation to Migration Series Instruction 234, particularly in relation to how sections 189 and 196 operate, if you have provided interim advice to your departmental officers, can you make that available so that the committee can see how you are operating and using 234 as provided for by the Comrie report? If you are providing training—I do not want all the training—and there is a section that deals with the detention power and how you explain it to your officers, could that be made available to the committee.	Compliance Framework
71.	81	Ludwig	1.3	Provide a copy of the old and current MSI 234 and if there is an update, when it is available.	Compliance Framework
72.	85	Crossin	1.3	What is the ongoing cost now to maintain the centre in Darwin?	Detention Services Framework
73.	86	Nettle	1.3	What is the budget for the Complex Case Support Section?	Case Management Support
74.	86	Nettle	1.3	What is the threshold for cases to be referred to the Complex Case Support Section? Provide the guidelines about how it is determined which cases go to it.	Case Management Support
75.	86	Crossin	1.3	In relation to the immigration detention standard number 1.4.2.4, can you explain to me which of a detainee's medical records fall into the category of 'medical records not usually provided to a detainee'?	Detention Services Framework
76.	89	Nettle	1.3	In relation to Scott Parkin, can you let us know who was doing the questioning? I do not want the names but I want to know the level of the compliance officers who were doing the questioning and also who was present.	Border Intelligence and Unauthorised Arrivals
77.	91	Nettle	1.3	In relation to Scott Parkin, at what point in the process was the minister informed? Was she informed? Was it DIMIA or ASIO that notified the minister?	Border Intelligence and Unauthorised Arrivals
78.	91	Nettle and Crossin	1.3	Was the hotel where Mr Parkin's escorts stayed in Disneyland? Where did they stay?	Character, Cancellations and Investigations
79.	91	Crossin and Nettle	1.3	How many nights in total did Mr Parkin's escorts stay in Los Angeles?	Character, Cancellations and Investigations

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80.	93	Kirk	1.3	In relation to the 15 instances in which visiting psychologists providing services at Christmas Island and Baxter detention centres had failed to comply with local registration requirements, what is the size or the quantum of what I assume is a fine or compensation that they are required to pay in those circumstances?	Detention Services Framework
81.	95	Crossin	1.3	What would have been the cost of the Knowledge Consulting report?	Detention Services Framework
82.	96	Crossin	1.3	How many reports have Knowledge Consulting done in the last two years?	Detention Services Framework
83.	96	Crossin	1.3	What aspects of GSL's original advice on the incident were not accurate?	Detention Services Framework
84.	96	Crossin	1.3	In how many other instances was the information provided by GSL not been accurate?	Detention Services Framework
85.	97	Nettle	1.3	Provide a copy of the two documents signed by Mr Parkin.	Character, Cancellations and Investigations
86.	Written	Kirk	1.3	In evidence presented to the Migration Inquiry, Tamara Domicelj from the Asylum Seekers Centre in Sydney, spoke at length about the hardships experienced by asylum seekers released on bridging visas who are ineligible for Centrelink, Medicare or any other forms of assistance, and that people are released without a single contact number or money to make a phone call, including the case of a man who had been sleeping for over 2 weeks at Central Station, without a word of English, after having spent two years in Detention.  The Asylum Seekers Centre has been asking for some time for people released to be given a list of names and numbers of charitable organisations to go to for help.  What reasons does DIMIA have for not doing this? Does DIMIA have a policy on this?	Detention Services Framework
87.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Figures for mental illness of long-term detainees (by psychiatrists S. Mares and J. Juredini in a paper in the Aust NZ Journal of Public Health, 2004; 28:527-36) show that 87% have major depression, 56% have post traumatic stress disorder and 25% have frank psychosis. These figures are from 2004.  What are the figures currently? Does the Minister have reason to suppose current figures might be significantly different? If yes, why?	Detention Services Framework
88.	Written	Kirk	1.3	The Adelaide Advertiser reported on 12 Sept 2005 that 4 people attempted suicide at Baxter Detention Centre within that past fortnight. Is this correct? How many people in total have attempted suicide at each of Australia's detention centres since Jan 1, 2005?	Detention Services Framework
89.	Written	Kirk	1.3	What steps are being taken to prevent attempted suicides by detainees?	Detention Services Framework
90.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Can the Minister provide updated figures of instances of self-harm in detention centres?	Detention Services

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91.	Written	Kirk	1.3	How often does a psychiatrist visit Baxter Detention Centre? A psychologist?	Detention Services Framework
92.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Do detainees have access to counselling services?	Detention Services Framework
93.	Written	Kirk	1.3	What is the process by which detainees see psychiatrists and psychologists? eg can those who want an appointment have one? Who makes the assessment as to whether detainees should see a psychiatrist?	Detention Services Framework
94.	Written	Kirk	1.3	In the wake of the Cornelia Rau affair, what steps are being taken to educate staff at detention centres as to signs of mental illness or distress, and when to notify health care professionals?	Detention Services Framework
95.	Written	Kirk	1.3	What is DIMIA doing to improve the mental health outcomes of detainees?	Detention Services Framework
96.	Written	Kirk	1.3	According to the Refugee Advocacy Service of South Australia (RASSA), lawyers from RASSA continue to have difficulties accessing clients in detention centres due to the obstructive nature of DIMIA officials. For example RASSA lawyers are not allowed entry into the compounds where detainees reside. This means they have no access to detainees who are ill.  Please explain why lawyers are not allowed inside compounds?	Detention Services Framework
97.	Written	Kirk	1.3	According to RASSA and despite the provisions of section 256 of the Migration Act, DIMIA does not advise detainees of their rights to obtain legal advice. What is being done to rectify this?	Detention Services Framework
98.	Written	Kirk	1.3	RASSA is unable to advertise their legal services to detainees in Baxter because DIMIA refuses to provide details to them of people detained. What reasons does DIMIA have for not allowing RASSA to advertise?	Detention Services Framework
99.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Lawyers may only visit clients once they sign an authority. Those people unable to do this – for example those with a mental illness – may never get assistance. What is DIMIA doing to ensure that all detainees, including those with a mental illness, are aware of their legal rights and have access to lawyers.	Detention Services Framework
100.	Written	Kirk	1.3	According to the Human rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, not advising detainees of their legal rights is a violation of article 10 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights? What is DIMIA doing to remedy this violation?	Detention Services Framework
101.	Written	Kirk	1.3	According to Evidence given to the Migration Inquiry by Mr Bill Gerogiannis of the Legal Aid Commission of NSW, a duty solicitor used to attend Villawood Detention Centre every Wednesday and there were signs which indicated to detainees that there was a duty solicitor every Wednesday. It is now, in his words, “very hit and miss”. In the wake of the Cornelia Rau affair, and the Palmer Report, is DIMIA looking to reinstate the policy of having duty solicitors?	Detention Services Framework
102.	Written	Kirk	1.3	According to Refugee Advocacy Service of South Australia (RASSA), on at least one occasion, DIMIA or Global Solutions packed an asylum seeker’s Christian Baptismal Certificate in their luggage. This person, removed to Iran, had converted to Christianity while in detention. The act of	Case Management Support

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				converting from Islam to Christianity can attract the death penalty in Iran. What steps are being taken to ensure this never happens again?	
103.	Written	Kirk	1.3	The Inquiry into the Migration Act received reports of deportees given only 10 minutes to pack, and no chance to say goodbye to friends and relatives. According to DIMIA procedure, how many hours ahead of time must a detainee be notified of his/her removal? What is DIMIA doing to ensure this rule is being adhered to?	Case Management Support
104.	Written	Kirk	1.3	A source in Kabul told journalist McGeough there was no doubt the information in the IDCU's report on Mrs Bakhtiyari dated 19 December 2004 was officially communicated to DIMIA. Is this true? Did DIMIA receive this report? Was any of this information within the report conveyed to DIMIA?	Case Management Support
105.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Why, when DIMIA knew that it was likely that Mrs Bakhtiyari and her children were Afghans – and that further information to confirm this was on its way - did they rush to deport them?	Case Management Support
106.	Written	Kirk	1.3	It now appears, according to the IDCU's final report of 10 January 2005, that Mrs Bakhtiyari was indeed an Afghani citizen. Is the Minister willing to provide this report for scrutiny?	Case Management Support
107.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Deputy Secretary of DIMIA Bob Correll told the SMH that the Afghan evidence and the issue of the family's Afghan nationality were irrelevant as they were also citizens of Pakistan. Please explain why the issue of their Afghani citizenship is irrelevant given that the family were denied asylum because they were deemed not to be Afghans.	Case Management Support
108.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Why was the IDCU report ignored after it had been commissioned by Australia? Is the Minister willing to provide all reports, emails and other correspondence surrounding the IDCU investigation for scrutiny?	Case Management Support
109.	Written	Kirk	1.3	What type of travel documents accompanied the Bakhtiyari family and gave them authority to be removed to Pakistan? Is the Minister willing to provide a copy of the travel documents used by the Bakhtiyari family to enter Pakistan for scrutiny?	Case Management Support
110.	Written	Kirk	1.3	The Pakistan Government does not allow dual citizenship for Afghan citizens, yet evidence now shows that the Bakhtiyaris were indeed Afghan citizens. Would the Minister agree this is a very odd state of affairs?	Case Management Support
111.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Who made the decision that Ali Bakhtiyari was Asghar Ali and who matched the documents asserting this?	Case Management Support
112.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Did the Pakistan High Commission ask to interview any members of the Bakhtiyari family before issuing emergency Pakistani travel documents? Is the Minister willing to provide all correspondence with the Pakistan High Commission related to the Bakhtiyari family for scrutiny?	Case Management Support
113.	Written	Kirk	1.3	The Australian Government issued a birth certificate for the Bakhtiyari's youngest child which register both parents as Afghans. Why did the Australian Government issue this legal document, but then seek Pakistani travel documents for Mr and Mrs Bakhtiyari?	Case Management Support
114.	Written	Kirk	1.3	In a letter from Mr Jim Williams of DIMIA to Roqia Bakhtiyari dated 25 June 2003, when Roqia was 5 months pregnant, DIMIA offered Mrs Bakhtiyari the option to complete an Afghan passport application form and \$10,000 as part of the Afghan reintegration package if she is accepted as a citizen by the Government of Afghanistan and if she travelled back home to Afghanistan. In light of the fact	Case Management Support

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				that DIMIA had refused to accept that Mrs Bakhtiyari was an Afghan citizen, why was this option given to Mrs Bakhtiyari?	
115.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Did DIMA receive Afghan passports from the Afghan embassy for any members of the Bakhtiyari family? Is the Minister willing to provide any correspondence with the Afghan Embassy related to the Bakhtiyari family for scrutiny?	Case Management Support
116.	Written	Kirk	1.3	On 26 May 2005 DIMIA claimed that the family had been verified as Pakistani citizens, yet they already knew they had been verified as Afghan citizens. Did the department mislead this Senate committee?	Case Management Support
117.	Written	Kirk	1.3	What care was taken to ensure the safety of a 14 month old baby born in Australia and sent to a foreign country? Or a 7 year old who had no memory of her home country?	Case Management Support
118.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Was the Asghar Ali person deemed to be Ali Bakhtiyari claimed by Roqia Bakhtiyari's cousin "as an Afghan who had no right to be sent to Pakistan" born in 1957, 1959, 1961 or 1971 as verified by the Pakistan embassy?	Case Management Support
119.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Given that NADRA have deemed that all ID numbers were invalid after the central ID system was set up in 2000, where did the document with the ID number 601-57-188722 come from?	Case Management Support
120.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Who went to Quetta and when to retrieve the document?	Case Management Support
121.	Written	Kirk	1.3	As an expert in documents deemed that document to be false, the RRT discarded the photo on the document and this was the only "evidence" of Pakistani ID why was it used to claim that Roqia and her children, Afghan citizens, were Pakistani citizens?	Case Management Support
122.	Written	Kirk	1.3	DIMIA told the family court on 28 July 2003 that no-one had been able to get to Quetta to check the Pakistani ID of Mrs Bakhtiyari because it was too dangerous. How then was she deemed to be a Pakistani? And what ID number was she supposed to have had?	Case Management Support
123.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Does Pakistan have an arrangement for forced deportations to their country? Does that arrangement include Afghan citizens and please table that agreement?	International Cooperation
124.	Written	Kirk	1.3	How many people on board the Urangan, Virginia and Zillmere were deemed to be Pakistani citizens? How many from those boats left the country and where did they go?	Entry Policy and Procedures
125.	Written	Kirk	1.3	How many aboard the Yule had their visas cancelled for being Pakistanis?	Entry Policy and Procedures
126.	Written	Kirk	1.3	The Refugee Council of Australia, in its submission to the Inquiry into the Migration Act, mentions the issue of well publicised use of chemical restraint of detainees during removal. This claim is backed up by the Edmund Rice Centre, who say they have five recorded instances of people being chemically injected. While DIMIA have previously asserted that it is not government policy to use chemical restraint, can the Minister assure that no person being removed has ever been given a chemical restraint?	Case Management Support
127.	Written	Kirk	1.3	What is the purpose of the Management Unit at Baxter Detention Centre?	Detention Services Framework
128.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Explain the difference between the various Management Units – eg Red 1, Blue 1, Blue 2 etc.	Detention Services Framework

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129.	Written	Kirk	1.3	On how many occasions have people been locked in each of the Management Units so far this year? How long have they been kept in units?	Detention Services Framework
130.	Written	Kirk	1.3	Provide some examples of reasons why people are locked in the Management Unit?	Detention Services Framework
131.	Written	Nettle	1.3	I refer to the case of "SRHHH" and Minister for Immigration and Indigenous Affairs [2005] AATA 1020 (14 October 2005)  1. I understand this man has been in detention for over six years now and recently won a case. When will he be released?  2. Provide the total litigation costs including court awarded costs surrounding this case. What is the justification for this cost.  The Tribunal member concluded at paragraph 184: "First, if all the evidence that the applicant was able to adduce in these proceedings had been available at the time of the original hearing, his detention might have ended in 2001"  3. Why was the evidence not made available in the previous hearings? Will DIMIA now change this practice to ensure justice is served and unnecessary detention is avoided?	Legal Services and Litigation
132.	Written	Nettle	1.3	How much money has the Commonwealth expended fighting Shayan Badraie's claim so far?	Legal Services and Litigation
133.	Written	Nettle	1.3	What is the projected expenditure on the case up to the trial's conclusion?	Legal Services and Litigation
134.	Written	Nettle	1.3	I am aware that Shayan's mother was cross examined for 6 days and Shayan's father has been in the stand for 6 days and may be cross examined further when the trial resumes. Do you think this is appropriate for Shayan's parents to be cross examined for such extraordinary lengths of time, given the obligation of the Commonwealth as model litigant to not cause unnecessary delay in litigation?	Legal Services and Litigation
135.	Written	Nettle	1.3	1. How many private charter aeroplanes has DMIA chartered for the purpose of removals/deportations in the past year?  2. Why does DIMIA use private aeroplanes?  3. How much has been spent over the past 3 years on private aeroplane chartering?  4. What companies are contracted to perform deportations/removals?	Detention Services Framework
136.	Written	Nettle	1.3	What is the current charge for detention in each detention centre?	Detention Services Framework

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137.	Written	Nettle	1.3	Does that vary between detention centres? If so, why does it vary?	Detention Services Framework
138.	Written	Nettle	1.3	What do detainees actually get for the charge? Please provide a detailed list of services and items.	Detention Services Framework
139.	Written	Nettle	1.3	What safety equipment is provided to detainees working/assisting in detention centres – i.e. in the kitchen, or using cleaning products? Provide details.	Detention Services Framework
140.	Written	Nettle	1.3	I note your answer to a Question on Notice (no.7 - 11 Oct) I asked during the Senate Inquiry into the Migration Act. It was in reference to guards being in the room while a detainee was giving birth. You state that that section IDS 1.4.2.1 allows DIMIA to sanction GSL over breach of detainee privacy.  1. Has DIMIA pursued such sanctions in this case?  2. If not, why not?  3. Is this yet another example of the failure of DIMIA and GSL to actually change your culture and treat people with dignity and respect?	Detention Services Framework
141.	Written	Nettle	1.3	1. Is the Department aware of an open letter from the women kept in the LIMA compound at Villawood detention centre requesting that the barriers to the other compound be removed?  2. Has the Department or GSL responded or considered this request? Has there been a response to the female detainees?  3. Has the Department or GSL considered extending the hours that the gate between compounds is open.	Detention Services Framework
142.	Written	Nettle	1.3	1. How many residence determinations have been made to date?  2. Provide a table of the residence determination made by location, age, gender, nationality, and length previously in a detention centre.	Case Management Support
143.	Written	Nettle	1.3	1. Provide the details of all organisations that have been contracted to oversee residence determinations.  2. Provide details of the payments to organisations contracted to oversee residence determinations.	Case Management Support
144.	Written	Nettle	1.3	Explain how DIMIA and residence determination organisations liaise and coordinate and what reporting organisations have to DIMIA.	Case Management Support
145.	Written	Nettle	1.3	What contact do DIMIA officers typically have with people under residence determinations? How regular is such contact typically?	Case Management Support
146.	Written	Nettle	1.3	How much surveillance is typically put on people under residence determinations? Provide some	Case Management Support

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				examples.	
147.	Written	Nettle	1.3	<p>1. Are people under residence determinations allowed to work?</p> <p>2. What level of income support are they receiving?</p> <p>3. What kind of schooling are children entitle to and are they allowed on extended school excursions?</p>	Case Management Support
148.	Written	Nettle	1.3	How does a detainee under a residence determination request a change in the conditions of a determination? Who is delegated to make decisions or variations in conditions of a residence determination?	Case Management Support
149.	Written	Nettle	1.3	<p>During a recent tour of Villawood we saw a dorm in Stage One. This dorm was one room and contained about 60 bunk beds spaced a metre apart. It was something I'd expect to see in a developing world prison, not Australia.</p> <p>1. Is there an overcrowding problem in Villawood Stage 1?</p> <p>2. Is there a cell/separate room for each detainee?</p> <p>3. How many other detainees do they generally share a cell with?</p> <p>4. Do you think this standard of accommodation is appropriate?</p>	Detention Services Framework
150.	Written	Nettle	1.3	Has GSL or was ACM penalised for the standard of accommodation under their contracts? If so, please provide details of the issues that caused the penalties and the size of the penalties.	Detention Services Framework
151.	Written	Nettle	1.3	Does an isolation unit exist in Stage 1? If so, is it monitored by a camera? Is it separate to the 'management unit' that exists in Stage 3?	Detention Services Framework
152.	Written	Nettle	1.3	<p>1. Is the construction of the Christmas Island detention centre on schedule and on budget? Provide details.</p> <p>2. How many workers are employed on this project? How many workers are residents of Christmas Island?</p> <p>3. Please explain the difficulties that have occurred on Christmas Island during the construction phase regarding supply of building material.</p>	Detention Services Framework
153.	Written	Bartlett	1.3	<p>International Students</p> <p>In 2004-05, DIMIA nationally conducted 5110 compliance field operations, or an average of 14 raids per day, specifically to locate student visa breaches and over-stayers. People offering information to DIMIA (voluntary approaches) contributed to 3092 of these operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are particular business locations specifically targeted?</li> </ul>	Compliance Framework



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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In what circumstances are warrants necessary for these raids, or field operations, to locate students?</li> <li>What is the percentage of compliance field operations on students are conducted with a warrant?</li> <li>What are the annual costs of conducting these operations?</li> <li>Have any people offering voluntary information to DIMIA ever received remuneration?</li> </ul>	
154.	Written	Bartlett	1.3	How many former habeas corpus releases remain in the community? How many are still waiting for a decision from the DIMIA or the Minister in relation to their immigration status?	Case Management Support
155.	Written	Bartlett	1.3	To date, how many visas have been issued to a person in immigration by the Minister under the new powers recently granted to her under the Act?	Case Management Support
156.	Written	Bartlett	1.3	What is the number and location for all airport liaison officers across the State and Territories?	Entry Policy and Procedures
157.	Written	Bartlett	1.3	What is the number of airport turnarounds for 2004-5?	Entry Policy and Procedures
158.	Written	Bartlett	1.3	Do arrivals picked up by DIMIA at airports (without documents or with false docs) get legal advice?	Entry Policy and Procedures
159.	Written	Bartlett	1.3	Is there a set format of questions that DIMIA officers use during interviews at the airport? Is a question, eg: Do you need protection from your country / people in your country? Asked so as to identify that someone wishes to apply for asylum?	Entry Policy and Procedures
160.	Written	Bartlett	1.3	Who currently does the interviews and who is present at interviews for airport pickups?	Entry Policy and Procedures
161.	Written	Bartlett	1.3	Are chemical or physical restraints used in deportations?	Case Management Support
162.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	<p>In how many cases has a debt been charged to a person held in detention following the cancellation of their student visa?</p> <p>(a) How much in total debt does that represent?</p> <p>(b) Could you provide a timeline detailing on what dates debts were charged to a person, and the amount that was charged in each case?</p> <p>(c) What was the nationality of the person for each of these cases?</p> <p>(d) For each of these debts, where had the person been held and for how long?</p>	Financial Strategy Division
163.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	<p>In how many cases has a debt cancellation waiver been requested by a person held in detention following the cancellation of their student visa to the Parliamentary Secretary?</p> <p>(a) In how many cases have those debt cancellation waivers been granted?</p> <p>(b) What is the total amount of debt that has been cancelled in this fashion?</p> <p>(c) Could you provide a timeline detailing on what dates debt cancellation waivers were granted in 00-01-02-03-04-05, and the amount that was waived in each case?</p> <p>(d) What was the nationality of the person in each of these debt waivers?</p> <p>(e) Where had the person been held for each of these debt waivers, and for how long?</p>	Financial Strategy Division
164.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	<p>Is there a policy manual relating to the considerations of debt cancellation waivers, or the imposition of debts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If so, provide a copy.</li> <li>If not, why not?</li> </ul>	Financial Strategy Division

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165.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	In how many cases has the Finance Minister been approached directly, without going through the Parliamentary Secretary? (a) In how many cases have those debt cancellation waivers been granted? (b) Does the Finance Minister make the decision in those cases, or only make a recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary? (c) What are the reasons given for approaching the Finance Minister rather than the Parliamentary Secretary?	Financial Strategy Division
166.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	1. How many students have been identified as being affected by the Uddin decision? 2. How many students have sought to use the Uddin decision? (a) Has DIMIA sought a blanket debt waiver from the Finance Minister for these cases? (b) What are status of these cases? Has the blanket debt waiver been granted? • If so, on what date? • If not, why not? 3. For students who have • Has this issue been raised?	Compliance Framework and Financial Strategy Division
167.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	What sort of considerations are taken into account when deciding whether to allow debt repayments by reinstalment on a case-by-case basis? (a) How many repayments by reinstalment have been requested? (b) How many have been granted? (c) Of those that have not been granted, why have they not been granted?	Financial Strategy Division
168.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	Did the Department have any contact with the Identity Checking Unit in Afghanistan in relation to the Bakhtiyari Family? If so, what was the nature of the contact?	Case Management Support
169.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	On how many occasions has the Department requested the ICU in Afghanistan to verify the identity of a person?	International Cooperation
170.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	1. Did the Department request an investigation of the Bakhtiyari family's claims by the ICU? 2. Was the Department aware of any other investigations the ICU was doing in relation to the Bakhtiyari family? 3. Was the Department aware of the ongoing investigation into the Afghani nationality of the Bakhtiyari family at the time of their removal from Australia? 4. Has this investigation since concluded? • If so, what was the outcome of the investigation if it was communicated to the Department? • If not, when is it expected to conclude? 5. Was it reported to the government that the Bakhtiyari family were Afghanis?	Case Management Support
171.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	1. How much funding does the Department provide to the Identity Checking Unit? Could the Department provide figures for 00-01-02-03-04-05? 2. Are any Departmental staff seconded to the Identity Checking Unit? • If so, how many and how long have they been seconded?	International Cooperation
172.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	In relation to the report that was commissioned into the transport of several detainees by GSL earlier	Detention Services

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				<p>this year...</p> <p>(a) Is the vehicle that the detainees were transferred in a vehicle that is used to transfer detainees on regular occasions?</p> <p>(b) If so, how many detainees has it moved around over the last year?</p>	Framework
173.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	<p>1. Does the Department make a determination each year on what is an acceptable or inevitable number of detained persons who will later be found to be lawful?</p> <p>2. If the Department accepts that it will detain individuals who will later be found to be lawful – does the department include possible compensation payments into its budget projections? If yes, what is the figure?</p>	Compliance Framework
174.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	<p>1. How many OH&amp;S inspections were conducted within Stage 1 of Villawood IDC in the last 12 months?</p> <p>2. Were any breaches of OH&amp;S reported in the last 12 months? If yes, what were they and how were they rectified?</p>	Detention Services Framework
175.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	<p>Has there been any time when detainees were unable to prepare hot food for more than two weeks because no facilities or equipment was available in Stage 1?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If this was the case would this have been a breach of GSLs contract agreement?</li> <li>• Has any such breach been reported within the last 12 months?</li> <li>• Was any such breach reported for Stage 1 at Villawood on 26 September 2005?</li> </ul>	Detention Services Framework
176.	Written	Ludwig	1.3	<p>Has the Department reconsidered its position on such cases following the recent Federal Court decision that Mr Nystrom is considered to be an absorbed citizen? How many detainees in Villawood would be in similar circumstances to Mr Stefan Nystrom?</p>	Compliance Framework
177.	Written	Nettle	1.5	<p>Please explain discrepancy between QON answer 47 November 2004 Estimates and QON answer 139 February 2005 regarding Australian funding of IOM camps in Indonesia to house asylum seekers.</p> <p>November 2004 answer:  “The Australian government does not pay the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and/or the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to run an asylum seeker camp in Lombok, Indonesia.”</p> <p>February 2005 answer:  (2)(a) The Australian Government funds the International Organisation for Migration to accommodate asylum seekers in Indonesia.</p> <p>Which answer is true? Why are these answers completely different?</p> <p>Provide detail of how the relationship between the Australian Government and IOM and also UNHCR in Indonesia in regard to these asylum seekers. Include detail of all financial grants including specific purpose and tied grants.</p>	International Cooperation

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178.	98	Hurley	2.1	What is the cost of the full range of services IOM delivers across the department for the past three years? Provide a breakdown into the various areas.	Settlement and Humanitarian and International Cooperation
179.	102	Hurley	2.1	What is expected to be the cost of developing the online settlement client activity reports system?	Settlement
180.	103	Hurley	2.1	How was the CSS funding distributed among the emerging communities in 2003-04 and 2004-05?	Settlement
181.	Written	Hurley	2.1	The government agreed to fund early intervention strategies that recognises and support young migrants and humanitarian entrants at risk of not making a successful settlement transition. (P125 DIMIA annual report, <i>Appendix 2</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is this intervention strategy been set up?</li> <li>• How much funding is allocated to this project?</li> </ul>	Settlement
182.	Written	Hurley	2.1	Over the past two years are there new arrivals that have been sent to jail or been appearing in court?	Settlement
183.	Written	Hurley	2.1	After the 6 month period that new arrivals get looked after by service providers, is further checking done down the line to ensure a smooth transition to Australian life. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many migrants are in correctional facilities and how is their conditions been improved?</li> </ul>	Settlement
184.	Written	Hurley	2.1	According to DIMIA's annual report 2004-2005, p176, IHSS clients and the community expressed a high level of satisfaction through feedback at various community consultations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How was the consultation done?</li> <li>• At what cost?</li> <li>• Can you provide a copy of the evaluation results?</li> <li>• is it on an individual basis or community groups?</li> <li>• If survey report shows satisfaction with IHSS then why introduce SGP?</li> </ul>	Settlement
185.	Written	Hurley	2.1	DIMIA's annual report 2003-2004, p129, stated that 11,500 offshore humanitarian program entrants were assisted and IHSS assisted 10,401 entrants out of the lot. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• who were the remaining 1,099 that were not mentioned in the report</li> <li>• what form of assistance did they receive</li> <li>• who provided them with orientation assistance and accommodation support</li> <li>• And from which offshore area did they come from?</li> </ul>	Settlement
186.	Written	Hurley	2.1	DIMIA's annual report 2003-2004 p156, states that 150, 000 was allocated for training of funded organisation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• can you provide a list of the organisations that did the training</li> <li>• what was the duration of this training</li> <li>• can you explain the training process they underwent</li> <li>• Who train them?</li> </ul>	Settlement
187.	Written	Hurley	2.1	How much in funding was provided to MRC's and CSS across Australia in 2003-2004 and currently what is the amount of funding available to MRC and CSS?	Settlement
188.	Written	Hurley	2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2002-2003 editions of population flows published by migration branch of DIMIA page 98, it is</li> </ul>	Settlement

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				<p>stated that the remaining funding from the 14.4 million was aimed at assisting migrants with additional specific settlement needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much was the exact remaining fund.</li> <li>• Who are the beneficiaries of this fund?</li> <li>• Can you provide a detailed account of how the funding was spent?</li> </ul>	
189.	Written	Hurley	2.1	<p>According to the report of the review of settlement services for migrants and humanitarian entrants 2003 p223, 'funding should be more tightly linked to specific work output and outcomes rather than to inputs such as rent and staffing'. Using that point as a reason for the formation of the Settlement Grant Policy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does this mean there going to be a redundancy in the social service sector?</li> <li>2. What will happen to MRC staff terms and condition?</li> <li>3. Since 2002 to present time, how many jobs are created by the migrant resource centre each year for Australians.</li> </ol>	Settlement
190.	Written	Hurley	2.1	<p>DIMIA's annual report 2004-2005 p181 states that 1.6 million was announced to fund a new community partners program (CPP) to be administered by the department of ageing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since its formation what initiatives has been undertaken by the management committee of the CPP</li> <li>• How is this grant been monitored to ensure positive outcome</li> <li>• What is the required outcome of the CPP</li> <li>• Is the rolling audit mentioned in page 181 going to be applied on the CPP program</li> </ul>	Settlement
191.	Written	Hurley	2.1	<p>According to the DIMIA Annual Report 2003-2004, p.133, a program of independent audits of CSSS grants commenced in May 2004 and 10 funded organisations were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the outcome of the review?</li> <li>• Are there any documents to report the results?</li> </ul>	Settlement
192.	Written	Hurley	2.1	<p>How is the administration of the settlement grant policy going to be set up and what will be the formation of the executives responsible for implementing of the new settlement grant.</p>	Settlement
193.	Written	Hurley	2.1	<p>According to the settlement grant policy paper ten million dollars has been put aside to meet existing commitments. Can you provide a table detailing the existing commitments worth 10 million dollars?</p>	Settlement
194.	Written	Hurley	2.1	<p>Can you provide a list of the targeted community groups for the settlement grant policy?</p>	Settlement
195.	Written	Hurley	2.1	<p>Submission from the migrant resource centres forum of new south Wales in the report of the review of settlement services for migrants and humanitarian entrants 2003, states that 'management members should also be compensated for out of pocket expenses and be paid sitting fees'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The settlement grant policy did not mention incentives or a structured system on which leaders of the various community groups will rely upon whilst helping new arrivals, can the minister elaborate on this issue taking in to consideration that if there is no compensation in the pipeline</li> </ul>	Settlement

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				community leaders will prioritise their jobs over community activities.	
196.	Written	Hurley	2.1	With regard to SGP and the report of the review of settlement services for migrants and humanitarian entrants 2003, p.249, on lack of experienced management committees in the organisation sector of community groups and based on the recommendation that the government should use trained and qualified staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is been done to improve the organisational skill of the recipients of SGP funding.</li> </ul>	Settlement
197.	Written	Hurley	2.1	All the countries been mentioned as emerging communities above has English as a third language what measures has been taken to address the problems associated with improving community leaders level of communication as they have to be intermediaries between their communities and DIMIA?	Settlement
198.	Written	Hurley	2.1	According to the response from the frequently asked questions on the settlement grant policy on the DIMIA website, page 26 , the criteria for application is different from the recommendation of the settlement grant discussion paper, Why is the criteria for application from the discussion paper been disregarded and what are the new criteria's for the grant application process.	Settlement
199.	Written	Hurley	2.1	In response to question 50 in the frequently asked question section of the DIMIA website, DIMIA points out that it will consider how unfunded cost for ongoing multi year CSSS grants can be resourced the remainder of the grant period. Based on this response what has been DIMIA decision in that regard and why. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How much is the under funded cost?</li> </ul>	Settlement
200.	Written	Hurley	2.1	Page 184 of DIMIA annual report 2004-2005 states that less than the required 80 percent of surveyed clients indicating a knowledge of the process for hearing and resolving clients grievances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>what prompted this survey considering this program has been going on for a long time</li> <li>how was this survey conducted</li> <li>what are the strategies been used to rectify problems mentioned in the annual report</li> </ul>	Citizenship and Language Services
201.	Written	Hurley	2.1	How many staff of AMEP do you have to pay in all the regions that provide English classes for migrants, and what is their qualification and training.	Citizenship and Language Services
202.	Written	Hurley	2.1	What is the role of volunteers and do they receive compensation of any sort for their service. If yes how much is allocated to voluntary teachers of English migrants and what is the requirement to qualify for the job.	Citizenship and Language Services
203.	Written	Hurley	2.1	Page 126 of DIMIA annual report 2003-2004 states that, the five year limit on English language tuition under AMEP has been abolished. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What alternative method has been put in place to ensure that migrants do their courses in order to enhance their communication skills?</li> </ul>	Citizenship and Language Services
204.	Written	Hurley	2.1	1. Does the department fund the national AMEP conference each year? 2. If yes what is the total cost? 3. Does the Department have a liaison attending these conferences?	Citizenship and Language Services
205.	Written	Hurley	2.1	1. Does the government maintain website or referral process which provides news, information and access to online professional development for AMEP teachers?	Citizenship and Language Services

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				2. If yes what is the cost of this service?	
206.	Written	Hurley	2.1	1. Does the department provide a comprehensive range of library and information services on all aspects of English language education and applied linguistics? 2. If not why not?	Citizenship and Language Services
207.	Written	Hurley	2.1	Does the department offer subsidies to tutors/teachers for materials?	Citizenship and Language Services
208.	Written	Hurley	2.1	Does the department publish and distribute research reports and associated teaching and learning materials?	Citizenship and Language Services
209.	Written	Hurley	2.1	In relation to fee paying service how much does NAATI accrued for revenue 2003-2004?	Citizenship and Language Services
210.	Written	Hurley	2.1	In relation to accreditation at the interpreter level how many interpreters pass the NAATI accreditation test 2003-2004?	Citizenship and Language Services
211.	Written	Hurley	2.1	What is the current required standard for NAATI students to become an accredited interpreter?	Citizenship and Language Services
212.	Written	Hurley	2.1	What is the basic qualification of NAATI EXAMINERS?	Citizenship and Language Services
213.	Written	Hurley	2.1	In relation to new and emerging communities what is NAATI's position at the moment in terms of training interpreters and translators to assist new arrivals from the new and emerging communities in response to recommendation 53 of the report of the review of settlement services for migrants and humanitarian entrants 2003, p290.	Citizenship and Language Services
214.	Written	Hurley	2.1	1. At the moment according to DIMIA annual report 2004-2005, 75 percent of human entrants are from Africa how many interpreters and translators are enrolled for these new emerging languages in NAATI's accreditation program?  2. Which emerging community groups are been involved in this program	Citizenship and Language Services
215.	Written	Hurley	2.1	2003-2004 how many practicing interpreters and translators has been awarded recognition without doing the accreditation test?	Citizenship and Language Services
216.	Written	Hurley	2.1	On what grounds does NAATI deem it fit to award recognition to its interpreters and translators?	Citizenship and Language Services
217.	Written	Hurley	2.1	Is there any monitoring system in place to check quality of service provided by TIS or NAATI?	Citizenship and Language Services
218.	Written	Hurley	2.1	In a reply to a Mr Rakesh Sani, Kay Templeton assistant ombudsman in New South Wales, states in a letter dated 29 April 2004 that "the ombudsman has received approval to prepare proposals for amendments intended to modernise the act and the proposal to bring NAATI within jurisdiction will be considered by government as part of that process. Amendments may be drafted and enacted later this year"	Citizenship and Language Services

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the government decision to bring NAATI within jurisdiction based on the ombudsman act of 1976?</li> <li>• Has the amendments mentioned in the letter been drafted?</li> <li>• When do you expect it to be enacted?</li> </ul>	
219.	Written	Hurley	2.1	<p>1. Is the Department funding the coordination of a national research program for the AMEP?</p> <p>2. If yes what is the cost?</p>	Citizenship and Language Services
220.	Written	Hurley	2.2	How many fee paying clients made use of The Translating & Interpreting Service (TIS) in 2003-2004 and in relation to priority are fee paying clients first on the line in service related matters	TIS National
221.	Written	Hurley	2.2	Currently how is TIS coping with the influx of African migrants in need of interpreting services?	TIS National
222.	Written	Hurley	2.2	.According to recommendation 52 of the report of the review of settlement services for migrants and humanitarian entrants 2003, p286, DIMIA has been asked to further promote interpreting services including the doctors priority line what progress has DIMIA made in that regard?	TIS National
223.	Written	Hurley	2.2	Clients living in rural areas that does not have dual handset to facilitate telephone interpreting service are missing out according to the report of the review of settlement services for migrants and humanitarian entrants 2003 is anything been done to overcome this problem?	TIS National
224.	Written	Hurley	2.2	What is the level of customer satisfaction in the document translation service provided by the Victorian Interpreting and Translating service (VITS) LanguageLink?	TIS National
225.	Written	Hurley	2.2	How much DIMIA does have to pay for translation and interpretation services provided by VITS in 2003-2004?	TIS National
226.	Written	Hurley	2.2	On what basis are overseas qualifications determined by VITS?	TIS National
227.	Written	Hurley	2.3	Based on the DIMIA annual report, in 2004-2005, 463 Australian citizens lost their citizenship rights. How many lost their citizenship through renunciation and how did the remainder lost theirs? (p196, DIMIA annual report.	Citizenship and Language Services
228.	Written	Hurley	2.3	<p>In relation to photocopying of applicants documents taking in to consideration the necessary checks required and the 2004-2005 Australian National Audit Office's report, p36, has DIMIA come up with a consistent method of processing applicants information?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if yes, what is the new method</li> <li>• how much does it cost to set up</li> <li>• what's the new method level of accuracy</li> <li>• if no, are you deciding on creating an alternative method</li> <li>• when is going to be functional</li> </ul>	Citizenship and Language Services
229.	Written	Hurley	2.3	<p>How successful has been the e lodgement method set up by your department.</p> <p>a. how much does it cost to operate the e lodgement system</p> <p>b. how much income do you receive from e lodgement citizenship applications 2003-2004</p> <p>c .how is e lodgement going to work with the new terror laws?</p>	Citizenship and Language Services
230.	Written	Hurley	2.3	How many Australians have dual nationality at the moment since the amendment to the constitution	Citizenship and Language



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				4th of April 2002?	Services
231.	Written	Hurley	2.3	Do migrants fail the AMEP citizenship course if yes how many failed it in 2003-2004 and if no does this mean that all the recent citizens has demonstrated a basic understanding of the English language?	Citizenship and Language Services
232.	Written	Hurley	2.3	How many migrants completed the AMEP citizenship course this year?	Citizenship and Language Services
233.	Written	Hurley	2.3	What is the qualification of tutors of the AMEP citizenship course?	Citizenship and Language Services
234.	Written	Hurley	2.3	According to budget paper-No2, 1.0 million dollars will be added to promotion of citizenship during 2005-2006,p236, normally how much funding is allocated to DIMIA for promoting Australian citizenship a. who are the direct recipient of these funding b. how much has been spent on ad campaigns c Provide a detailed account of funds disbursement for ad campaign 2004-2005.	Citizenship and Language Services
235.	Written	Ludwig	2.3	1. What information does the Department collect which is utilised by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade? (a) How is this information stored, maintained and accessed?  (b) Does DFAT access this remotely or through DIMIA?  2. In relation to Mr Harry Seidler was incorrectly recorded as a non-citizen for a number of years, yet was issued a passport by DFAT during this period... (a) What information database was accessed to determine Mr Seidler's status? (b) Who is responsible for the integrity of the information used to issue Mr Seidler's passport, DFAT or DIMIA? (c) How was Mr Seidler issued an Australian passport even though DIMIA records showed he was a non-citizen? (d) Has this ever happened before? If yes, when, who and how? (e) Has the Department conducted an investigation to determine whether this has occurred before? (f) Can DFAT issue a passport or travel document without cross checking with DIMIA? (g) Has DIMIA requested travel documents for an individual in a name and identity different to one which it had previously requested, and where the original identity documents were not cancelled? If yes, is it common practice to request different identity documents from DFAT for the one individual? (h) What measures have been taken to ensure that an Australian passport is not issued to a non-citizen again?  3. Is the cost of maintaining the database accessed by DFAT a cost to DIMIA or is there a cost recovery from DFAT for access and maintenance?	Citizenship and Language Services

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236.	Written	Hurley	2.4	<p>According to DIMIA's annual report 2003-2004, the formation of the Muslim women's forum was organised by DIMIA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When was this forum formed</li> <li>• Where was it held</li> <li>• When was it held</li> <li>• Who is in the management committee</li> <li>• What was the selection process for the committee</li> <li>• Are all states represented</li> <li>• How much in funding did they receive 2003-2004?</li> <li>• Did the funding include travel expenses? If yes please provide cost of travel</li> <li>• Which program did they undertake to demonstrate enhanced community relation? (P123 DIMIA annual report, See Appendix 25)</li> </ul>	Multicultural Affairs
237.	Written	Hurley	2.4	<p>According to DIMIA's annual report 2003-2004, p122, members of the Council for Multicultural Australia (CMA) contributed on one occasion to the resolution of local community relations tensions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• which local communities were involved in this conflict</li> <li>• what was their problem</li> <li>• how was it resolved by the Council for Multicultural Australia (CMA)</li> </ul>	Multicultural Affairs
238.	Written	Hurley	2.4	<p>According to DIMIA annual report 2003-2004,p122, due to considerable reporting on continued incidents of vilification and discrimination against Muslim women, a guide to the role of police in Australia was launched in partnership with Australasia police multicultural advisory bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since its inception what has been its primary function?</li> <li>• How many people have made use of this service?</li> <li>• What sort of help has been given to victims?</li> </ul>	Multicultural Affairs
239.	113	Crossin	3.1	Provide a copy of the statement of requirements for a tender that the consultants that are engaged to undertake the evaluation of the COAG trials are required to meet.	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
240.	118	Crossin	3.1	Provide a copy of the two most recent updated COAG site profile documents, particularly in the Northern Territory.	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
241.	125	Evans	3.1	Provide the performance indicators that are in the SRAs.	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
242.	128	Evans	3.1	Provide a copy of the 12-monthly review of the SRA in Mulan.	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
243.	130	Evans	3.1	Can you give me the number of RPAs that have been completed so far?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination

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244.	133 and Written	Evans	3.1	Has the suggestion for a comprehensive Indigenous art development strategy, to be funded from the ABA, been progressed? Could you find out whether that has been progressed, for how much and which stakeholders are represented in terms of the funding? If it has not been progressed, why not? How were the stakeholders identified/chosen?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
245.	Written	Siewert	3.1	Effectiveness measures and results for Outcome 3 (p240 DIMIA report) “Provide strategic coordination and leadership on policies, programs and services to reduce disadvantage and promote Indigenous wellbeing”  Note that the measure of the achievement of this outcome focuses entirely upon the satisfaction of the Minister and her office with arrangements – there is no evaluation involving other stakeholders listed in the Annual report in regard to these outcomes.  1. Is relying on the satisfaction of the Minister’s office considered to be a necessary and sufficient measure of the effectiveness of policies, programs and services that aim to reduce Indigenous disadvantage?  2. Is this an interim measure in the transition to the mainstreaming of Indigenous services, or will DIMIA continue to evaluate and report the effectiveness of its policies, programs and services in its Annual Report based purely on the response of the Minister’s office?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
246.	Written	Siewert	3.1	1. Are you aware of the findings of the Productivity Commission’s 2005 report on Indigenous Disadvantage, and are its findings relevant to the evaluation of DIMIAs policy, programs and services?  2. How is policy development and coordination within OIPC addressing the findings of this report?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
247.	Written	Siewert	3.1	Can you report on progress to date with the establishment of ICCs – how many have now been established, how soon are the remaining ICCs expected to be set up?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
248.	Written	Siewert	3.1	How is the location of these ICCs and the makeup of their staff determined, and what measures are in place to access the relevance and effectiveness of their service delivery?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
249.	Written	Siewert	3.1	ICCs are tasked with working directly with Indigenous communities to determine their priorities and needs and their longer term vision for the future – as a basis for the negotiation of Shared Responsibility Agreements (SRAs) and Regional Partnership Agreements (RPAs).  DIMIA has emphasised in its advocacy of ICCs as partnerships based on shared responsibility with Indigenous people that “...this new approach gets community members working towards common community goals that improve outcomes for people in the community.” [ICC homepage]  What is the mechanism by which these communities determine their common goals? Is it a democratic	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination

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				and representative process? Can communities determine their goals and priorities and the allocation of resources through ICCs?	
250.	Written	Siewert	3.1	<p>DIMIA has emphasised that "...The government does not want to impose structures, but work with structures that are devised locally or regionally and accepted by Indigenous people in the locality or region as their means of engagement with government" [Indigenous Portal]</p> <p>1. How are proposals concerning representative structures assessed? How many such proposals have been finalised to date?</p> <p>2. How is it that a proposal for a regional structure is 'finalised' and who is it that signs off on or approves such a structure?</p> <p>3. What kinds of different structures have been approved in different regions to date?</p>	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
251.	Written	Siewert	3.1	Can you report on progress to date with the establishment of SRAs – how many have now been negotiated, what kinds of things do existing SRAs cover, how many are expected to be negotiated in the coming year?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
252.	Written	Siewert	3.1	<p>DIMIA has emphasised that "Ideas for agreements and community priorities will come from communities and Indigenous groups and will be developed in partnership with ICCs." [ICC homepage] - that SRAs are voluntary and the government will stay committed to providing ongoing support for communities to reach their goals.</p> <p>How is it determined whether a group of applicants have the authority to make an SRA on behalf of a family, clan or community?</p>	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
253.	Written	Siewert	3.1	How is the spread of resources delivered to communities through SRAs determined to address equity issues and ensure that support and services are reaching those who most need them?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
254.	Written	Siewert	3.1	What capacity development programs are envisaged or in place to ensure that disadvantaged and remote Indigenous communities have the knowledge and skills to develop, articulate and prioritise their needs and negotiate effective SRAs?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
255.	Written	Siewert	3.1	Are there policies or programs in place or under development that are concerned with moving from a 'partnership' model to a model based on greater local ownership, especially given the findings of international capacity development research that local ownership is essential for effective and sustainable development outcomes?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
256.	Written	Siewert	3.1	<p><u>Regional Representation</u></p> <p>1. How many regional structures have been established to date?</p> <p>2. How many RPAs have been signed?</p>	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination

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				3. What types of things do they cover?	
257.	Written	Siewert	3.1	Can you report on the levels of funding and the ongoing commitment of funding to the Link Up program?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
258.	Written	Siewert	3.1	To what extent is the amount of funding allocated to the Link Up program responsive to demand for services?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
259.	Written	Siewert	3.1	How do you respond to the criticism that the level of funding for this program is totally inadequate and that case-loads on Link-Up workers are unmanageable and unsustainable – with some case workers reporting up to 88 clients (where 25 is considered a reasonable case-load)?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
260.	Written	Siewert	3.1	What training measures are in place for Link-Up workers to address the significant demands of the role?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
261.	Written	Siewert	3.1	What measures are in place to address the high levels of burn out and corresponding loss of experience and capacity with experienced and well-connected case-workers increasingly leaving the service?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
262.	Written	Evans	3.1	Please provide a list of "holistic" SRAs that have currently been signed and when they were signed?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
263.	Written	Evans	3.1	Please provide a list of "holistic" SRAs that are currently being negotiated?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
264.	Written	Evans	3.1	Does the Department expect to meet its own target of five holistic SRAs in 2005-06?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
265.	Written	Evans	3.1	Can the Department provide the details of any holistic SRAs in place, including the responsibilities from each side, as well as the government agencies involved, the funding from each agency and the commitments from each agency.	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
266.	Written	Evans	3.1	Can the Department provide a list of all SRAs that have been signed and when they were signed?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
267.	Written	Evans	3.1	Can the Department provide a list of SRAs that are currently being negotiated?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
268.	Written	Evans	3.1	Does the Department expect to meet its own target of 100 signed SRAs in 2005-06?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
269.	Written	Evans	3.1	How many complaints have been received from communities during the negotiations of SRAs?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
270.	Written	Evans	3.1	How many complaints have been received from communities following the signing of SRAs?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
271.	Written	Evans	3.1	Please provide a list of SRAs where one party has not met obligations, including the government agencies involved, and what has happened as a result. Please also indicate which ones have resolved favourably.	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination

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272.	Written	Evans	3.1	What are the processes for reporting progress on SRAs?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
273.	Written	Evans	3.1	Are there options for communities to negotiate with other persons in ICC, OIPC or third parties?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
274.	Written	Evans	3.1	Are program funds now only available through SRAs, or can communities can still apply for funding without an SRA?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
275.	Written	Evans	3.1	Please provide a detailed analysis of any evaluation of how Indigenous communities feel about the SRA process – more than anecdotal evidence?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
276.	Written	Evans	3.1	Please provide any evaluation/ evidence of programs achieving better outcomes when attached to a SRA?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
277.	Written	Evans	3.1	Please explain the process for funding being granted if agreement is not reached with regards an SRA.	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
278.	Written	Evans	3.1	Is it common for a community to wait more than seven years to receive funding that has already been allocated?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
279.	Written	Evans	3.1	1. Is the department aware of any other cases in which funding for basic infrastructure or services is being deliberately withheld pending the signing of an SRA? 2. If so, please provide details of when negotiations were started, then name of the community and what the funding being withheld is for.	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
280.	Written	Evans	3.1	1. Has any of the \$50m dollars promised for creation of Economic Development Strategy for Indigenous Australians been delivered? 2. If so, please give a detailed outline of where, and how much funding has been provided? 3. Some of the projects this money should have been going to were the subject of questions in May, Senate Estimates, and not one of them had received funding. Which of these have subsequently received funding if any?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
281.	Written	Evans	3.1	1. Who is sub-contracted by OIPC to perform the viability assessments on various projects? 2. What is the process, tender or otherwise, for selecting the sub-contractor?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
282.	Written	Evans	3.1	In relation to COAG Indigenous Community Trial in Northern Tasmania:  (1) Can the Department provide a brief description of the elements of this trial? What specific initiatives are being implemented?  (2) How much has the Department spent on the COAG trial to date?  (3 )Can the Department provide a specific breakdown of these funds, including administered funds, and departmental costs?  (4) How much is allocated this year? Can the Department provide a specific breakdown of these funds	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination

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				<p>according to administered and departmental expenses?</p> <p>(5) Has the Department identified a baseline data (e.g. school attendance figures, incidence of disease, etc) for use in measuring the success of the trial? When was this dataset formally agreed on?</p> <p>(6) If not, why not given the 2003 report identified this as an urgent priority? When will a baseline data be identified?</p> <p>(7) If so, can a copy of this baseline data be provided, i.e. what indicators are included?</p> <p>(8) If so, when did the Department start tracking this data?</p> <p>(9) If so, has the Department done any analysis of the information collected in tracking the baseline data? Has this information been reported on? If so can a copy of that analysis and/or reports be provided?</p> <p>(10) Has the Department identified performance indicators for the trial?</p> <p>(11) If so, when were these set? What are they? When will they be reported on?</p> <p>(12) If not, when will these be set? What is the reason for the delay?</p> <p>(13) Have the Department conducted any formal or informal evaluation of the trial? If so can the Department provide a copy of any related documentation?</p> <p>(14) If not, when will the Department conduct an evaluation? Will this information be publicly available?</p> <p>(15) Has the Department reported to OIPC or the Secretaries Group on the progress of the trial? List the dates of reporting. Can a copy of these reports be provided.</p> <p>(16) Does the Department intend on handing over responsibility for the trial to OIPC? If so, in what timeframe? Has the handover already begun? If so, when did it begin? If so, why is responsibility being handed over? On what date will responsibility transfer?</p> <p>(17) Please list the dates of any visits made to the trial site by</p> <p>a.Minister b.Secretary of the Department</p>	

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				<p>Please also specific the reason for the visit.</p> <p>(18) Can the Department provide the number and percentage of Indigenous staff in the Department at present? How many are specifically working on the COAG trial? What percentage?</p> <p>(19) Can the Department provide the number and percentage of Indigenous staff in the Department in 2004 and 2003? If the number has decreased, please explain the reason.</p>	
283.	Written	Evans	3.1	<p>1. How many RPAs have been signed since 30 June 2005?</p> <p>2. How many RPAs have been signed in total?</p> <p>3. How many are currently under negotiation? Please provide the details of each:</p> <p>a. Location?</p> <p>b. Representative body being negotiated with?</p> <p>c. Associated funding amounts?</p> <p>d. Government Agencies involved?</p>	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
284.	Written	Evans	3.1	<p>1. Is the department still committed to a total of 5 signed RPAs in 2005-06 as outlined in the Agency Budget Statements? (Page 99)</p> <p>2. Is that outcome likely to be achieved?</p>	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
285.	Written	Evans	3.1	<p>1. Do representative bodies exist in every region for negotiations on an RPA?</p> <p>2. If not, what is the department doing to bring together such bodies?</p>	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
286.	Written	Evans	3.1	<p>1. What was the process that led to the signing of the Ngaanyatjarra RPA?</p> <p>2. What are the roles of the different agencies involved?</p> <p>3. What are the expected outcomes with regards each of the agencies?</p> <p>4. Can you provide a breakdown by agency of the funding contributions?</p>	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
287.	Written	Evans	3.1	Has the Ngaanyatjarra Strategic Investment Plan been developed and Implemented?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
288.	Written	Evans	3.1	<p>1. How many DIMIA staff are currently allocated specifically to the engaging regional bodies in RPA negotiations?</p> <p>2. Is there someone in each state from DIMIA working specifically on RPAs ?</p>	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
289.	Written	Evans	3.1	On 29th June 2005 negotiations had been completed in 10 of the 35 Identified Regional Areas to	Office of Indigenous Policy



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				establish Indigenous Coordination Centres. How many others have subsequently been completed?	Coordination
290.	Written	Evans	3.1	Can you list the dates and locations of all visits that Vanstone has made to Indigenous communities - urban, regional and remote since becoming Minister for Indigenous Affairs? Please also specify the reason for the visit, eg. Announcement of funding	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
291.	Written	Evans	3.1	Has Minister Vanstone visited the Tasmanian COAG trial site yet? Please list the dates.	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
292.	Written	Evans	3.1	What is the current total dollar figure of the Aboriginal Benefit Fund?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
293.	Written	Evans	3.1	<p>1. Please give a brief explanation of the application/approval process for grant funding from the ABA. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who do people apply to?</li> <li>• What are the criteria for assessing applications?</li> <li>• Does the Minister give the final approval?</li> <li>• How soon after approval should the funds be available?</li> <li>• Why are some applications not put through the Advisory Committee?</li> <li>• Who makes the decision as to why?</li> </ul> <p>2. Can the Department provide a basic timeframe / timeline for each step in the application/approval process.</p>	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
294.	Written	Evans	3.1	<p>1. Of the 12 applications approved by the ABA advisory board in May 2005 to go to the Minister, how many has the Minister considered? How many have been approved? How many have been rejected?</p> <p>2. How many of those applications have been received from bodies other than the four land councils?</p> <p>3. Who were those bodies and were their applications ultimately successful?</p>	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
295.	Written	Evans	3.1	Why is it that information about applying for funds from the ABA is not available on the Grantslink website – a supposed one stop shop for all government grants funds applications?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
296.	Written	Evans	3.1	<p>1. Please provide a list of the number and details of all the approved grants that are currently being administered by the ABA, including when it was approved, the nature of the grant, the total amount of the grant, the progress to date and the funding spent to date.</p> <p>2. Please provide the number of applications for funding that have been made in each financial year from 1996-97 onwards.</p> <p>3. Please provide the number of applications that have not been approved by the Minister to date since 1996.</p>	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination

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				4. Can you list the proposals that were supported by the ABA advisory committee but not approved by the Minister since 1996?	
297.	Written	Siewert	3.2	In terms of work carried out under Output 3.1 (providing advice on Indigenous policy issues), can you describe the nature of the advice provided to the Minister on reforms to the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976</i> aimed at streamlining exploration and mining development?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
298.	Written	Siewert	3.2	Has OIPC provided advice that it would be beneficial to provide for compulsory acquisition of land granted under the ALR Act in the event that Traditional Owners unreasonably refused consent to an application for a private lease?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
299.	Written	Siewert	3.2	Is the OIPC of the opinion that Indigenous Traditional Owners withholding consent for lease applications is a significant block to economic development in the Northern Territory?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
300.	Written	Siewert	3.2	Has the OIPC advised the Minister that a greater degree of private home ownership in remote communities would be of economic advantage to Indigenous people? If so, on what research or experience of life in remote communities is this policy advice based?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
301.	Written	Siewert	3.2	1. Is the OIPC conducting or participating in a review of the Native Title Act (1993), either formally or informally?  2. If so, is it possible to outline the broad policy approach which the OIPC is taking in any such review?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
302.	Written	Siewert	3.2	Is the OIPC of the view that State or Commonwealth agencies operating on land held under Indigenous tenure should pay fair rental rates to the land-holders? If so, is the OIPC advocating this position to the Minister? If not, why not?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
303.	Written	Siewert	3.2	What form of evaluation with Indigenous Traditional Owners does the OIPC carry out in terms of its policy formulations on land tenure?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
304.	Written	Evans	3.2	1. How long has the department been working on advice for the Minister with regards the change to the Northern Territory Land Rights Act that will allow long term leasing of tracts of land? 2. What has the procedure to date been? 3. Which stakeholders have been consulted as part of this process, and to what extent?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
305.	Written	Evans	3.2	What safeguards, if any, are being put in place to limit potential uses of leased land, or will the lessee be able to exploit the leased land in any way possible?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
306.	Written	Evans	3.2	This scheme is apparently tied to increasing Indigenous home ownership. In this context, are there figures available to show what percentages of current non home owning Indigenous families have the income to support a mortgage?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
307.	Written	Evans	3.2	The Minister has stated that the \$7.3m to be spent will come from existing money. Does this mean it will not be taken from the ABA?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
308.	Written	Evans	3.2	The Northern Territory Government has stated that the cost of surveying will be up to \$1m per township, \$50 in total. Can the Department provide its latest estimate on the cost for the surveying that	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination

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				will be necessary to implement this proposal?	
309.	Written	Evans	3.2	Can the Department confirm that the lease payments will not be paid from funds from the ABA?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
310.	Written	Evans	3.2	What has been done to account for communities such as Elliott, which exist on Crown Land and therefore have no chance to benefit from this scheme?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
311.	Written	Evans	3.2	To date how many times has the ABA Advisory Committee met in 2005 (specify the dates of each meeting)? What future meetings of the Advisory Committee have been scheduled?	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
312.	7	Nettle	RRT	Is it possible to get that breakdown of the 193 left of which are TPVs and which are community cases?	Refugee Review Tribunal
313.	10	Nettle	RRT	Provide a copy of the code of conduct for RRT members.	Refugee Review Tribunal
314.	10	Nettle	RRT	Provide a copy of the criteria used in the appraisal of members.	Refugee Review Tribunal
315.	11	Nettle	RRT	Could you take that on notice for me: whether you are aware of any circumstances where the video links have not worked, for whatever reason, and the hearing has not been adjourned.	Refugee Review Tribunal
316.	Written	Bartlett	RRT	International Students What are the number of set-aside and refusals per RRT member per country for 2004-5?	Refugee Review Tribunal
317.	Written	Bartlett	RRT	What is the number of those matters remitted by consent for the 2004-5 financial year, and the previous 5 financial years?	Refugee Review Tribunal